



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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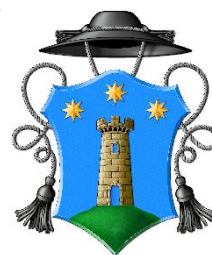
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HOLY YEAR MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS JUBILEE 2025

Perpetual Novena:

Wednesday after 9:30am
Mass

Holy Rosary:

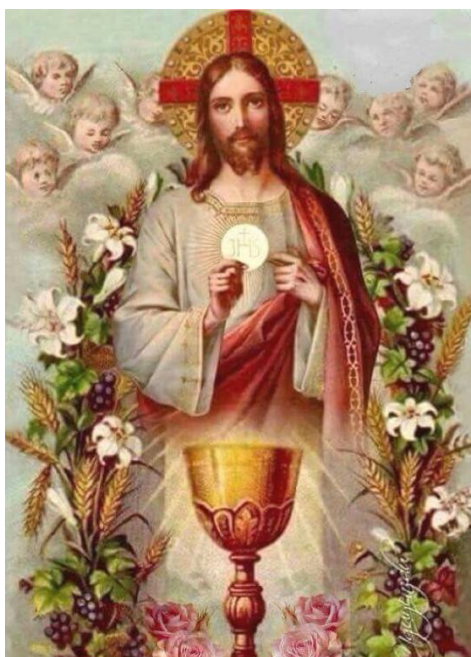
Saturday after 12:15pm
Mass

Devotions to the Sacred Heart:

First Friday of the month
after 9:30am Mass

Our Lady's Lamp this week burns for:

A special intention



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 22 nd JUNE	CORPUS CHRISTI	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	The Marum Family Ken Spark R.I.P. People of the Parish
MONDAY 23 rd	Funeral Service	11:30am	St Mary's	Michael Reidy
TUESDAY 24 th	Reception of body with Mass	6:00pm	St Mary's	Maria Griffin
WEDNESDAY 25 th	Requiem Mass	11:15am	St Mary's	Maria Griffin
THURSDAY 26 th	Feria	9:30am	St Alban's	Thomas Ratkowski
FRIDAY 27 th	SACRED HEART	9:30am	St Mary's	John Kerins R.I.P.
SATURDAY 28 th	Ordination to the Priesthood	11:00am	Leeds Cathedral	Rev Philip Thornley
	Vigil Mass	4:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran	9:30am	Kieron Green
11:00am	Andrea Woodward	11:00am	Ken Rothery
6:00pm	Rachel Fitzpatrick	6:00pm	Judith MacDonald

PRAYER LIST: Tom Lennon, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Marget Greenwood who has died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MASSES RECEIVED

May Foley R.I.P., Jan Moska, Tim Heyes

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

This will take place in the grounds of St Patrick's Church, Sowerby Bridge from 2:00pm today, the feast *Corpus Christi*. 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.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION MASS

Next 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.

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.

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.

ST ALBAN'S HALL

Thank you to all who have already contributed to the new door and windows in St Alban's Hall, especially to two very generous donors. We are only a few hundred pounds away from the target of £1800. If you feel able to make a donation of £10, please place it in an envelope and mark it: "St Alban's Hall"

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£821.65**Total Approx. **£1571.65** (Inc. standing orders & card)

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend there will be the retiring collection of the Priest Training Fund
Next weekend there will be the retiring collection for Peter's Pence

WELCOME

This Sunday we welcome Fr Anthony Saiki, who will offer the 11 O'clock Mass.
Fr Saiki is the Rector of the Cathedral of St Peter the Apostle, Kansas City, USA.

SATURDAY MORNING 28th OF JUNE

There will be no Mass or Confessions on Saturday due to the Ordination of Philip Thornley at the Cathedral in Leeds at 11:00am. All are warmly invited to attend.

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

When we reflect on the deepest mysteries of our faith, it helps to approach them with simplicity. After all, the clearest explanation has already been given to us by the greatest Teacher of all, Christ Himself. We need only to look to the Gospels and listen to His own words.

Consider the mystery of the Eucharist, the profound gift of Christ offering His Body and Blood to us under the outward signs of bread and wine. What does Jesus actually say? "This is My Body. This is My Blood." He doesn't say it represents His Body, or that it's a symbol of His Blood. He speaks plainly: "This is My Body. This is My Blood."

What we receive in the Eucharist is not a portion or fragment of Christ. He doesn't say, "Here is part of My Body" or "a few drops of My Blood." No, the gift is complete. Even the smallest particle of the consecrated Host is the whole Christ. That's why the Church is so careful with the Eucharist. Every crumb contains the fullness of Christ Himself.

We know that when someone's body is separated from their blood, they die. But as St. Paul tells us, "Christ, once raised from the dead, dies no more" (Romans 6:9). His Body and Blood can no longer be divided. So when He says, "This is My Body," we understand it to be both His Body and Blood. The same is true for the chalice. Both His Blood and His Body are truly present.

Christ chose to be present under the distinct forms of bread and wine to recall the moment of His sacrifice on the Cross, when His Body and Blood were truly separated. In every Mass, that moment is made present to us, not as a repetition, but as a re-presentation of His one saving act. Yet what we receive is not a lifeless Christ, but the living Lord, risen, glorified, and fully present.

This means we can be even closer to Jesus now than those who walked with Him during His earthly ministry. It's tempting to envy the disciples who saw Him with their own eyes, but through the Blessed Sacrament, we too can encounter Christ, not just in memory, but in reality.

If you truly desire to make Jesus the centre of your life, let the Eucharist be at the heart of it. This Sunday, consider joining the Corpus Christi procession as Christ is honoured and carried aloft. Let the Mass become the cornerstone of your week, or even of your daily rhythm if possible. Prepare yourself with reverence. Genuflect when you enter the church, spend a few moments in silent prayer before Mass, and receive Communion with careful devotion. Linger afterward in thanksgiving, acknowledging the tremendous grace you've just received.

And when the final blessing sends us forth, we should already be yearning to return, not just to the building, but to Christ Himself. Because if our hearts are attuned to meeting Him here, we won't miss Him when He appears in unexpected ways: in the face of someone in need, in the hour of our death, or when He returns in glory to judge the world.

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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