



# THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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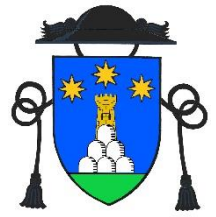
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## MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

### 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 - PM



### 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 November is dedicated to: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER <b>Remembrance</b>	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Sunday</b>	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Deceased Members of the Ladies Guild Anthony Gregson People of the Parish
MONDAY 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Martin of Tours	No Mass		
TUESDAY 12 <sup>th</sup>	St Josaphat	7:00pm	St Alban's	Ellen Lonergan (A)
WEDNESDAY 13 <sup>th</sup>	Funeral Service <b>Parish Requiem</b>	12:30pm <b>7:00pm</b>	St Mary's <b>St Mary's</b>	Kevin Martin <b>Deceased Family and Friends</b>
THURSDAY 14 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9:30am	St Alban's	Evelyn Somerville
FRIDAY 15 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Tony Lennon
SATURDAY 16 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	10:00am	St Mary's	Thanksgiving

### READERS ROTA

	THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY
9:30am	John Greenwood	9:30am	Isaac Mellor
11:00am	Lettie Damolo	11:00am	Shaun Sanju
6:00pm	Judith MacDonald	6:00pm	Richard Siebierski

**PRAYER LIST:** Tony Hintze 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:**

Ramon Espares, C,M & W Horan, Thanksgiving, Lilly Parimanath, Joseph Parimanath, Joy Plackal, Annie Plackal, Anne Elizabeth Sampson, John Davies, Can. Francis Sammons, Arthur Parsons

**COACH TRIP – YORK CHRISTMAS MARKET**

There will be a trip to York on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December to visit the Christmas Market. We will attend the midday Mass at the York Oratory of St Wilfred. £20 Per Person. Sign up at the back of church.

**PARISH REQUIEM MASS**

Our annual Requiem Mass for deceased family and friends will take place

**THIS WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in St Mary's.**

As in previous years, please bring along a photograph to place on the table in front of the altar of those you are praying for, so that we can see those whom we are remembering and commending to the mercy of Almighty God.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Today will be the final day on which tickets can be purchased. Please settle balances after Mass this morning. Select your food and collect your tickets at the back of church.

**PAUL COTES' ORDINATION**

Paul's ordination to the permanent diaconate will take place on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am in St Mary's**

Please make sure this important date is in your diary.

Next Saturday (16<sup>th</sup> November) Mass will be at 10:0am, followed by the big clean.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection to cover the costs of catering and flowers for the altar.

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm before the evening Mass at St Alban's I will give a talk for those who wish to know more about the permanent diaconate and explain what will happen during the rite of ordination.

**200 CLUB OCTOBER WINNERS**

1st prize | Ellen Smith

2nd prize | Margaret McCormack

3rd prize | Jeanette Roberts

**NEWS FROM THE CATHOLIC CLUB - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

There will be sandwiches and refreshments in the club after the 11am Mass.

**LADIES GUILD**

Tickets now on sale for Afternoon Tea on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November

2:00pm-4:00pm at the Catholic Club -£10 per person.

The next meeting of the PLG will be on Thursday 7th November at 7pm in St Alban's church hall.

Please note, this meeting is a week EARLIER than normal. Our theme for the evening will be "Nostalgia".

**THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Will take place on Thursday 19th December at 3.30pm after school till approx. 5.30pm.

Donations of cakes, buns, chocolates, alcoholic bottles, bric-a-brac and toys all needed for our stalls and tombola. All welcome to come and attend and support the school, volunteers also welcome to help out on any of our stalls too. Please contact the PTFA via email: [ptfa@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk) or contact Joanna Binns (07932 595955) with any queries or if you would like to help

## RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£650.11** Total Approx. **£1380.11** (Inc. standing orders & card)

## FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

Monsignor Smith has written a reflection that I have reproduced below:

Every year on this Remembrance Sunday, the country comes to a halt for two minutes of silence. In those moments, what is it we remember? In the year 2024, it is rare for a person to have personal memories of the Second World War, impossible for any of us to have memories of the First. The thoughts which come to most of us in our moments of silence are probably of stories heard, pictures seen, books read. I remember as a child hearing people speak of the very solemn atmosphere of Armistice Day before the last war. In the 1920's and 1930's most families had been touched by the horrors of the trenches. The names of the Somme and Passchendaele, of Ypres and Loos were familiar to all. This is no longer the case.

To-day our minds are probably filled with a kaleidoscope of thoughts, concerning war and peace; the rights and wrongs and moral complexity surrounding what Sir Winston Churchill described as "the field of human conflict." The issues are as old as humanity, from the time when Cain's hatred and resentment of his brother Abel drove him to murder, man has been the animal that kills. This is our tragedy: that having so much, we are not satisfied. Envy, jealousy, resentment, anger and violence are the result. When this rises to the level of nations, the extreme consequence is war.

Even in peaceful England, looking out from our armchairs across the world we inhabit, few of us are immune to precisely these feelings. As we watch the news, with its catalogue of conflicts; as we ponder the many injustices inflicted by one tribe of men upon another; how many of us are moved to anger? We would scarcely be human if we were not. How much greater must the anger be in those countries, and amongst those peoples, directly affected by the injustice of the world. But the anger of the armchair observer, and the resentment of the victims of injustice, little by little grow into the fury of nations. This is the moment when the emotions which have grown in the hearts of individuals burst forth into the horrible violence of war.

When this happens, it is always a tragedy. If ever there was a game of unforeseen consequences it is warfare. The causes for which nations go to war grow and mutate till at the end of the violence, the original spark of conflict is often long-forgotten. Which is not to say that there is no evil in the world which ought not to be fought against. Though few people will now, after so many years, think the causes of the First World War justified the immense slaughter and destruction they gave rise to; many will feel that the terrible evils of Nazism amply justified the greatest conflict humanity has yet seen. Even here though, the end of the war did not bring freedom and justice to all, but perhaps that is more than could ever be expected of such a flawed endeavour.

This is why our remembrance must always add another element to the mixture of thoughts during our two minutes silence. However we manage to do so, we must think of the human cost of war. For those of us old enough to do so, it will perhaps be a matter of us calling to mind family members we heard of, even if we cannot personally remember them. For others, possibly it may be a matter of listening to, or reading those stories which so eloquently convey the human suffering of so many people caught up in the great cataclysms of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 to say nothing of smaller but more recent conflicts.

No Catholic should ever think of such a subject without including in his thoughts the human person as an individual with only one life to live. Stalin is famously supposed to have said that the death of one person was a tragedy, but the death of millions was just a statistic. If this was so, it was a sign of an essentially evil worldview. For us we should never forget that always behind the statistic lies the individual with infinite and unique worth, though multiplied millions of times.

Above all we must pray: for peace in the world; for a conversion of the hearts of world leaders; for an end to greed and selfishness and a growth of justice and charity; and finally for peace and rest for all those who in defence of these principles gave their lives in war.

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