



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

Children's Liturgy:

Every Sunday 11:00am

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:

Bernard Melia's Intentions



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday 11:00am –
 12:00pm
 at St Mary's

Confessions:

Saturday

11:00am-12:00pm
 at St Mary's

Sunday

5:30pm-6:00pm
 at St Alban's
 or on Request

Marriages and Baptisms

by appointment

See the priest after Mass

SUNDAY 10 th MAY	6th Sunday of Easter	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Moska Family Bridget Rodrigo RIP People of the Parish
MONDAY 11 th	REQUIEM	11:00am	St Mary's	Brian Massie
THURSDAY 14 th HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	Ascension Thursday REQUIEM	12:15pm 1:30pm 7:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	John Hupalo Roger Taylor Mary (LD)
SATURDAY 16 th	Vigil Mass	4:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
SUNDAY 17 th	7th Sunday of Easter	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Sr Margaret Costello Ints. Lawrence Maragh RIP Mary McGoldrick
FRIDAY 22 nd	REQUIEM	11:30am	St Mary's	Micheal Kean
SATURDAY 23 rd	Vigil Mass	4:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
SUNDAY 24 th	Pentecost Sunday	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Evelyn Somerville Timothy Hayes Private Intention
FRIDAY 29 th	REQUIEM	12 Noon	St Mary's	John Burwell
SATURDAY 30 th	Yorkshire Martyrs	12:15pm	St Mary's	Paul Connolly (A)
	Vigil Mass	4:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass

PRAYER LIST: Sadie Mills, David Stanton, Kathleen Durkin, Tony Hintze, Mary Staden, Peter Staden, David Sutcliffe, William Long, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Peter Smith, Julie Hall, Sonya Box, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, Michael McDonnell 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/Paul know so that a visit can be arranged.

MASSES RECEIVED

Ross & Andrea Woodward 55th Wedding Anniversary, John Burwell R.I.P. x 2, Evelyn Somerville, Owen Mullan, Mary & Eddie Coates, John Wallis x 2

YEAR OF CATECHESIS

The final talk in our series will be on **Tuesday 2nd June at 6:00pm** in St Alban's Hall and will be given by Fr Sean Elliott. He will be speaking about "The Sacred Liturgy" – The Church's worship and ritual.

JUNE 2026 "EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS"

The culmination of our Year of Catechesis will be a week of Eucharistic Adoration, devotions and presentations concluding with Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrated by His Lordship the Bishop.

Sunday 7th Feast of Corpus Christi – 11:00am Opening Mass
(First Holy Communion Sunday)

Monday 8th Mass 9:30am followed by Holy Hour
6:00pm presentation at St Alban's

Tuesday 9th Mass 9:30am followed by Holy Hour
6:00pm presentation at St Alban's

Wednesday 10th Mass at 9:30am, Exposition until 9:00pm

Thursday 11th Mass at 9:30am, Exposition until 9:00pm

Friday 12th Exposition for 9:00am until 3:00pm
**7:00pm Solemn Closing Mass celebrated by
Bishop Stock (Feast of the Sacred Heart) followed by refreshments in the Catholic
Club – Please make every effort to attend.**

For the extended periods of Exposition and Adoration on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, it is important that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended and there are people praying continually. To that end there are sign up sheets at the back of church to take a slot and watch one hour with the Lord. **Please be generous with your time.**

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

We are hosting another Cheese and Wine Evening in aid of the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust. The event will be held at St Alban's church hall on Friday 29th May from 6:30pm till 9:30pm. Tickets cost £10 per person and include cheese, biscuits, olives and two glasses of wine. Additional wine will be available at £3 per glass. Tickets on sale at the back of church.

PARISH LADIES' GUILD

The next meeting of the PLG will be at 7:00pm on Thursday 14th May in St Alban's church hall. Membership is now due.

NEWS FROM THE CATHOLIC CLUB

Tues 12th May - Following the success of our popular breakfasts, dinner is served! (5:30pm to 8:00pm). £7 for one course, £8.50 incl dessert. Contact Maggie Heath or see the Club Facebook page for bookings and menu choices.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£913.56** Total Approx. **£1757.54** (Inc. standing orders & card)

There will be a second collection today for the Priests Training Fund

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES IN LOCAL PARISHES

Monday 10:00am:	St Bernard's, Halifax
Tuesday 9:30am:	Sacred Heart and St Patrick's Sowerby Bridge
Wednesday 12 Noon:	St Columba's, Halifax
Thursday 10:00am:	St Bernard's, Halifax
Friday 9:30am:	Sacred Heart and St Patrick's Sowerby Bridge

PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA

Due to changes in the available flights, the pilgrimage to Malta will now run from the 21st to the 24th of September, returning on the Thursday evening rather than early on Friday morning. Because of this change the new package price is: £990pp for a double room

READERS ROTA

6th Sunday of Easter: John Greenwood, Albina Karuna, Rachel Fitzpatrick

7th Sunday of Easter: Isaac Mellor, Andrea Woodward, Francis Millington

Pentecost Sunday: Gabrielle Colleran, Anna Davie, Judith MacDonald

THE MONTH OF MAY

Please feel free to bring flowers to decorate Our Lady's altar during the month of May.
There are vases available in the server's sacristy.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION MASS & PARTY

There will be a special Mass to celebrate all our children who have made their First Confession, First Communion or been Confirmed this year on Sunday 21st of June at 11:00am followed by a party at the Catholic Club. At the Mass our children will be presented with their certificates and gifts.

All are welcome to attend.

AFTERNOON TEA

The Parish Ladies' Guild will be hosting an afternoon tea at the Catholic Club on Saturday the 13th of June from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Tickets cost £10pp and will be available to purchase after Mass.

LAST YEAR'S OUTGOINGS 2025-2026

Liturgical Supplies: £6,390	New Computer: £774
Gas Bill: £14,000	Electricity Bill: £11,500
Insurance: £8,815	Office Costs (Printing, postage, bulletins): £7,877
Repairs to church: £7,414	Grounds Maintenance: £1,170
Repairs to rental properties: £24,597	Cleaning: £1,575
Fire Extinguishers: £1,273	Flowers: £367
Catechesis: £487	Council Tax: £3,001
Water Bill: £1,072	Vestments: £2,972
Levy to the Diocese: £19,584	Social Events: £880
Priest's Stipend: £6,300	Housekeeping: £5,556
Equipment Replacement: £1,654	Music/Organ Tuning/Repair: £6,893

Please consider the parish outgoings when making your offertory.

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 can be sent again by Wednesday evening to office.stmary.halifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sharon Costello

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