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 November is dedicated to: The Holy Soul in Purgatory

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER	**ALL SAINTS**	9:30am	St Mary's	John Burwell R.I.P.
		11:00am	St Mary's	Bridie Hopkins R.I.P.
		6:00pm	St Alban's	People of the Parishes
MONDAY 2nd	**ALL SOULS**	7:00am	St Mary's	Private Intention
		12 Noon	St Mary's	The Faithful Departed
		7:00pm	St Alban's	Intentions of the Holy Father
TUESDAY 3rd	Novena for the Dead (Latin Mass)	7:00pm	St Alban's	Parish Dead List
WEDNESDAY 4th	Novena for the Dead	9:30am	St Mary's	Parish Dead List
THURSDAY 5th	Novena for the Dead	9:30am	St Alban's	Parish Dead List
FRIDAY 6th	Novena for the Dead	9:30am	St Mary's	Parish Dead List
SATURDAY 7th	Novena for the Dead	12:15pm	St Mary's	Parish Dead List
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass	4:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	Vigil Mass	5:00pm	St Bernard's	Priest's Intention

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	THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY
9:30am	Lily Hymas	9:30am	Isaac Mellor
11:00am	Arul Raj	11:00am	Wendy Balahura
6:00pm	Frances 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.

MASSES RECEIVED

Bridie Hopkins R.I.P. x2 , Robert Henry R.I.P., Cathrine Lopuszniak (A), Ellen Lonergan (A), Susan Coates (A), Wilfred, Winifred and Francis Coates.

THIS WEEK OUR LADY'S LAMP BURNS FOR:

A Private Intention

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.

CEMETRY SERVICE TODAY

The service for the dead at Stoney Royd Cemetery will take place **today, Sunday 1st of November, at 3:00pm.** As usual, please meet by the gates at the bottom of the hill. We will pray the rosary together and conclude with the service at the top. As usual I will be available to bless individual graves

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

THE ORION CHOIR

is making a very welcome return visit to St Bernard's church HX3 6DL on **Saturday 14th November at 7:30pm**. Join us for an evening of beautiful choral music. Echoes That Remain: including Howells-requiem, Tavener-song for Athene and Parry- Lord let me know mine end. Entrance is by donation for choir and church funds. Refreshments provided in the Hall after the Concert.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & RAFFLE

Christmas Cards will be on sale at the back of St Mary's from Sunday 8th December. There will also be tickets available for the annual parish Christmas raffle.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£680.87** Total Approx: **£1398.87** (Inc. standing orders & card)
Second collection today for the Pontifical Mission Societies **£261.17**

RCIA – DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC

The first meeting of our RCIA course for those who are interested in becoming Catholics will take place on **Wednesday at 7:00pm** in the hall at St Alban's.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

You will probably have noticed that the Chancellor delivered his first Budget this week. As usual, there has been no shortage of people telling us who will be better off, who will be worse off and how much more everything is going to cost. I don't intend to add to the political commentary. There is quite enough of that on the television already, and I suspect most of us are thoroughly fed up with it. But all this talk about money reminded me of something Oscar Wilde once wrote. He described a cynic as someone who knows "the price of everything and the value of nothing." I have always thought that was rather clever, but there is also quite a lot of truth in it, especially today.

We spend an awful lot of our lives thinking about money. We know roughly what our houses are worth, what our cars cost and how much we have in the bank. And, whether we like to admit it or not, we often judge how well somebody is doing in life by what they earn or what they own. Yet when you think about it, the things which really matter to us are usually things which money cannot buy. What price would you put on a happy marriage, or a friendship which has lasted a lifetime? How much would you pay for the peace of mind that comes from knowing your family is safe and well? I suspect that most of us, if we were asked to name the things we treasure most, would come up with a list which had very little to do with money.

There is a wonderful question which Jesus asks in Matthew's Gospel: "What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?". It is worth thinking about what He is actually saying. Even if somebody managed to acquire everything this world has to offer, all the money, possessions and success they could possibly want, they might still have missed the whole point of life. And I think that is something we can easily forget. We spend so much time trying to make ourselves comfortable and secure that we sometimes neglect the things which really matter. Our relationship with God, the people around us, and the sort of person we are becoming. After all, the value of a human being has never depended on the size of their bank balance. We are precious to God simply because He made us and loves us. If we ever doubt how precious, we need only look at the Cross to see what God was willing to do for us.

So perhaps, with all the talk about the Budget this week, it might be worth taking a look at our own personal balance sheet. Not how much money we have made, but whether we have become better people. Are we more generous than we were a year ago? Have we become more patient with other people? Have we made any real effort to grow closer to God? Of course, money matters, especially when people are struggling to make ends meet. But there is more to life than earning it and spending it. One day, when we stand before God, I rather doubt He will be interested in how much our house was worth or what we had in the bank. He will be interested in how much we loved. And that, thankfully, is something no Chancellor can tax.

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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