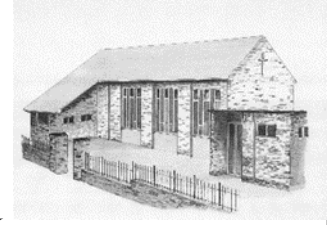


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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE (REJOICE) SUNDAY MOTHERING SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2019

Feasts of the Week
All days this week are
Weekdays of Lent

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 11.00am - Noon at St Mary's
dedicated to praying for vocations to the
priesthood.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon St Mary's
Sunday: 5.15pm - 5.45pm St Alban's

Your Offerings Weekly Offering:
March 24th —£1103.15
TODAY the Retiring Collection will be
for CATHOLIC CARE.
Next Sunday is our day for Donations to
the Halifax Support and Drop in Centre.

MASSES RECEIVED:
May and George Poppleton,
Michael Toolan, Eileen Geraghty

The Saturday (6th) Mass is our monthly
Bereavement Mass followed by Refresh-
ments and Friendship in the Parish Hall

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday 31st March	9.30am	St. Alban's	Brenda Wadsworth
	11.00am	St Mary's	Philip Hirst
	1.00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	6:00p.m.	St Alban's	For the Parish
Monday 1st April	No Mass	Today	
Tuesday 2nd	7:00p.m.	St Alban's	Anne and Jack Mooney and Peter Mooney
Wednesday 3rd	9:00a.m.	St Mary's	Isabelle and Tommy Callender
Thursday 4th	10:00a.m.	St Alban's	Edith Toolan
Friday 5th	9:00a.m.	St Mary's	Frank Benson
Saturday 6th	12.15pm	St Mary's	Marianne McKeaghue

TODAY we welcome Bishop John Wilson to celebrate our 9:30 Mass

Please pray for Patrick Griffin and all those who have died recently and for
Fr Joseph Geary and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer List

James Earley, Fawzia Mohamed, Diana Freeborn, Joe McGoverin, David Burrows, William Long, Sonya Box, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Knaption, Peter Carolan, Peter Smith, Anne Griffiths, David Hopkinson, Julie Hall, Dorothy Pickles, Moya Andrew, Tony Lennon, Suzanne Peaker, Rose Marie Rothery, Alexander Johnston, Larry Byrne, Eddie Casey, Bernard Corcoran, Winnie Whelan, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, Maureen Colleran, Pat and John Reynolds and all the sick and housebound of the parish, their families and those who care for them.

LENT 2019

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION DURING LENT

St Mary's - On Fridays at 7:30p.m. St Alban's - On Wednesdays at 7:30p.m.

It is time for making your **EASTER DUTIES**. Every Catholic should try to go to Confession and Holy Communion before Trinity Sunday.

DEANERY CONFESSIONS for LENT at St Mary's on Saturday 13th April, from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

The Extreme Way of the Cross 2019.

Start: 12.04.2019 at The Good Shepherd Church Mytholmroyd at 19.00 with celebration of the Mass. Finish: Halifax St Mary's R.C. Church which will be the last 14th station. Route: 43km night walk through paths of the Calder Valley moors.

Cost: £2 for a book with meditations Further Information: Mateusz, mob.07814492034; mateuszdedk@gmail.com; www.edk.org.pl

Participants should be over 18. Anybody less than 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

It is a celebration of Passion of Jesus Christ therefore the unwritten rule is to participate in the event in silence (without loud prayers and singing) that will allow us to focus and meditate the word that will be given at each station.

TODAY IS
MOTHERING SUNDAY

We pray for all mothers everywhere, that they may never lose heart or be taken for granted but receive from their children the honour and love that Jesus showed to his mother, Mary.

GOD BLESS ALL MUMS

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTERS

31ST MARCH

9:30 JOHN GREENWOOD

11:00 MARIA GRIFFIN

6:00 G MCCORMACK

7TH APRIL

9:30 BRENDA BIGGINS

11:00 ELA RIBAK AND

MONICA REBECH

6:00 G MCCORMACK

READERS

31ST MARCH

9:30 JAMES PROCTOR

11:00 KEN ROTHERY

6:00 TONY WANNAN

7TH APRIL

9:30 JOHN GREENWOOD

11:00 JOVANNA KARUNA

6:00 KIERON GREEN

FIRST COMMUNION 2019

The next meeting for Parents/Carers and Children will be on Wednesday 10th April at 6:30p.m. at School

HALIFAX DEANERY MARRIAGE

PREPARATION COURSE

The Marriage Preparation Course will include three sessions and will take place on April 28th, May 5th and May 12th at St Mary's Presbytery at 12:15 (just after 11:00a.m. Mass). It is important that any engaged couple who intend to marry this year will need to attend all three sessions.

If you wish to take part please contact Deacon John Walsh on 07774857016.

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL 2019:

The Annual Appeal for **Catholic Care** will take place this weekend. The Charity undertakes so much good work, caring for those who are disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalised, including those with disabilities, babies, children and families, older people including the retired Priests, and much work reaching out into the community.

These are financially challenging times, especially for our community work. Please give as generously as you are able.

PARISH PIGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Unfortunately the Pilgrimage has had to be cancelled due to shortage of numbers. It is hoped to hold the Pilgrimage next year.

MOTHERS PRAYERS:

The next meeting of the Mothers Prayers Group will be at 6:30p.m. at St Alban's on Wednesday 10th April.

Would you like to know more? Please speak to Gaye Colleran

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

HOW CAN THE SVP HELP YOU?

Come to our next meeting at 7:30p.m. at St Alban's this Tuesday 2nd April. Enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with us.

Anyone who needs to get in touch with the SVP in the parish can now call 07512 011 440.

NEW YEAR OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please collect your offertory envelopes for the next year from the back of church. If you cannot find yours then please contact Bernard Corcoran on 07969 561943 or at berjoscor@gmail.com"

OVER 60'S:

Next meeting will be Wednesday 10th April at 2:00p.m. at St Alban's.

REFRESHMENTS

There will be Tea, Coffee, Juice, Biscuits and BACON SANDWICHES after 9:30 Mass TODAY.

£100,000 CHALLENGE
200 Club March Draw
After 9:30a.m. Mass TODAY

"The Smartie Challenge"

Tubes of Smarties will be available after Sunday Masses to those wishing to participate. You may enjoy the Smarties before filling up the tubes with the coins of your choice (5p, 10p, 20p or £1).

The tubes of coins should be returned to Church as soon as possible after Easter Saturday.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

FORTHCOMING EVENT

'CHORDIALITY' Choir Concert in St Mary's Church.

Saturday June 15th.

Watch this space for further details.

PARISH LADIES GUILD

The next PLG meeting will be on Thursday 11th April in St Albans Church Hall at 7pm.

There is just one place left now on the coach for the Ladywell pilgrimage. Tel Jean 07453639567

PLG Fashion Show

Friday 12 April. To be held in St Mary's church hall by Heather from Chainreaxtion. Consisting of Women's clothing and accessories which may be purchased at the end of the show.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets are available after both Sunday morning Masses

£5.00 each. Mini bar and raffle.

To reserve tickets for this event please phone

Jean 07453639567 or Maureen 07790681770.

The Ladies Guild are asking for donations of bottles of wine, Prosecco, beer or lager to sell at our fundraising events. If anyone has any wine or beer glasses that they don't want, the Ladies Guild will be very happy to take them off your hands.

Mass Offerings, Notices and News Items for the Parish Bulletin should be given to Fr Martin or Deacon John by Wednesday evening at the latest. Notices and News Items but not Mass Intentions can be sent to John Coates (01422 360469 or jbcoates@btinternet.com) again by Wednesday evening.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Caroline Walsh (01422 241345) Leeds Diocese Charity Registration No. 249404