



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 Mary

SUNDAY 6th SPETEMBER	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Seamus Costello Gerard James People of the Parishes
MONDAY 7th	Feria	No Mass		
TUESDAY 8th	Birthday of the B.V.M. (Latin)	7:00pm	St Alban's	John Wallis
WEDNESDAY 9th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Denis & Veronica Smyth
THURSDAY 10th	Feria	9:30am	St Alban's	Bryan & Sheila Greenwood
	New Term Mass	11:00am	School Hall	St Joseph's School
FRIDAY 11th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Thanksgiving Baby Family
SATURDAY 12th	Feria	12:15pm	St Mary's	Marie Finn
24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass	4:00pm	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	Vigil Mass	5:00pm	St Bernard's	The White Family

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THIS SUNDAY			NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am	John Greenwood		9:30am	Kieron Green
11:00am	Ken Rothery		11:00am	Tim Widdop
6:00pm	Judith MacDonald		6:00pm	Rachel Fitzpatrick

PRAYER LIST: 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

Stephen Ingham who has died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

THIS WEEK OUR LADY'S LAMP BURNS FOR: "A person in distress"

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.

LADIES' GUILD NEWS

The next meeting of the Parish Ladies Guild is on Thursday 10th September at 7:00pm in St Alban's church hall. We have a speaker from Calder Valley Rescue Team attending. Please feel free to bring a partner or friend.

WELCOME BACK TO OUR SCHOOLS

We wish all our children and staff well as the new term begins. Please note that the Mass on Thursday is at St Joseph's school on Portland Road, that I am now also looking after. All parishioners welcome.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for the children of the deanery this year on Tuesday 24th November at 7:00pm in St Malachy's church. Children in Year 6 who attend St Mary's will have their preparation classes during school time. If your child is in year 6 or above and wishes to be Confirmed this year, please speak to me after Mass or send an email to the office.

ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING WELL

Following on from the success of last year's catechetical sessions, I hope, time permitting, to offer similar sessions periodically in the months ahead. We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? In September, we will be showing *Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well*, a four-part series exploring the Church's teaching on death and eternal life. It approaches these difficult questions with wisdom, truth, gentleness and compassion, helping us to think about death and prepare for it in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of Life. The series consists of four half-hour programmes that will be shown at **6:00pm**.

Tuesday 8th September, St Alban's Hall

Episode 1: The Story of Death
Episode 2: The Afterlife

Tuesday 15th September, St Alban's Hall

Episode 3: The Hour of Our Death
Episode 4: The Faithful Departed

Through *Eternal Rest*, I hope that we can gain a deeper understanding of our faith and, above all, a greater sense of Christian peace and hope as we contemplate the life to come.

200 CLUB AUGUST WINNERS

1st prize (£75) - no. 95 Tony Hallinan | 2nd prize (£50) - no. 150 Helen Mellor
3rd prize (£25) - no. 124 Ruth Baldwin

WWI MEMORIAL VESTMENT & BRASS VOTIVE STANDS

I want to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who has so kindly contributed to the restoration of the parish's war requiem chasuble. **We raised £2250 in just one week!**

I have taken the vestment to the restorers in London who have said that, unfortunately, the work will take about 15 or 16 weeks, which means it is unlikely to be ready in time for this November. It can, however, still be used for funerals and other Masses for the dead in the meantime.

Any money collected in excess of what is required, I will put towards the restoration of the large brass votive candle stands that have gone away for repair and refurbishment.

Thank you again for your incredible generosity and for helping to make the church beautiful.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£814.30** Total Approx: **£1592.75** (Inc. standing orders & card)

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

This Tuesday we will celebrate the first of our new weekly Masses in Latin. It is important to say from the outset that this is not the older form of the Mass, sometimes called the Traditional Latin Mass. It is the Mass we celebrate every day in our parish, the New Rite of Mass, but celebrated in the Latin language.

For some people, Latin can seem unfamiliar or even rather distant. Yet for many centuries it has been deeply woven into the prayer and worship of the Church. It has been the language in which countless generations of Catholics have prayed, sung, studied theology and handed on the faith. Many of the prayers and hymns which we still know today have come down to us through Latin.

Latin also has a particular place of honour because it is the official language of the Church. Even though the Mass is now normally celebrated in the language of the people, Latin has never disappeared from the Church's worship. The Second Vatican Council itself said that the use of Latin was to be preserved in the Latin rites, while also allowing a much wider use of the vernacular.

There is something beautiful about belonging to a Church which stretches across different nations, cultures and languages. A Catholic from England, Poland, Italy, Nigeria or the Philippines may speak a different language at home, but the Latin responses and prayers of the Mass belong to all of us. They remind us that the Church is universal and that our faith is larger than any one country or generation.

The use of Latin can also help us to hear familiar prayers in a fresh way. When we slow down and pay attention to words such as *Dominus vobiscum* or *Agnus Dei*, we are reminded that the Mass is something we have received. Its language, gestures and prayers connect us with two millennia of Christian worship.

Cards will be provided with the prayers and responses so that everyone can follow the Mass and join in confidently. The aim is not to make worship complicated or inaccessible. Quite the opposite. I hope that, week by week, the responses will become familiar and that people will come to appreciate something of the beauty, simplicity and dignity of the Church's ancient language. The readings will remain in English.

This weekly Mass is an opportunity to rediscover an important part of our Catholic inheritance. Latin is not a language of the past. It remains part of the living prayer of the Church today, linking us with those who have gone before us and with Catholics throughout the world. Everyone is very welcome to come along this Tuesday and give it a try.

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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