



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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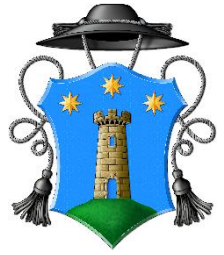
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HOLY YEAR MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS JUBILEE 2025

Perpetual Novena:

Wednesday after 9:30am
Mass

Holy Rosary:

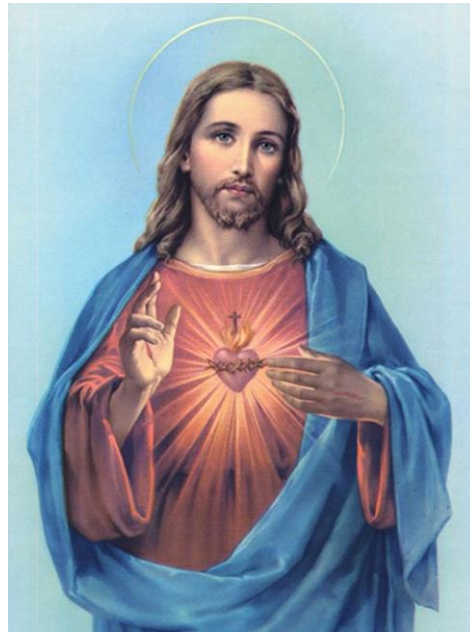
Saturday after 12:15pm
Mass

Devotions to the Sacred Heart:

First Friday of the month
after 9:30am Mass

Our Lady's Lamp this week burns for:

Lawrence Maragh R.I.P.



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 1 st JUNE	7 th Sunday of Easter	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	People of the Parish John Davies Richard Siebierski R.I.P
MONDAY 2 nd	Eastertide	No Mass		
TUESDAY 3 rd	St Charles Lwanga	9:30am	St Alban's	Kevin & Edith Toolan
WEDNESDAY 4 th	Eastertide	9:30am	St Mary's	Paul Griffin
THURSDAY 5 th	St Boniface	10:00am (School)	St Mary's	Yorkshire Brethren
FRIDAY 6 th	St Norbet	9:30am	St Mary's	Deceased members of the Ward Family
SATURDAY 7 th	Eastertide	12:15pm	St Mary's	Eileen Winn R.I.P.
	Vigil Mass	4:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	Nicholas Aigbogun	9:30am	John Greenwood
11:00am	Wendy Balahura	11:00am	FHC Children
6:00pm	Rachel Fitzpatrick	6:00pm	Judith MacDonald

PRAYER LIST: 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

Shirley Hilton x 3, Maria Griffin x 5, Kathleen Ratkowski, Mr & Mrs Frank Matthews, Denis Smyth, Bryan & Sheila Greenwood, Lawrence Maragh, James Baldwin

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE PRIESTHOOD?

Following on from the Bishop's pastoral letter, this is a reminder that any man who is even remotely thinking about a vocation to the priesthood is invited to meet with Bishop Stock and members of the vocations team at Hinsley Hall in Leeds on Pentecost Sunday. (8th June, 2:00pm)
The meeting will last approximately one hour including, prayer, a talk and an opportunity for questions.
Under 18's to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
Any initial questions to Fr Simon Lodge: simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CELEBRATION

A reminder that our children will make their First Holy Communion at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday 8th of June. Then 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.

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.

NEWS FROM THE S.V.P.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at back of church after Masses. Also the date of the next S.V.P. meeting is Tuesday 17th June at 6:00pm in St Alban's Parish Room. If you are looking for a way of being of service to those in need and living out the charity of the Gospel in a practical way, new members are always welcome.

PARISH LADIES' GUILD

The next meeting of the Parish Ladies' Guild is on Thursday 12th June at 7:00pm in St Alban's church hall. Providing they don't have a "Shout", we will be having the Green Watch firefighters joining us. Please feel free to bring a friend.

200 CLUB WINNERS

April 2025

1st prize £75 No. 112 Barbara Lawton
2nd prize £50 No. 70 Raymond Fearnley
3rd prize £25 No. 78 Stephen Murphy

May 2025

1st prize £75 No. 83 Michael Hayes
2nd prize £50 No. 62 John Reynolds
3rd prize £25 No. 136 Bernard Wadsworth

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS

Monday 9th June – 11:30am – St Mary's - **Laurence (Larry) Byrne** - Service
Wednesday 11th June – 11:00am – St Mary's - **Patrick (Mick) Malone** – Service
Thursday 12th June – 12:00 Noon – St Mary's – **Richard Siebierski** – Service
Thursday 12th June – 2:15pm – Parkwood Crematorium – **Barrie Smith** – Service
Friday 13th June – 10:00am – St Mary's – **Lawrence Maragh** - Requiem Mass
Wednesday 25th June – 11:15am – St Mary's – **Maria Griffin** - Requiem Mass

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

As we enter the month of June, the Church invites us to reflect deeply on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a devotion that embodies for us divine love, mercy, and compassion. This devotion, which we concentrate on particularly this month, calls us to contemplate the heart of Christ, pierced, burning with love, and crowned with thorns as a symbol of His boundless sacrifice for each one of us. The Sacred Heart is not merely an image but a profound invitation to encounter the living God who loves us unconditionally.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus traces its roots to the visions of St Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century, where Jesus revealed His heart as a furnace of love, yearning for humanity's response. This month culminates with the Feast of the Sacred Heart, usually celebrated 19 days after Pentecost. This year, the feast falls on the 27th, a day to honour Christ's love through prayer, adoration, and acts of reparation for our sins against Him.

Reflecting on the Sacred Heart, I am struck by its dual nature: it is both wounded and radiant. The wounds remind us of Christ's suffering on the Cross, a sacrifice made to redeem us from sin. Yet, the flames emanating from His heart signify a love that is eternal, unquenchable, and transformative. This duality speaks to the human experience. Our own hearts bear wounds from life's trials, yet we are called to love boldly, as Christ does. The Sacred Heart teaches us that love is not passive; it is an active choice to forgive, to serve, and to seek unity even in a fractured world.

In June, the Sacred Heart invites us to practice devotion through small, intentional acts. Praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart, attending Mass, or consecrating ourselves to Jesus' heart can deepen our connection to Him. These acts remind us to mirror His compassion in our daily lives, whether by showing kindness to a stranger, forgiving a grievance, or serving those in need. The Sacred Heart also calls us to reparation, to console Christ for the monstrous indifference and ingratitude He receives, for all the sacrileges and blasphemies that He has to endure. This is a sure reminder of our responsibility to live with gratitude and purpose. As June progresses, let us hold fast to the Sacred Heart, allowing its warmth to soften our own hearts and guide us toward lives of love, mercy, and holiness. In a world often marked by division, the Sacred Heart remains a beacon, drawing us to unity and peace in Christ.

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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