

## Parishes of St Columba and St Malachy Halifax

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

### **Suspension of public activity.**

As part of the precautions to prevent the spread of the Covid 19 Corona Virus no public masses or liturgies are being held at this time in any of our churches. The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement about this which is available on their website [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk) and the diocesan website [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**Fr Michael** will be happy to assist parishioners in any way he can and can be contacted on 01422 361682 and [michael.mcquinn@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:michael.mcquinn@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). **Regular weekly updates** for both St Malachy's and St Columba's parishes will be posted on [www.stcolumbascatholicchurch.com](http://www.stcolumbascatholicchurch.com)

### **Access to the celebration of Mass via the Internet.**

(Professional Quality)

1. EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) streams and has recording of daily Mass: <https://video.ewtn.com/daily-mass/>
2. The daily Mass of Pope Francis is made available on the Vatican's YouTube Channel. Mass is in Italian with English translation/commentary: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefYl9g9A5SGWA4FvGIA/featured>
3. The shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk offers a daily live-streamed Mass at 12 noon. Visit [www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream)

(Simple Streaming)

Locally, Mass will be live-streamed from St Mary's Church at 9.30am Monday – Saturday and 11.00am on Sunday. Visit the the parish website: [www.stmaryshalifax.com](http://www.stmaryshalifax.com)

### **Private Visits to a Church.**

Locally the clergy are working together to ensure that each day there is access to St Mary's church with complimentary provision around the town. Throughout the period when no public liturgies are taking place private visits to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, light candles, make the Stations of the Cross can be made as follows:

**Daily at St Mary's Church**, Gibbet Street, between 10am and 12noon.

**St Columba's Church.** The church will be open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm. On Sundays the church will be open between 10.00am and 12noon

**St Malachy's Church.** Access to the church during daylight hours will be available through the side door of the church controlled by a coded lock. Fr Michael & Sr Anne will share this code with parishioners who wish to make visits who should not pass this on. Here candles *should not* be left lit to reduce a fire hazard. Please ensure the door is always locked behind you. On Sundays the church will be open between 10.00am and 12noon

*On these visits to the church it is requested that people maintain the current norms of social distancing.*

During the period when the public celebration of Mass is not allowed Fr Michael will say a private Mass for the following intentions:

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>People of the Parishes</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Peter O'Donnell</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Martin McGinley &amp; Maisie Matthewson</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Moira &amp; Alphonse Knapp</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>James Fenton</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>For Vocations</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Pamela Craghill</i>

**Please pray for:**

**Lately Dead:** Baby Essy Jae Rooke, Gerry McGahane, Barbara O'Connor, Pamela Craghill

**Anniversaries:** Martin McGinley, Maisie Matthewson

**Catholic Care Community Response Service**

In response to the impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Catholic Care have launched a Community Response Service to support those in our Catholic communities who are sick, self-isolating, have been adversely financially impacted or are finding it difficult to cope.

The service will be available Monday - Friday 8-6pm

A team of Catholic Care workers (we may expand later to incorporate volunteers) will be available to support parishioners and families in a number of ways:

- A telephone support service. This service will provide a listening ear and a friendly voice for those experiencing isolation in their community.
- A pick up and drop off groceries and pharmacy service.
- A dog walking service
- A hamper delivery service for those experiencing financial hardship.

Please contact us on 07739975001 or 7739975008 or 07739975009 or email [janet.kent@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:janet.kent@catholic-care.org.uk) or [Jessica.price@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:Jessica.price@catholic-care.org.uk) if you would like to access this service or you would like to refer a person in your Parish or school community.

**National Call to Prayer and Action.** Churches Together in England have asked all Christians to observe today **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** as a special day of prayer and specifically to light a candle in our windows and pray at 7pm.

**Two Lenten Challenges for this week from Pope Francis, (Lent 2017)**

*Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.*

**Where to find useful information on Corona Virus**

1. HM Government: [www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public)
2. The NHS: [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)