



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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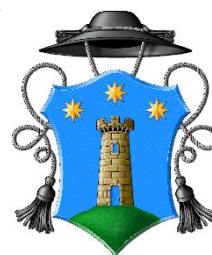
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HOLY YEAR MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS JUBILEE 2025

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:

Fr Malcolm Hutchinson



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 June is dedicated to: The Sacred Heart of Jesus

SUNDAY 15 th JUNE	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Filomena & Jan Moska Stephen & Lijya – Thanks People of the Parish
MONDAY 16 th	Feria	NO MASS		
TUESDAY 17 th	Feria	NO MASS		
WEDNESDAY 18 th	Feria	NO MASS		PARISH HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME
THURSDAY 19 th	Feria	NO MASS		
FRIDAY 20 th	Feria	NO MASS		
SATURDAY 21 st	St Aloysious Gonzaga	12:15pm	St Mary's	Honora Hintze
	Vigil Mass	4:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	Isaac Mellor	9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran
11:00am	Albina Karuna	11:00am	Andrea Woodward
6:00pm	Frances Millington	6:00pm	Rachel Fitzpatrick

PRAYER LIST: Tom Lennon, Sadie Mills, Tony Hintze Mary Staden Peter Staden, David Stanton, 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

Maria Griffin, Steven Buckley RIP, Alice Willaims (A), Richard Siebierski RIP

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

This will take place in the grounds of St Patrick's Church, Sowerby Bridge from 2:00pm on the Sunday of the feast *Corpus Christi*, Sunday 22nd of June. Children who have made First Holy Communion are welcome to wear their outfits. The procession will be followed by refreshment and social time. I would love as many of the parishioners of St Mary's and St Alban's as possible to come along.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CELEBRATION

Congratulations to our children who made their First Holy Communion at the 11:00am Mass last week. On Sunday the 29th of June at 11:00am we will have our Mass of Celebration for all of our children who have made first Confession, first Communion and Confirmation this year. Children are free to re-wear their special outfits and there will be a reception in the Catholic Club after Mass. All are welcome.

SUMMER DAY TRIP

The signup sheet is available at the back of church for those who wish to join the next coach trip. We will be going to Whitby for the day on Wednesday 13th of August. (Fingers crossed for nice weather) The coach will depart from Halifax at 9:30am and leave Whitby at 3:30pm. Places are £20per person. Please pay in cash.

ST ALBAN'S HALL

We have been making some much needed renovations to the hall/parish room at St Alban's. At the moment it is our only available gathering space. I am grateful to John Keyes for all of his hard work in facilitating this. I am also grateful to the Ladies Guild for very kindly agreeing to pay for a new floor to be put down (similar to the porch of St Mary's).

We have received a quote to replace the hall door and surrounding windows with something more modern and durable, £1800. It would be wonderful and greatly appreciated if 180 people might donate £10 each towards the cost of this work. The hall is a great resource not only for the groups that currently use it, but also for parish events such as the course on the Mass that will take place later this year. Please place any donations in an envelope marked "St Alban's Hall" and hand them to one of the clergy, put them in the collection or post them through the presbytery door. Thank you!

SCHOOL SUMMER FAYER

The School Summer Fayre will be taking place on Friday 11th July at 3:30pm after school. All donations of cakes, buns, alcoholic bottles, bric-a-brac and unwanted gifts welcome for our stalls and tombolas. Please be as generous as possible. All welcome to come and attend and support the school, volunteers also welcome to help out. 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/donate. In the next few weeks, we will place a box at the back of church for donations. New members welcome.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£743.94** Total Approx. **£1494.44** (Inc. standing orders & card)
Retired Priests Fund: **£402.36**

VOCATIONS TO THE PREISTHOOD / PRIEST'S TRAINING FUND

I just thought that I'd give you a little update on the meeting that the Vocations Promotion Team and the Bishop had last Sunday with men from across the Diocese who are considering a vocation to the Priesthood. You may remember that a few weeks ago in his pastoral letter for Good Shepherd Sunday, His Lordship invited any man who was listening to his words and wanted to find out more to come to this meeting that was held last week. We were absolutely delighted when just shy of 30 men tuned up aged from 16-35!! Obviously, these are very early stages, and it may become apparent that the priesthood is not for all of them, but, it is a very promising start to our work and bodes well for the future of the Diocese! – To that end, next week there will be a second collection for the Priest's Training Fund.

NEWS FROM THE CATHOLIC CLUB

Northern Soul Night - Saturday 21st June, 4pm onwards. £3 admission - All welcome.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, which we celebrate today, invites all of us to enter deeply into the central mystery of our Christian faith: one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This solemnity is not an invitation to unravel a theological puzzle or problem but to stand in awe of a God who has revealed Himself to us as a communion of life and love. We need not wonder what God is like, for He has made Himself known to us through creation, the life of Jesus, and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday calls us to embrace this revelation and to live as reflections of God's Trinitarian love in our daily lives, becoming more and more like Him each day.

At the heart of the Trinity is the truth that God is love. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit exist in an eternal relationship of perfect unity and self-giving. The Father creates and loves; the Son, Jesus Christ, redeems us through His incarnation, death, and resurrection; and the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, drawing us into God's life. This dynamic communion is not distant or abstract but intimately close, for through baptism, we are incorporated into the very life of the Trinity. We are made children of the Father, brothers and sisters of the Son, and temples of the Holy Spirit. The Trinity reveals that God's essence is relational, and we are called to mirror this love in our relationships with one another through forgiveness, generosity, and unity.

The revelation of the Trinity assures us that God is not hidden. In the Old Testament, the Father spoke through prophets and covenants. In the New Testament, Jesus revealed the Father's heart, saying, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father". At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowered the Church to carry this truth to all nations. Every moment of salvation history unveils God's desire to draw us into His love. For us, this feast is a reminder that our worship, especially in the Holy Mass, is a participation in the Trinitarian life. Each time we make the sign of the cross, we proclaim our faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, grounding our lives in this mystery.

St. Thomas Becket, the martyred Archbishop of Canterbury, deepened the Church's devotion to the Trinity by promoting its celebration in 1162, a legacy that inspires us to honour God's revealed nature. Trinity Sunday challenges us to live out this truth. Let us reflect God's love by serving the poor, welcoming the stranger, and building community. May we give thanks that God has not remained distant from us or hidden Himself away, but revealed Himself as Trinity, inviting us into His eternal communion of love, where we find our purpose and joy.

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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