



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joshua Hilton

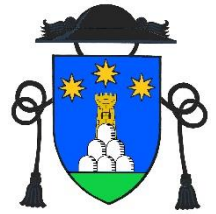
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MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Novena:

Wednesday after 9:30am
Mass

Holy Rosary:

Saturday after 12:15pm
Mass

Devotions to the Sacred Heart:

First Friday of the month
after 9:30am Mass

Our Lady's Lamp this week burns for:

A private Intention



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday 11:00am – 12:00pm

at St Mary's

Confessions:

Saturday -

11:00am-12:00pm – St Mary's

Sunday -

5:30pm–6:00pm – St Alban's

or on Request

Marriages and Baptisms

by appointment

See the priest after Mass

SUNDAY 1 st SEPTEMBER	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Ken Akroyd (A) Peter Carolan RIP Polish Mass People of the Parish
MONDAY 2 nd	Feria	No Public Mass		
TUESDAY 3 rd	St Gregory the Great	7:00pm	St Alban's	Kathleen Ratkowski
WEDNESDAY 4 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	John Standen (A)
THURSDAY 5 th	Feria	9:30am	St Alban's	Brenda Biggins Int.
FRIDAY 6 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Seamus Costello (A)
SATURDAY 7 th	Feria	12:15pm	St Mary's	Philomena McNally (Sick)

READERS ROTA

	THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY
9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran	9:30am	Rachel Fitzpatrick
11:00am	Lettie Damolo	11:00am	Shaun Sandhu
6:00pm	Paul Coates	6:00pm	Judith Macdonald

PRAYER LIST:

Mary Staden, Frank Behan, David Stanton, Gerard James, David Sutcliffe, Gladys Megson, John Wallis, William Long, Sonya Box, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Peter Smith, Julie Hall, Larry Byrne, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, Rita Baxendale and all the sick and housebound of the parish, their families and those who care for them.
If you know of anyone in the parish who is ill or is housebound please let Fr Hilton or Deacon John know so that a visit can be arranged.

MASSES RECEIVED:

Sheila Greenwood, Cedric Greenwood, Whitley Family Int, John Standen (A), Lawrence Cahill RIP, Carol Illingworth RIP, Deceased Members of the Brennan Family

'40 HOURS' DEVOTION

Bishop Stock has requested that all parishes across the diocese take part in a period of extended Eucharistic Adoration for the specific intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This will take place in St Mary's from 8:00am on Friday 13th of September until a (one off) vigil Mass at 7:00pm on Saturday 14th of September. It is not feasible for us to keep all 40 hours but there will be 21 hour long slots for people to sign up for to keep watch and pray with Our Lord on the altar.

Friday 8:00am – 8:00pm | Saturday 8:00am – 7:00pm

Please make every effort to pop in and pray at least once over the two days. The rota is there to ensure that the Lord is not left unattended, not to limit how many people are there.

ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

Monday 7 October 2024, 7:30pm. St Mary's Catholic Primary School processing to the nearby St Mary of the Angels' Catholic Church. Led by Mgr Paul Grogan, and the sermon preached by Fr Simon Lodge, the Torchlight Procession is a fine expression of our Catholic faith and gives honour to Mary, Mother of God. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall afterwards.

CAMINO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELLA

Sheena Lodge, mother of Fr Simon Lodge, is walking the last leg of the ancient Camino Santiago de Compostella in September and is seeking sponsorship. All proceeds will go directly to The Little Sisters of the Poor to aid in their rebuilding plans. A letter from Sheena which gives some background to this event is available at the back of church. If you are unable to donate via the link in her letter, you are welcome to hand any money to me and I will ensure it gets to the right place.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH LADIES GUILD

The next meeting of the PLG will be on Thursday September 12th at St Alban's church at 7pm. Our speaker is a representative from the Bethlehem hospice trust who will be travelling from Sheffield to tell us about the project that Fr Martin set up before his move to Huddersfield. This event is being opened up to all parishioners. We really need your support for such a worthy cause. Light refreshments after.

October 18th our guild is hosting a social/ fundraising evening in St Alban's church at 7pm. We are to be entertained by "The 3 Pitches", a trio of local ladies singing modern day songs. Light refreshments after. This is for all of the parish. Tickets costing £7.50 each will be on sale after each Sunday mass starting from this Sunday.

S.V.P

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 3rd September 6 pm in St Alban's Parish Hall

Progressing Supper for the Bethlehem Care Trust

The tickets for the supper are on sale today at the back of Church. The event will be held on Friday 27th Sept. Guests will meet at St Alban's church hall at 6.30pm on the Friday and will be given their itinerary.

Each guest will be given the first name and address of where they go for the starter course.

After the first course each guest will be given name and address of where they go for next course and then again for the dessert course. The tickets cost £25 each, and include a three course meal with drinks included.

FROM YOUR BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Holy Father Pope Francis has proclaimed that 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee, something which happens ordinarily every 25 years. The spiritual theme for the 2025 Holy Year of Jubilee is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The Holy Year of Jubilee will begin in the 'Local Churches'(Dioceses) around the world on Sunday 29th December 2024 with Diocesan Bishops celebrating Holy Mass in their Cathedrals, and it will conclude on Sunday 28th December 2025.

The Bull of Indiction (the formal announcement or proclamation) published by Pope Francis for the Jubilee of 2025 is called *Spes non confundit*, meaning 'Hope does not disappoint'. In the Bull, Pope Francis proclaims: "Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, pilgrims of hope will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full."

I hope that in the Holy Year of Jubilee as many people as possible will try to take part in our annual diocesan pilgrimages to Lourdes (4th to 10th July 2025) and Walsingham (27th September 2025), the Batley Torchlight Procession in Honour of Our Lady (6th October 2025), our new Walking Pilgrimage for Vocations between Keighley and Ilkley (29th March 2025) and the St Wilfrid's Way Camino from Leeds to Ripon (10th to 11th October 2025). Additionally, the Vicariate for Education is organising a Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome in 2025 for some of our young people. In response to Pope Francis' encouragement to embrace this historic tradition of pilgrimage, and using the provisions given by the Apostolic Penitentiary, **I have designated St Mary's, [among others], as a Jubilee Church.**

The churches have been selected on the basis of their centrality in the respective areas of the diocese, historic resonance and seating capacity. Each Jubilee Pilgrimage Church will host opportunities at advertised times during the Holy Year for either groups or individual pilgrims, to take part in various liturgical celebrations, devotions, and heritage days. Central to every pilgrimage and to participating in its spiritual benefits, is the need for conversion and reconciliation. During the Holy Year, I encourage each deanery to facilitate penitential celebrations to take place in their local Jubilee Pilgrimage Church, which end with the individual confessions of the penitents, as established in the second form of the Rite of Penance. Laity, clergy and religious, all of whom constitute 'Pilgrims of Hope' will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if, either individually or in a group, they devoutly visit one of the Jubilee Churches of Pilgrimage in our diocese during the Holy Year, and "for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God, so that in this Holy Year everyone will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children."

The Jubilee Indulgence is one of the special "signs" of the Jubilee Year, "a priceless gift of divine mercy" and "a Jubilee grace" which allows us to discover "the unlimited nature of God's mercy." During the Holy Year, I will visit each of the Jubilee Pilgrimage Churches to preside at a sacred liturgical celebration or devotion and, on that occasion, "impart the Papal Blessing with the ascribed plenary indulgence, obtainable by all the faithful who receive this Blessing under the usual conditions." For all of us, may the Jubilee of 2025 be a truly Holy Year when we renew and strengthen our faith and trust in Almighty God, be an occasion for us to seek healing and reconciliation, and a pilgrimage of hope.

+ *Marcus, Bishop of Leeds*

Mass Offerings, Notices and News Items for the Parish Bulletin should be given to Fr Hilton or Deacon John by Wednesday evening. Notices and News Items but not Mass Intentions can be sent to John Coates (07842 066450 or jbcates@btinternet.com) again by Wednesday evening. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is TBC