



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



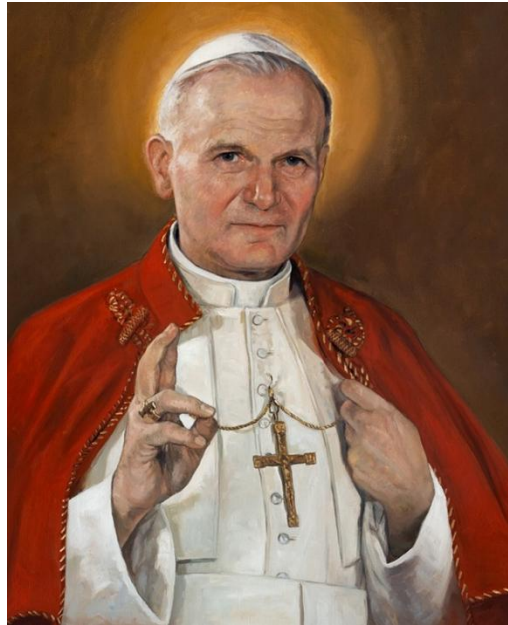
Holy Rosary:

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 18 th OCTOBER	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Dennis Carroll 100 th Bday Mary & Tony Hallinan People of the Parishes
MONDAY 19 th	Feria	No Mass		
TUESDAY 20 th	Reception of Body Feria (Latin Mass)	6:00pm 7:00pm	St Alban's St Alban's	Robert Henry Michael Toolan
WEDNESDAY 21 st	REQUIEM	10:30am	St Alban's	Robert Henry
THURSDAY 22 nd	St Pope John Paul II	9:30am	St Alban's	Porinchu R.I.P.
FRIDAY 23 rd	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	J & J Private Intention
SATURDAY 24 th	Feria	12:15pm	St Mary's	Mary Dennison
30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass Vigil Mass	4:00pm 5:00pm	St Mary's St Bernard's	Polish Mass Collin Hinchliffe

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY			NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	John Greenwood		9:30am	Kieron Green
11:00am	Barbara Gregson		11:00am	Malcolm Brown
6:00pm	Judith MacDonald		6:00pm	Rachel Fitzpatrick

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.

MASSES RECEIVED

Betty Bastow R.I.P. x 4, Elaine Duckworth (LD), Maureen & Dominick Collieran R.I.P., J & J Private Int

THIS WEEK OUR LADY'S LAMP BURNS FOR: The health of the Holy Father

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.

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.

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.

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 parishioners 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)

PARKING FOR WEEKDAY MASS

Several parishioners have received parking fines recently for parking on the single yellow line next to St Mary's. I am in discussion with the council about this. There are no restrictions on a Sunday.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£674.96** Total Approx: **£1405.96** (Inc. standing orders & card)

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

If you are unsure whether you are registered on the census, an alphabetical list is available at the back of church to check. If you have moved house, please fill in a new form.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

This coming week the Church celebrates the feast day of Pope St John Paul II. It is a particularly poignant occasion this year, as we hold our present Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, in our prayers following his diagnosis of lung cancer and his admission to the Gemelli Hospital in Rome. Thankfully, the initial reports following his surgery have been encouraging, although he still faces a period of recovery and uncertainty.

There is something especially moving about the fact that Pope Leo is being treated in the very hospital where St John Paul II spent so much time during his own pontificate. Following the attempt on his life in 1981, and particularly during the long years of illness towards the end of his life, John Paul II became a powerful witness to the Christian meaning of suffering.

In 1984, he wrote an extraordinary apostolic letter, *Salvifici Doloris*, on the Christian meaning of human suffering. He understood that suffering raises some of the most difficult questions we can ask. Why does God allow us to suffer? What possible good can come from illness, weakness or pain? St John Paul II reminded us that the answer is found ultimately in Christ upon the Cross. God does not stand at a distance from human suffering. In Jesus Christ, he has entered into it Himself. The Cross tells us that even in our darkest moments, we are never abandoned by God.

One of the most beautiful teachings of our Catholic faith is that suffering, when united to the suffering of Christ, can become a source of grace. We often speak of offering up our sufferings, perhaps a phrase that has sadly fallen out of fashion. Yet it expresses something fundamentally important. Even when illness prevents us from doing the things we once did, we can still do something of immense spiritual value. We can offer our pain, our anxieties and our limitations to God, joining them to Christ's sacrifice for the salvation of the world.

This does not mean that suffering is good in and of itself, or that we should not seek relief from it. Rather, it means that suffering never has to be meaningless. Even when our strength fails, our lives remain fruitful in the hands of God. Untold good and graces can come from our union with the passion of Our Lord.

Towards the end of his life, St John Paul II could scarcely walk or speak, yet his witness seemed only to grow stronger. He taught the world something that words alone could never have conveyed fully: that human dignity does not depend upon health, independence or physical strength. As Pope Leo now experiences his own period of illness, we are reminded that the Pope is not simply a distant figure in Rome, but our father, a man who shares the same frailty and vulnerability as each of us. He needs our prayers, just as we need his.

I invite you, therefore, to remember the Holy Father particularly in your prayers this week, asking the Lord to grant him healing, strength and peace. Let us also remember all those in our own parish who carry the burden of illness, especially those whose suffering is known to God alone. And perhaps, as we celebrate the feast of St John Paul II, we might take to heart the words with which he began his pontificate: "Do not be afraid!" They are words worth remembering whenever we face illness, uncertainty or suffering, for the Lord who carried the Cross has promised never to abandon those who place their trust in Him.

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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