



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joshua Hilton

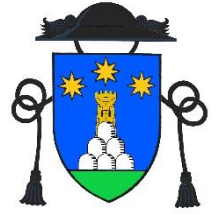
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MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

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:

Eileen Winn (Sick)



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

The month of October is dedicated to: The Holy Rosary

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| SUNDAY 13 th OCTOBER | 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm | St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's | Irene & Tomasz Nalepa Paolo Capone (A) Polish Mass People of the Parish |
| MONDAY 14 th | Feria | No Mass | | |
| TUESDAY 15 th | St Teresa of Avila | 7:00pm | St Alban's | Marie Finn |
| WEDNESDAY 16 th | Feria | 9:30am | St Mary's | Lindsay Carter RIP |
| THURSDAY 17 th | St Ignatius of Antioch | 9:30am | St Alban's | Denis Smyth |
| FRIDAY 18 th | St Luke Evangelist | 9:30am | St Mary's | Yorkshire Brethren |
| SATURDAY 19 th | Feria | 12:15pm | St Mary's | Richard Orchard RIP |

READERS ROTA

| | THIS SUNDAY | | NEXT SUNDAY |
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| 9:30am | Gabrielle Colleran | 9:30am | Rachel Fitzpatrick |
| 11:00am | Wendy Balahura | 11:00am | Ken Rothery, |
| 6:00pm | Paul Coates | 6:00pm | Judith MacDonald. |

PRAYER LIST: Mary Staden Peter 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:

Peter Staden, Lindsay Carter, Holy Souls, Peace in the World, Marshal Louie Flores, Paolo Capone

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Join us on Sunday 8th December for a parish Christmas Lunch at the Caygill Rooms at the Piece Hall.
A two course festive lunch will be served from 1:00-4:00pm.
There will be Christmas music and a fully stocked bar
Tickets for adults £29.95 per head.
Children's menu - £12
All welcome.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION

I have written a letter to our local MP, Kate Dearden, outlining some objections to any law that seeks to introduce assisted suicide and asking her to advocate for better palliative care and mental health services.
There are copies of this letter available for you to take away today with pre-addressed envelopes.
All you have to do is sign the letter and pop it in the post.
It is vitally important that our elected officials understand the concerns that we have about this issue as Catholics and that we make our voices heard.
It was suggested to me last week that this is a political issue that the Church should avoid being involved in. It is not political, it is an ethical and moral issue and therefore very much our business.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Bishop will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people on the 4th of March.
The programme of preparation Tuesday 19th of November.
If your child is in Year 6 or above and not in a Catholic school but wishes to be confirmed, please speak to me after Mass or contact Helen Mellor on 07931 998337

TEACHING VACANCY AT ST MARY'S SCHOOL

School are looking to recruit an Early Years and Foundation Stage teacher.
Closing date 18th October
Please contact the school for more information: 01422 362365

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

For the APF/ Red Box Mission appeal.
Karen Hallinan will collect boxes after Masses this weekend and next.

CATHOLIC CLUB

There is still a list at the back of church to sign up for helping at the club. We are looking for people to assist with cleaning, painting etc.. in time for Paul's ordination.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Parishioner Charlotte Grinham (on behalf of Catholic Care) is promoting the sale of Christmas Cards as part of their annual appeal. When you buy the charity's Christmas cards, every penny of the profit they make goes straight into supporting their work - as does any money which you donate at the same time.
Link to the brochure is below, with paper copies at the st Mary's Church entrance also.
www.catholic-care.org.uk/support-us/christmas-card

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£727.98** Total Approx. **£1,516.48** (Inc. standing orders & card)

FROM YOUR PARISH PREIST

I was in school this week talking to some of our children about Baptism. We talked about the various signs and symbols associated with this Sacrament and especially about how the baby (or adult) is anointed with the sacred oil of Chrism as a reminder that they now share in the Lord's role as priest prophet, and king. So what does that mean?

As priest, Jesus sanctifies, that is to say, He re-establishes the lost link between divinity and humanity; as prophet, He speaks and embodies the divine truth; and as king, he leads us on the right path, giving guidance to the fallen world. You might say that, as priest, He is the life; as prophet, He is the truth and as king He is the way.

According to Catholic theology, baptism is much more than merely a symbolic sign of belonging to the Church. It is the means by which a person is incorporated into Christ, becoming a member of His mystical body. Baptism, accordingly, makes the baptised an *alter Christus*, another Christ. So what does this look like in practice? How does it show itself in the lives of ordinary believers?

A priest fosters holiness, precisely in the measure that he serves as a bridge between God and human beings. In ancient Roman times, the priest was described as a *pontifex*, bridge-builder, and this remains a valid description for us in the Christian context. Therefore baptised priests (that's you) are meant, first, to embody the harmony that God wants between Himself and those made in His image and likeness. You are to affect this through your own devotion to prayer, the sacraments, and the Mass.

What then does it mean for the average baptised person to be a prophet? A person is a prophet in the measure that he or she bears witness to the truth of God. G.K. Chesterton once wrote that that in this upside-down world of ours, "the prophet is the one who stands on his head so that he might see things aright." This is why prophets have always appeared a little insane. In fact, the Hebrew word for prophet, "*nabi*," has the overtone of 'madman'. To speak the truth in today's world is a dangerous endeavour. When all those around us, even family members, object to the Truth the Jesus has revealed, to make a stand and to hold fast to what is good, true and beautiful can leave us looking, in the eyes of the world, crazy. But it is what we have been baptised to do!

Finally, what does it mean for the ordinary Catholic to be a king? In the theological sense, a king is someone orders and directs a community toward God. We are all called to kingly leadership in our everyday lives. The example that we set to those around is key to the exercise of this ministry. We are called to be kings at home, at work and among our friends, remembering that a true king is always one who serves. For example, a Catholic parent directs their children toward the accomplishment of their God-given missions, educating them, shaping them interiorly, moulding their behaviour, disciplining their desires.

The key to the renewal of our broken society is a recovery of the deepest meaning of our baptism, to become priestly, prophetic, and kingly people. The people around us need Jesus. He is the way the truth and the life and there is no other. Reclaim the power of your baptism and save the world.

God bless you all.

Fr Hilton

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 jbcoates@btinternet.com) again by Wednesday evening. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is TBC