



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 September is dedicated to: The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

SUNDAY 20 th SEPTEMBER	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Timothy Hayes Iwaon Lasota R.I.P. People of the Parishes
MONDAY 21 st	St Matthew Apostle	9:30am	St Mary's	Fr Daniel Spaight (YB)
TUESDAY 22 nd	Feria	No Mass		Parish Pilgrimage to Malta
WEDNESDAY 23 rd	Padre Pio	No Mass		Parish Pilgrimage to Malta
THURSDAY 24 th	Our Lady of Walsingham	No Mass		Parish Pilgrimage to Malta
FRIDAY 25 th	Feria	No Mass		
SATURDAY 26 th	Feria	12:15pm	St Mary's	Alberto Gonnella
26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass	4:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	Vigil Mass	5:00pm	St Bernard's	Oliver Shaw

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY			NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	Lily Hymas		9:30am	Isaac Mellor
11:00am	Shaun Sanju		11:00am	Tim Widdop
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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Eric David Friend and for Irene Allen who have both died recently.

THIS WEEK OUR LADY'S LAMP BURNS FOR: Intentions of PC

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

If you wish to be baptised or received into the Church or perhaps are just a Catholic who is yet to be Confirmed, I will be running the RCIA course starting in November beginning on Wednesday 4th at 7:00pm in St Alban's hall. If you are interested in joining the programme, please email me on: office.stmary.halifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

LADIES' GUILD PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

The Parish Ladies Guild are organising a quiz night to be held at the Halifax Catholic club on Saturday **10th October** at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £7.50 each with supper included. Teams of up to 6 people are allowed. Tickets to be purchased before the day.

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.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND THE SIXTEEN

Sunday 27th September, 3:00pm, Leeds Cathedral. The Cathedral Choir performs with members of internationally renowned choir The Sixteen and the Genesis Sixteen young artist programme, conducted by Harry Christophers. Admission free, with a suggested £10 donation

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

The school will be holding a Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning on **Friday 25th Sept** in the school dining hall 9:30am till 11:00am and also an afternoon session 3:00pm till 4:00pm. All parishioners are welcome to come for a cuppa and a cake in exchange for a small donation to this fantastic cause! Any cake and bun donations are also very welcome. See you there!

FREE WHEELCHAIR

There is a wheelchair at the back of St Mary's church. Free to a good home. First come, first served.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£710.25** Total Approx: **£1446.75** (Inc. standing orders & card)
The collection for the Catholic Education Service raised: **£430.37**

ST THERESA'S QUEENSBURY NEWS

There will be a Macmillan coffee afternoon in St Theresa's church hall in Queensbury on **Saturday 26th of September**, 2:30pm-4:00pm.

Tea, coffee and delicious cakes. All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support.

I will be celebrating Mass at 12 noon on Thursday 1st of October in the church for the feast of St Theresa. This will be followed by a social and an events planning meeting in the hall downstairs.

75TH ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

The Batley Torchlight procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady will take place on **Monday the 5th of October**, beginning at St Mary's School (WF17 8PH) at 7:30pm. There is a sign-up list at the back of church for those who wish to arrange car sharing.

The procession ends with Benediction and is followed by a pie and pea supper.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

This week we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, a feast which has a very special place in the life of the Church in England. The story of Walsingham goes back almost a thousand years, to 1061. Tradition tells us that a devout woman called Richeldis de Faverches had a deep love for Our Lady and wanted to do something in her honour. In prayer, she was shown the house at Nazareth where the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and where she gave her great "yes" to God. Our Lady asked Richeldis to build a copy of that house in Walsingham so that people who could not travel to the Holy Land might be able to make the journey in spirit.

From those early beginnings, Walsingham became one of the greatest places of pilgrimage in medieval Europe. Kings and queens went there, but so did thousands of ordinary people and Walsingham soon became known as "England's Nazareth". Like so much of Catholic life in this country, the shrine was destroyed during the so-called "reformation". For centuries, it seemed that this great tradition had been lost. But devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham never completely disappeared. In time, pilgrimage returned, and today Walsingham is once again a place of prayer where thousands of people travel each year.

The feast also gives us an opportunity to think about one of the most beautiful titles ever given to this country: England, the Dowry of Mary. That title comes from the deep devotion the English people had to Our Lady over many centuries. In 1381, King Richard II placed England under her protection in a special act of dedication at Westminster Abbey. England came to be spoken of as Mary's Dowry, a country placed in a particular way under her maternal care.

It is a lovely title, but one that we must make sure is not relegated to the past. It says something about the kind of country we are called to be. There is much in our country today which can make us anxious or discouraged, but our faith fills us with confidence and hope. Renewal of our land, like the renewal of the Church must always begin in very ordinary and personal ways. History teaches us, time and again, that renewal always comes from the ground up, never the top down. If we are to renew our land, we must renew ourselves, must become living icons of Christ to those we meet. Go to confession, to go Mass regularly, pray together as a family, learn more about the faith. If we change, we change the world around us, in ways we may never even realise.

That is perhaps is one of the most important lessons of Walsingham. God can bring life again from places which seem forgotten or lost. As we celebrate this feast, let us ask Our Lady of Walsingham to pray for our parish, our families and our country. May she help us to become more faithful to Christ, and may England, the Dowry of Mary, rediscover the joy of knowing and loving 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

The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sharon Costello

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