THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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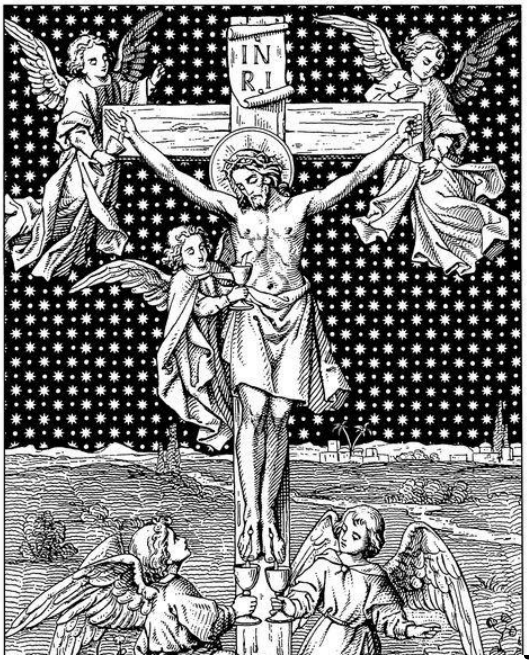
MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

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 November is dedicated to: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Evelyn Somerville Parish Dead List David Rose
MONDAY 9th	Novena for the Dead **Requiem Mass**	**9:00am** **11:00am**	St Mary's **St Bernard's**	Parish Dead List **Bridie Hopkins**
TUESDAY 10th	Novena for the Dead Mass of Induction	**9:30am** 6:30pm	St Alban's St Anthony's	Parish Dead List Fr. B. Hilton
WEDNESDAY 11th	**PARISH REQUIEM**	7:00pm	St Mary's	Parish Dead List
THURSDAY 12th	St Josaphat Parish Requiem Mass	9:30am 12 Noon	St Alban's St Theresa's	Ellen Lonergan (A) Dead of the Parish
FRIDAY 13th	Feria	9:30am 12 Noon	St Mary's St Joseph's	People of the Parishes Brighouse
SATURDAY 14th	Feria	12:15pm	St Mary's	Marie Finn
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass Vigil Mass	4:00pm 5:00pm	St Mary's St Bernard's	Polish Mass Parish Dead List

READERS ROTA

	THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY
9:30am	Isaac Mellor	9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran
11:00am	Wendy Balahura	11:00am	PLG
6:00pm	Judith MacDonald	6:00pm	Rachel Fitzpatrick

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

Private Intention for R.S., Leonilda & Michael Laputa, Jan & Eleonora Zakrewski, John Kerins, Peter Carolan, Mary, Tom. Leo and Terry Dolly

THIS WEEK OUR LADY'S LAMP BURNS FOR:

A Private Intention (P.I.D.)

PARISH REQUIEM MASS

The Parish Requiem Mass will take place **this Wednesday 11th at 7:00pm**.
Please do come along and pray for all of our deceased friends and relatives. As usual, please bring a photograph of those you wish to be displayed on the altar.

PARISH RACE NIGHT

Fancy a night at the races? – We are holding a parish race night **this 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. Tickets are £7.50 each and are available after Mass. All proceeds to parish funds.

FR HILTON (Jr) INDUCTION

Some of you may know that my brother, Fr Benjamin Hilton has recently been appointed the Parish Priest of St Anthony's in Beeston. He has asked to extend a warm invitation to any of my parishioners who may wish to join him for his induction as Parish Priest by the Bishop **this Tuesday 10th November at 6:30pm**. The Mass will be followed by a party in the church hall.
St Anthony's Beeston, Old Lane, Leeds, LS11 7AA

THE ORION CHOIR

is making a very welcome return visit to St Bernard's church HX3 6DL on **Saturday 14th November at 7:30pm**. Join us for an evening of beautiful choral music. Echoes That Remain: including Howells-Requiem, Tavener-Song for Athene and Parry- Lord let me know mine end. Entrance is by donation for choir and church funds. Refreshments provided in the Hall after the Concert.

THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Will be taking place on **Friday 27th Nov at 3:30pm**. The PTFA are again after donations of any alcoholic bottles or chocolates for our main stalls and tombolas. Please be as generous as possible.

SAVE THE CHILDREN COFFEE MORNING

Vivien D'Allesandro is very kindly hosting a charity coffee morning in St Alban's hall on **Saturday 21st of November** 10:00am - 12 Noon. All welcome. (Contributions welcome too.)

PARISH LADIES' GUILD

The next meeting of the Parish Ladies Guild will be on Thursday **12th November at 7:00pm** in St Alban's church hall. Theme for the evening is "It's a Wrap".
New and former members are very welcome to join us.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Last week's loose collection was **£805.51** Total Approx: **£1708.51** (Inc. standing orders & card)

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

I sometimes think that one of the great achievements of modern technology is that we no longer have to remember very much at all. Our phones have replaced our diaries, Moonpig.com sends me an email whenever someone's birthday is coming up, and Deacon Paul very kindly bought me an Apple AirTag so that I can use my phone to find my keys, which I seem to lose with alarming regularity! We have more information at our fingertips than any generation in human history, and yet I wonder whether, in some ways, we have become rather forgetful.

Today, of course, is Remembrance Sunday, when we pause to remember those who lost their lives in the service of our country. Across the land, people will gather at war memorials to lay wreaths, and for two minutes the nation will fall silent. It is a rather remarkable thing really, that in a country where we seem increasingly unable to agree about anything, there remains a shared conviction that some sacrifices are too important to be forgotten.

For most of us, the two World Wars are now events in history books. The men who fought in the trenches of the First World War have long since died, and even those who remember the Second World War are becoming fewer with each passing year. The danger, of course, is that as the years go by, remembrance becomes little more than a ceremony, something we do because we have always done it. But remembrance ought to be much more than that.

The duty to remember is fundamentally Christian. Indeed, remembrance lies at the very heart of our faith. Every time we celebrate Mass, we hear the words of Our Lord at the Last Supper: "Do this in memory of Me." On the night before his death, knowing everything that was about to happen, Jesus asked his disciples to remember Him. And for two thousand years, we Christians have gathered at the altar to obey that command.

Of course, the remembrance of Christ in the Mass is something far greater than simply recalling an event from the past. In the Eucharist, the one sacrifice of Calvary is made truly present to us. We are brought into contact, across time and eternity, with the saving love of Christ, who gave His life for us. The Church invites us to participate in its fruits, not simply to remember what happened.

This is why gratitude and remembrance are so closely connected. We cannot really be grateful for something if we have forgotten what it cost. We enjoy so many things in life without giving much thought to the people whose sacrifices made them possible. That is true of the freedoms we enjoy as a nation, but it is equally true of our own lives. How often do we think about the sacrifices our parents made for us, or the people who have helped us along the way? And how often do we stop to thank God for all that He has given us?

November, the month in which the Church remembers the faithful departed, is a particularly good time to recover something of this spirit of gratitude. To remember someone in prayer is an act of love. It is a way of saying that their life still matters, that they have not been forgotten, and that we entrust them to the mercy of God. So, as we observe Remembrance Sunday, perhaps we might do more than simply stand in silence for two minutes. We must offer prayers for those who died in war, thank God for the peace and freedom we enjoy, and remember those people, living and dead, to whom we owe so much. After all, a grateful heart is usually a remembering heart. And perhaps one of the greatest tragedies of this life would be to receive so much and to remember so little.

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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