



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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HOLY YEAR MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS JUBILEE 2025

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:

"Our Priests"



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

SUNDAY 12 th OCTOBER	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Tomasz & Irene Nalepa Paolo Capone 4 th Ann. People of the Parish
MONDAY 13 th	St Edward the Confessor	No Public Mass		
TUESDAY 14 th	Feria	6:00pm 7:00pm	St Alban's St Alban's	Fr Simon Lodge Talk Yorkshire Brethren
WEDNESDAY 15 th	St Teresa of Avila Doctor of the Church	10:00am (School)	St Mary's	Patricia Ann Richards
THURSDAY 16 th	St Hedwig	9:30am	St Alban's	Mr & Mrs Frank Matthews
FRIDAY 17 th	St Ignatius of Antioch	9:30am	St Mary's	Dominik & Maureen Colleran
SATURDAY 18 th	St Luke the Evangelist	12:15pm	St Mary's	Marie Finn
	Vigil Mass	4:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass

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THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	John Greenwood	9:30am	Isaac Mellor
11:00am	Shaun Sandhu	11:00am	Helen Brown
6:00pm	Judith MacDonald	6:00pm	Frances Millington

PRAYER LIST: Donna Murphy, Sadie Mills, Tony Hintze, Mary Staden, Peter Staden, Gerard James, David Sutcliffe, John Wallis, William Long, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Peter Smith, Julie Hall, Sonya Box, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, Rita Baxendale, 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 know so that a visit can be arranged.

MASSES RECEIVED

Dominik & Maureen Colleran, Danny Colleran, Mary Stott, Eileen Latthe R.I.P., 80th Bday,

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Eileen Latthe, Rita McGurk, and Danny Colleran who have all died recently.

YEAR OF CATECHESIS – FIRST LIVE TALK

This **Tuesday at 6:00pm** – we have our first live presentation from one of our guest speakers. Fr Simon Lodge is parish priest of the Parish of the Holy Spirit and St Pual, Spen Valley. He has been ordained for 25 years and is an experienced retreat giver and speaker.

He will be giving the first in our series of talk on the theme of “The Marian Dogmas”

As ever, the session will conclude with Mass at 7:00pm

Please do come along make the most of this opportunity.

NEW CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Our new children’s liturgy will begin this Sunday at the 11:00am Mass and will take place at the same time each week. Parental consent forms are available at the back of church.

Mary and Greg will also be available should you have any questions.

PARISH LADIES’ GUILD – AFTERNOON TEA

The PLG is hosting afternoon tea at the Catholic Club on Saturday the 15th of November from 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

Tickets available at £10 each.

PARISH CEILIDH FUNDRAISING EVENT

Thank you to all those who supported the above event. Proceeds from the event, along with a number of donations, including one substantial donation made on the night, amounted to £810 for the parish.

NOVENA OF MASSES FOR THE DEAD

From the 6th November – 14th November I will offer nine consecutive days of Masses for the dead, culminating with the Parish Requiem Mass on Friday 14th 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.

THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

will be taking place on Friday 5th December at 3.45pm after school till approx. 5.30pm. Donations of mainly chocolates and alcoholic bottles are needed for our 2 main tombolas, please be as generous as you can. A box will be made available at the back of church for donations asap. All welcome to come and attend and support the school, volunteers also welcome to help on any of our stalls too. Please contact the PTFA via email: ptfa@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk or contact Joanna Binns (07932 595955) with any queries or if you would like to help.

S.V.P.

Next meeting Monday 20th October at 6:00pm in St Alban’s parish room.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week’s loose collection was **£706.23** Total Approx. **£1526.73** (Inc. standing orders & card)

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

October is, of course, the month of the Holy Rosary, it receives this designation because of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary always occurs on the 7th of this month. As we have discussed in bulletins past, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary marks the victory on the 7th of October 1571, of the Holy League (a collection of Catholic states coordinated by Pope St Pius V) against the muslim hoards seeking to invade and overrun Europe. Pope Pius ordered the churches of Rome be open day and night for prayer leading up to the battle and urged the priests and people of the city to pray the Rosary. When word reached Rome that the Ottoman fleet had been defeated decisively, the Pope declared that the 7th of October be a feast day in honour of Our Lady of Victories. Pope Gregory XIII renamed this feast Our Lady of the Rosary.

At its core, the Rosary is a meditative prayer that centres our hearts and minds on the life of Christ. Each set of mysteries, Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious, invite us to contemplate key moments in Our Lord's life, seen through the eyes of His Blessed Mother. As we repeat the familiar prayers of the Hail Mary and the Our Father, we are drawn into these mysteries in a rhythm that encourages reflection, peace, and intimacy with God. Far from being the "vain repetition" that protestants so often like to call it, the Rosary is deeply scriptural. The Hail Mary is drawn from the words of the Archangel Gabriel and St Elizabeth in the Gospel of Luke. The Our Father is the prayer that Jesus Himself taught us. By praying the Rosary, we are literally speaking the words of Scripture and allowing them to shape our hearts.

The Rosary has also long been associated with Marian apparitions and messages. One of the most well-known instances is Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared to three shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. She repeatedly asked the children and through them, all of us, to pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners and for peace in the world. Our Lady, our spiritual mother, always leads us to her Son. When we pray the Rosary, we are not only honouring her but also following her guidance to "Do whatever He tells you". The Rosary is her gift to us, a simple yet profound way to remain close to her Divine Son.

Saints and popes throughout the centuries have spoken of the Rosary as a spiritual weapon. St Padre Pio called it "the weapon for these times." Pope Leo XIII, known as the "Rosary Pope," issued numerous encyclicals promoting its use. Pope St John Paul II, who had a deep devotion to the Rosary, said it "marks the rhythm of human life, bringing it into harmony with the rhythm of God's own life." When we face struggles, whether personal, societal, or spiritual, the Rosary is a source of strength. In times of anxiety, temptation or doubt, taking the Rosary into our hands is like reaching out to our Mother for help. It anchors us in prayer, reminds us of God's love, and empowers us to resist evil.

The beauty of the Rosary lies in its simplicity and adaptability. You can pray it in a group or alone, at home or while commuting, in joy or in sorrow. It's a prayer for all ages and all seasons of life. Parents can teach it to their children, the elderly can pray it quietly in their homes. No matter your walk of life, the Rosary meets you where you are. If you haven't already made the Rosary a part of your daily spiritual routine, October is the perfect time to begin. Start small ... just a decade a day if that's manageable. Over time, the rhythm and peace of the Rosary will become a cherished part of your relationship with God.

The Rosary is not just a prayer, it is a lifeline. It draws us closer to Jesus, teaches us to see through Our Lady's eyes and strengthens us for our journey of faith. In a world filled with noise, division and distraction, the Rosary is a gentle but powerful call to peace, reflection, and holiness. Let us take up our beads and pray with confidence, knowing that through the Rosary, Heaven is nearer than we realise.

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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