



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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HOLY YEAR MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS JUBILEE 2025

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:
 Private 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 November is dedicated to: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 9 th NOVEMBER	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Deceased Members PLG The War Dead November Dead List
MONDAY 10 th	NOVENA	9:30am	St Mary's	November Dead List
TUESDAY 11 th	NOVENA	6:00pm 7:00pm	St Alban's St Alban's	MGR SMITH TALK November Dead List
WEDNESDAY 12 th	NOVENA	10:00am (School)	St Mary's	November Dead List
THURSDAY 13 th	NOVENA	9:30am	St Alban's	November Dead List
FRIDAY 14 th	PARISH REQUIEM NOVENA	7:00pm	St Mary's	November Dead List
SATURDAY 15 th	Feria Vigil Mass	12:15pm 4:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's	Ellen Lonergan Polish Mass

READERS ROTA

	THIS SUNDAY		NEXT SUNDAY
9:30am	Parish Ladies' Guild	9:30am	Lily Hymas
11:00am	Greg Finn	11:00am	Malcolm Brown
6:00pm	Rachel Fitzpatrick	6:00pm	Judith MacDonald

PRAYER LIST: Tony Hintze, Mary Staden, Peter Staden, 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

Theresa (Tess) Duda and Teresa Iwanowska who have died recently.

MASSES RECEIVED

John and Christine Hupalo, Joe Riddeal, Maureen Riddeal, Roy Stout, Moska Family, Private Intention

PARISH REQUIEM MASS

This Friday at 7:00pm we will celebrate the conclusion of our Novena with a special Mass offered for the souls of all our departed friends and loved ones. Please make every effort to come and pray for the dead. As usual, please bring photographs of your loved ones to display on the altar during Mass.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The 11:00am Mass this Sunday is offered for the War Dead and will be celebrated by Mgr Owens who himself served in the Royal Air Force. After Mass there will be sandwiches and refreshments at the Catholic Club, all are very welcome to come along.

NEXT GUEST SPEAKER – THIS TUESDAY

Our next guest speaker will be Mgr David Smith **this Tuesday at 6:00pm** in St Alban's room. Monsignor will be talking about "Death, Judgement, Hell and Heaven"

PARISH LADIES' GUILD – AFTERNOON TEA

The PLG is hosting afternoon tea at the Catholic Club on Saturday the 15th of November from 2:00pm – 4:00pm.
Tickets available at £10 each.

The next meeting of the PLG will be on Thursday 13th November at 7:00pm in St Alban's parish room. New or past members always welcome so come along and join us.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A variety of religious Christmas cards are available to purchase at the back of St Mary's church.

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets for the Parish Christmas Raffle are now on sale after Sunday Masses and, once again, there are some great prizes to be won.

S.V.P.

Next meeting Monday 20th October at 6:00pm in St Alban's parish room.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

We are holding a wine and cheese evening in St Albans church hall on **Friday 5th December from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.**

The event is to raise funds for St Mary's & St Alban parish and the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust. Tickets are £10 and are on sale from today.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

This year's Christmas Carol Service will be held on Thursday **18th December at 7:00pm** in St Mary's. Christmas buffet will follow in the Catholic Club.

PARISH 200 CLUB SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

A reminder for those members who pay six-monthly and who do not pay by standing order, that your subscription is due for renewal this month. If you are unsure whether your subscription is due, please check with John Coates or Julie Anderson who each have a list of subscriptions due. Please could you ensure that payments are made as soon as possible this month either by cheque or by direct bank transfer for which bank account details can be obtained from John or Julie.

Please note that cash payments are not accepted. Thank you.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

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

FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST

Each year on Remembrance Sunday, we pause as a nation to honour those who gave their lives in war, men and women who laid down their lives in the service of others. At Mass, we do more than simply remember them, however, we pray for them. We commend their souls to God's mercy and give thanks for their courage, sacrifice and love.

Prayer for the dead is a deeply important act of charity. We believe that our prayers assist the departed as they are purified and drawn into the perfect love of God. When we stand in silence at 11:00am or whisper a prayer for a fallen soldier, we are doing something profoundly Christian, uniting the living and the dead and entrusting them to the Lord who is both the judge of nations and the healer of hearts.

Our remembrance is never about glorifying war. We know too well the terrible cost of human conflict. Yet, amid that suffering, we can still honour the courage, loyalty, and self-sacrifice of those who served. Many went to their deaths not out of hatred, but out of love, love for comrades, for family, for home and for the freedom of others. Our Lord said, "Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends". That love, expressed even in the tragedy of war, points us to the Cross, where Christ's own self-giving brought peace and reconciliation to the whole world.

This day also invites us to reflect on the Christian virtue of patriotism. St Thomas Aquinas teaches that patriotism is not merely an emotion or sentiment, it is an aspect of justice, the virtue by which we give to others what is their due. In the *Summa Theologiae*, Aquinas places "piety", the honour and duty owed to one's parents and one's country, as a part of justice itself. Just as we honour our parents because they gave us life, so too we honour our homeland because it has nourished, protected and formed us.

For Aquinas, this love of country is not opposed to our love of God or of the universal human family. On the contrary, it is an ordered love. We first learn love, responsibility and service in the smaller circles of family and homeland and from there we are called to extend that same charity to the whole world. Patriotism, rightly understood, helps us to love concretely, beginning where God has placed us.

True patriotism then is not blind nationalism. It is a grateful and responsible love, gratitude for the blessings we have received and a sense of duty to promote the common good, defend what is right and work for peace and justice. The true patriot seeks not domination but righteousness, a country that reflects the values of Christ's Gospel and contributes to the good of all. So, this Remembrance Sunday, as we honour the war dead, let us also renew our Christian vocation to be peacemakers and faithful citizens. Let us pray for those who have died in battle, for those who still suffer from war and for the peace that only Christ can bring.

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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