



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



Devotions to the Sacred Heart:

First Friday of the
month after 9:30am
Mass



Holy Rosary:

Saturday after 12:15pm
Mass



Perpetual Novena:

Wednesday after
9:30am Mass



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

Marriages and Baptisms

by appointment
See the priest after Mass



The month of October is dedicated to: The Holy Rosary

SUNDAY 11 th OCTOBER	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Tomasz & Irene Nalepa Lucy & Arthur Ellison Priest's Intention
MONDAY 12 th	St Wilfred	No Mass		
TUESDAY 13 th	Feria (Latin Mass)	9:30am	St Alban's	People of the Parishes
WEDNESDAY 14 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Annama Porincha R.I.P.
THURSDAY 15 th	St Teresa of Avila	9:30am	St Alban's	Kevin Toolan
FRIDAY 16 th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Mary & Thomas Brook
SATURDAY 17 th	St Ignatius of Antioch	12:15pm	St Mary's	Tess Dowd R.I.P.
29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass	4:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	Vigil Mass	5:00pm	St Bernard's	Fr Tom Durkin

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY			NEXT SUNDAY		
9:30am	Nicholas Aigbogun		9:30am	John Greenwood	
11:00am	Joe Coneron		11:00am	Barbara Gregson	
6:00pm	Francis Millington		6:00pm	Judith MacDonald	

PRAYER LIST: Dorothy Laycock, Maureen Brown, Brendan Fernandes, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Robert Henery, Patricia Snee and Angela Iannelli who have all died recently. *Requiescant in pace.*

MASSES RECEIVED

Anne Elizabeth Sampson (A), Andrew Brown (A), Mary and Thomas Brook, Tom Hogan x 2, Paul Ashton, Mary Hargreaves 80th Birthday, Jim Hargreaves (A), Norah Murphy (A), Alan Kelly R.I.P., Irene Allen R.I.P. x 2, John Lambert (A), Margaret Lambert (A), Kevin Costello (A), Private Intention.

THIS WEEK OUR LADY'S LAMP BURNS FOR: Angela Iannelli R.I.P.

NOVEMBER NOVENA OF MASSES FOR THE DEAD

From the 3rd November – 11th November I will offer nine consecutive days of Masses for the dead, culminating with the **Parish Requiem Mass on Wednesday 11th at 7:00pm.**
If you wish your loved ones to be remembered in this special Novena, place their names and your offering in the envelopes provided at the back of church.

PARISH RACE NIGHT

Fancy a night at the races? – We are holding a parish race night on **Friday 13th November** at the Catholic Club starting at 7:00pm.

Across the evening there will be five races with prizes to be won, a raffle and a pie and pea supper. We are looking for sponsors for each of the five races at the cost of £25 each, we will promote their company name on the night. If you're feeling lucky, tickets are £7.50 each and are available after Mass. All proceeds to parish funds.

TAMLA MOTOWN EVENING

The Tamla Motown tickets for our Parish Social on **Friday 30th October** to be held at the Halifax Catholic Club will be on sale from this Sunday before and after mass and in the Catholic club. Tickets are £5 each and must be purchased before the event.

FR HILTON (Jr) INDUCTION

Some of you may know that my brother, Fr Benjamin Hilton has recently been appointed the Parish Priest of St Anthony's in Beeston. He has asked to extend a warm invitation to any of my parishioner who may wish to join him for his induction as Parish Priest by the Bishop on **Tuesday 10th November at 6:30pm.** The Mass will be followed by a party in the church hall.
St Anthony's Beeston, Old Lane, Leeds, LS11 7AA

ST COLUMBA'S "BINGO" NIGHT

Friday 23rd October – entry just £5 including supper, bring your own booze!
Tickets available text on 07768 875708. Come along and enjoy the fun.

THE LOURDES ROADSHOW & QUIZ NIGHT

Want to know more about the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes? Then come along to Lourdes Quiz/information sharing night plus Pie & Peas supper from 7pm at St Columba's Parish Hall, Halifax on **Saturday 24th October.** More info & tickets available from Phil Marshall (07766 148375)

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£726.68** Total Approx: **£1540.68** (Inc. standing orders & card)

BETHLEHEM CARE HOSPICE TRUST

Also, the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust are hosting their annual Christmas Ball at the Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria Hotel in Sheffield on Saturday 14th November. All parishioners are invited to attend. Maybe we could take a table for 10? Tickets are £47.50. Please speak to Caroline Walsh if you are interested in going or in hosting a table for your own group.

THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Will be taking place on **Friday 27th Nov at 3:30pm**. The PTFA are again after donations of any alcoholic bottles or chocolates for our main stalls and tombolas. Please be as generous as possible. We are also in desperate need of any bottle gift bags you can spare too for the bottle bag stall. All welcome to come and attend and support the school, volunteers also welcome to help. Please contact the PTFA via email: ptfa@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk or contact Joanna Binns: JBinns@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk with any queries. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH CENSUS FORMS

There are new parish census forms available at the back of church. If you haven't filled one out already, please do so, and either hand it to one of the clergy or place it in the box in St Mary's porch. If you're not on the census, you don't get a Christmas card!

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

I've been a bit under the weather last week and it only stuck me the other evening, when I was feeling at a particularly low ebb, how nice it feels not to be ill. That's one of the peculiar things about our human nature, we often fail to appreciate the things that are most precious to us. We take our health for granted until we become sick. We take our loved ones for granted until they are no longer with us or have moved away. We take our freedom for granted until we see what life is like for those who do not enjoy it.

And I wonder whether, sometimes, we Catholics are guilty of doing exactly the same thing with our faith. Consider for a moment what we possess. We have inherited a faith which has been handed down from generation to generation for two thousand years. We have the Sacred Scriptures, the wisdom of the saints, the forgiveness of sins in Confession, and above all, the extraordinary privilege of receiving the Body and Blood of Our Lord in Holy Communion. These are not ordinary things. They are treasures beyond price. Yet how easily they can become part of the run of the mill furniture of our lives.

Every Sunday, the bell in the tower rings, the church doors are opened, the candles are lit, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered. We can come freely here, without fear of persecution or imprisonment. We can kneel before the Blessed Sacrament and know that the Lord of heaven and earth is truly present among us. How many Christians throughout the world would give anything for such a privilege? How many Catholics in the past risked their lives simply to hear Mass in this country?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Our Lord tells the parable of a king who prepares a magnificent wedding banquet. Everything is ready, the invitations have been sent, and yet those who have been invited simply cannot be bothered to come. They are too busy with their own affairs to recognise the extraordinary honour being offered to them. It is difficult to hear that parable without wondering whether Our Lord might sometimes say the same thing about us.

Of course, it is possible to become so accustomed to something wonderful that we cease to recognise just how wonderful it is. Perhaps that is one of the greatest dangers facing the Church today, not necessarily hostility towards the faith, but the indifference and lukewarm faith of Catholics who are already members of it.

The remedy begins with recovering a sense of wonder. The next time you enter church, perhaps you might stop for a moment and remember whose house you are entering. The next time you approach Holy Communion, perhaps you might consider who it is that you are about to receive. We have been invited to the banquet of the King of Kings. May we never become so familiar with that invitation that we forget what an extraordinary honour it is.

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