



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 October is dedicated to: The Holy Rosary

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Tilley Family Intentions Frank, Mary Tate, Anne S. Patrick Gallagher (Sick)
MONDAY 5th	Batley Torchlight Procession	7:30pm	St Mary's Batley	Bus leaves at 6:00pm from St Mary's
TUESDAY 6th	Feria	7:00pm	St Alban's	Michael Sutcliffe
WEDNESDAY 7th	REQUIEM	10:00am	St Joseph's Brighouse	Irene Allen
THURSDAY 8th	Feria	10:00am (School)	St Mary's	People of the Parishes
FRIDAY 9th	REQUIEM	11:00am	St Mary's	Eric Friend
SATURDAY 10th	Feria	12:15pm	St Mary's	Stephen Thomas Thanks.
28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass	4:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	Vigil Mass	5:00pm	St Bernard's	Tom Hogan

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY			NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran		9:30am	Nicholas Aigbogun
11:00am	Helen Brown		11:00am	Joe Coneron
6:00pm	Rachel Fitzpatrick		6:00pm	Francis Millington

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

Alan Hamer (LD), Patrick Gallagher (Sick), Margaret Toolan, Anne Smyth, Gordon & Marjorie Ellis, Denis & Veronica Smyth, Bryan & Sheila Greenwood, Speedy Recovery PC, Alan Spencer, Wanda Leckie Birthday, Gordon Smith & Josie McLaughlin, Michael Sutcliffe, Special Intention, Late Brother-in-Law, Annama Porinchu RIP x 2, Tricia Demarzo RIP, Pat Greenwood RIP

THIS WEEK OUR LADY'S LAMP BURNS FOR: A private medical intention

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.

75TH ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

The Batley Torchlight procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady will take place **this Monday the 5th of October**, beginning at St Mary's School (WF17 8PH) at 7:30pm. The bus is now full and will depart from St Mary's at 6:00pm.

PARISH LADIES' GUILD

The next meeting of our Parish Ladies Guild will be held on **Thursday 8th October** at 7:00pm in St Alban's church hall. Our guest speaker Liz Mistry, a local crime writer will be attending. On this occasion, we are inviting guests to attend, male or female. You will be made very welcome. Light refreshments will be available.

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.

ST COLUMBA'S "BINGO" NIGHT

Friday 23rd October – entry just £5 including supper, bring your own booze!
Tickets available text on 07768 875708. Come along and enjoy the fun.

THE LOURDES ROADSHOW & QUIZ NIGHT

Want to know more about the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes? Then come along to Lourdes Quiz/information sharing night plus Pie & Peas supper from 7pm at St Columba's Parish Hall, Halifax on **Saturday 24th October**. More info & tickets available from Phil Marshall (07766 148375)

BETHLEHEM CARE HOSPICE TRUST

The Fashion Show was held at St Mary's Primary school on Thursday 24th September. It was a huge success and raised £760 (split evenly between the Parish and BCHT). Thank you to all involved and those who supported us.

Also, the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust are hosting their annual Christmas Ball at the Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria Hotel in Sheffield on Saturday 14th November. All parishioners are invited to attend. Maybe we could take a table for 10? Tickets are £47.50. Please speak to Caroline Walsh if you are interested in going or in hosting a table for your own group.

200 CLUB SEPTEMBER DRAW

1st prize (£75) no. 152 Imelda Carney
2nd prize (£50) no. 47 Ann Griffin | 3rd prize (£25) no. 20 Kenneth Rothery

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£862.45** Total Approx: **£1575.80** (Inc. standing orders & card)

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

October, as you well know, is traditionally the month of the Holy Rosary, and this year there is a particular reason for us to take up our beads with extra faith and conviction. This Wednesday, the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary or Our Lady of Victories. This feast has its roots in one of the great moments of Christian history. After the victory at the battle of Lepanto in 1571 over the Moslem hoards, Pope St Pius V attributed the deliverance of Christian Europe to the intercession of Our Lady, invoked through the Rosary. The feast was first celebrated under the title of Our Lady of Victories, before becoming the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

That particular title of Our Lady reminds us that the Rosary is not only a prayer for peaceful moments. Catholics have reached for their beads in times of war, persecution, uncertainty and fear throughout history. Again and again the Church has turned to Our Lady and asked her to lead us to safety and to her Son. That makes Pope Leo's appeal this October especially timely. Speaking at Lourdes last Sunday, the Holy Father asked Catholics throughout the world to pray the Rosary every day during the month of October, particularly for an end to war and for peace among peoples in conflict. He also asked that our prayer be accompanied by acts of penance, mercy and a real inner commitment to reconciliation.

It is a very simple request. Pray the Rosary.

Most of us learned how to pray the rosary as children or at school. It is one of the simplest things. And I think that is what is so comforting about it. The Rosary is simple enough to be prayed by a child, and yet deep enough to occupy the heart and mind for a lifetime. The repetition of the Hail Marys is supposed to be like a mantra, that fades into the background, a steady rhythm that allows our minds and hearts to dwell on the mysteries of the Gospel and upon the intention of our prayer. Of course, we can bring our own intentions to Our Lady as we pray, but the Holy Father asks in a specific way that we pray for peace at this moment.

The world desperately needs peace. There are wars which seem endless, ancient hatreds which refuse to die and new divisions appearing almost every day. Faced with all that, it is easy to feel powerless. But as Christians we are never powerless while we can pray. So during this month of October, let us answer the Holy Father's invitation. Pray the Rosary each day if you can. Pray it for peace. Pray it for those living under bombardment and those who mourn. Pray it for the conversion of hearts. Take up your beads. Ask Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Victories, to pray for us. And never forget that Christ has already conquered.

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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