



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

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:
 In Thanksgiving



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
 or on Request

Marriages and Baptisms
 by appointment
 See the priest after Mass

The month of July is dedicated to: The Most Precious Blood of Jesus

SUNDAY 5th JULY	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Tomasz & Irene Nalepa Peter Carolan Barry & Barbara Murphy
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USUAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES IN LOCAL PARISHES (Subject to change – check online bulletins)

Monday 10:00am:	St Bernard's, Halifax
Tuesday 9:30am:	Sacred Heart and St Patrick's Sowerby Bridge
Wednesday 12 Noon:	St Columba's, Halifax
Thursday 10:00am:	St Bernard's, Halifax
Friday 9:30am:	Sacred Heart and St Patrick's Sowerby Bridge

SUNDAY 12th	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Kevin Brook Marshal Louie Flores Private Intention
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Normal schedule resumes from Sunday 19th of July

READERS ROTA

THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran	9:30am	Kieron Green
11:00am	Helen Brown	11:00am	Joe Coneron
6:00pm	Judith MacDonald	6:00pm	Rachel Fitzpatrick

PRAYER LIST: 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

Dorothy Riley and Margaret Lambert, Timothy Hayes x 2, Bridget Carroll B'day, Dennis Carroll 100th Birthday, Private Intention, Kevin McCorry R.I.P, John Whitworth R.I.P., Special Intention for a child, Ruth Regan, F.G. Regan.

MONSIGNOR PAUL OWENS RUBY JUBILEE

Monsignor Paul Owens celebrates his Ruby Jubilee (40 years) as a priest this year and since he is retired from full time parochial ministry, I have invited him to celebrate his anniversary here at St Mary's. There will be a special Mass on Friday 24th of July at 7:00pm followed by a party at the Catholic Club. All are warmly invited to attend.

Just to give us an idea for catering, please place a tick on the sheet at the back of church if you think that you might attend.

WELCOME TO BISHOP MOGER AND FR PRICE

I am very grateful to Bishop Philip Moger, who will celebrate the morning Masses this week here in St Mary's. His Lordship is, of course, from this parish and it will be good to welcome him home. It is also lovely to welcome back Fr Royston Price who will celebrate the Masses next weekend. You will remember him from our parish mission a couple of years ago and from his subsequent visits. I know that you all make them both very welcome.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

The School Summer Fayre will be taking place on Friday 10th July. The PTFA are again after donations of any alcoholic bottles or bric-a-brac and unwanted gifts for our two tombolas. 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: JBinns@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk with any queries. Thank you for your continued support.

BETHLEHEM CARE HOSPICE TRUST – FASHION SHOW

We are holding a fashion show at St Mary's primary school on 24th September at 7:00pm. Tickets are £5 and monies will be shared between the BCHT and parish funds. They are on sale after Mass today.

CONCERT AT ST BERNARD'S CHURCH HALIFAX

Saturday 11th July at 7:30pm. The Orion Choir- *My spirit sang all day*. Music chosen by the choir followed by refreshments in the church hall. Entrance is by donation to choir and church funds. All welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS!

To parishioners Greg Finn and Harriet Thoy who will be married at the Cathedral on Friday 10th of July. Please keep them in your prayers.

THANK YOU

To John Whitworth who has left £1000 to the parish in his will. Please pray for him. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£676.16** Weekly Total Approx. **£1634.91** (Inc. standing orders & card)
The collection for Peter's Pence raised: **£304.30**

TODAY'S CATHOLIC MASS SHEET

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

12th July 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 16:15

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

COLLECT

O God, who show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honour.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'For as the rain and the snow come
down from heaven and do not return there but water the
earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the
sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that
goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall
succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. R. Luke 8:8

R. Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain.

And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy.

The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing!

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.
Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this
present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to
be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was
subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who
subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free
from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the
glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole

creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth
until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who
have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait
eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.

**The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
all who find him will live for ever.**

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the
lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into
a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach.
And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower
went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the
path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds
fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and
immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil,
but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had
no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns,
and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on
good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty,
some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

**R. The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**R. Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord,
as she makes her prayer to you,
and grant that, when consumed by those who believe,
they may bring ever greater holiness.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

**R. The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery,
its saving effects upon us may grow.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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