



# THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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## HOLY YEAR

## MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

## JUBILEE 2025

### Children's Liturgy:

Every Sunday 11:00am

### 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:

Fred and Betty Budds



### 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

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> DECEMBER	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Joe Riddeal (A) People of the Parish May & George Poppleton
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Advent	12 Noon	St Mary's	Danny Colleran
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>REQUIEM</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Leonilda Laptuta</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b> <b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b> <b>(Carols from 11:30pm)</b>	<b>4:00pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>12 Midnight</b>	<b>St Mary's</b> <b>St Alban's</b> <b>St Mary's</b>	Megson & Connolly Fams. People of the Parish Pat & Wilf Burke
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10:00am</b> 2:00pm	<b>St Mary's</b> St Mary's	Zofia Kulyk Polish Mass
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day)	9:30am 11:00am	St Mary's St Mary's	Polish Mass Alice Williams B'day
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	St John the Apostle	4:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b>	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	John Lambert Leslie Maragh People of the Parish
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	St Thomas Becket	No Mass		
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas	No Mass		
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas	No Mass		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>JANUARY</b>	Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day)	10:00am 12 Noon	St Mary's St Mary's	Polish Mass Frank & Mary Tate
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ss Basil & Gregroy	12 Noon	St Mary's	Patricia Richards
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Holy Name of Jesus	12:15pm 4:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's	Ken Spark & Family Polish Mass

**PRAYER LIST:** Tony Hintze, Mary Staden, Peter Staden, 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**

Mary, Annie & Joy, Lilly & Joseph, Frank & Mary Tate and Family, Timothy Hayes, Sonny & Yvonne Hirst, Ken Spark & Family, Special Intention

### **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

The collection at the Christmas Masses is your personal gift to the parish priest which makes up a substantial part of our annual taxable income. You can still make your gift on the card machine and if you wish to make a bank transfer the details are:

Diocese of Leeds St Mary's Church | 40-27-15 | 21023225  
Please mark your transfer as "Christmas Offering"

### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100 Cash | Ethan Somerville-Jones | Ticket no 182

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Luxury Hamper | Marie Sedgwick | Ticket no 250

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Selection of wines | Eamonn | Ticket no 80

4<sup>th</sup> Prize Afternoon Tea | Nick Haidemenos | Ticket no 354

5<sup>th</sup> Prize Meal Voucher Maypole Inn | John Coates | Ticket no 565

6<sup>th</sup> Prize Giant Sweet Cracker | Mary Haigh | Ticket no 566

### **READERS AT MASS**

	9:30am	11:00am	6:00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Nicholas Aigbogun	Tim Widdop	Frances Millington
Feast of the Holy Family	Lily Hymas	Lettie Damolo	Judith MacDonald
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas	John Greenwood	Shaun Sandhu	Rachel Fitzpatrick

### **CATHOLIC CLUB OPENING HOURS**

24<sup>th</sup> Dec: 12-2pm, 7-11pm | 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: 12-2pm | 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: 12-2pm, 7-11pm | NYE: 12-2pm, 7pm-Late

### **END OF THE HOLY YEAR**

The Holy Year draws to a close around the world on Christmas Day (although it finishes in Rome on the Feast of the Epiphany) and so a visit to St Mary's church still entitles you to a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions until then. Fittingly, this Holy Year both begins and ends with the feast of the Incarnation, reminding us that all renewal, reconciliation and hope find their source in Christ made flesh. Christmas, which brings the Jubilee Year to its close, marks the 2025<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Christ.

More than a calculation, it is a confession of faith, in the Incarnation, God entered human history and remains with us. As the Holy Year ends where it began, we return to its heart, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

### **RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS**

Last week's loose collection was **£754.91** Total Approx. **£1625.41** (Inc. standing orders & card)

### **FROM THE PARISH TEAM**

Deacon John, Deacon Paul and I are incredibly grateful for the lovely cards and gifts that we have already received. We never cease to be amazed by the generosity and love of the people of this parish. We send our best wishes and prayers to you all for a happy and holy Christmas and look forward to seeing you and your families in the coming days. However you are spending Christmas, we hope that you have chance for a rest and that you enjoy a bit of a break.