

Parishes of St Columba and St Malachy Halifax

17th May 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ascension Thursday. Thursday is Ascension Day. Masses are being web-streamed from St Mary's at 9.30am, from Leeds Cathedral at 10.30am and from the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham at 12noon. Between Ascension Thursday and the feast of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost there will be a Deanery Novena of the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost.

Deanery Novena of the Holy Spirit. Beginning this **Friday evening at 7pm** and every night at the same time until the eve of Pentecost Sunday there will be webcast Novena from St Mary's Church. Each of the nine evenings will have its own theme and will follow a pattern; each evening a reflection on the daily theme or reading will be given by a different priest of the deanery and parishioners are sharing the prayers and readings. These are being recorded at home and edited into the webcast. Join with parishioners of all the deanery parishes **at 7pm each evening**. Access the webcast through St Mary's parish website: **www.stmaryshalifax.com** and follow the link to their YouTube channel.

Fr Michael continues to celebrate daily **Mass** during this time. Mass will be celebrated for the **following intentions** this week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>People of the Parishes</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Jim Graydon</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Intentions of Paul O'Hora</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>November Dead List</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Mary McAllistair</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Fr David Drake Brockman</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Maldwyn Mills</i>

Please pray for:

Lately Dead: David Nolan, Brian Aubrey (Fr Michael's brother in law), Fr David Drake Brockman, Edwin Westwell

Anniversaries: Mary McAllistair

The **readings for daily and Sunday Mass** can be found on: www.universalis.com/mass

The **times and web address** of daily and Sunday Mass available on the internet are posted on the parish website.

Fr Michael is happy to assist parishioners in any practical way he can and can be contacted on: 01422 361682 and michael.mcquinn@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

Offertory Giving. Many thanks to all those who continue to support their parish financially. The details for making payments to the parish are as follows:

1. **St. Columba's Halifax:** HSBC, Sort Code 40-27-15, Account Number: 21023233
Or text **CHURCH COLUMBA** to 70500 to contribute £5
2. **St Malachy's Halifax.** HSBC. Sort Code 40-27-15. Account Number 91017438
Or text **CHURCH MALACHY** to 70500 to contribute £5

May the month of Mary. May, together with October, are traditionally regarded as months dedicated to Our Lady and it is customary to pray the Rosary. Pope Francis has written a letter "to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May". He writes: "it is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family" and that the restrictions of the pandemic have made us appreciate all the more this family aspect.

Weekly Mass of Solidarity. A national weekly Mass will be celebrated by one of the bishops of England and Wales and live streamed from his Cathedral for NHS front-line and care home workers, the sick and their families every **Thursday at 7.00pm.** **This Thursday** mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies from Shrewsbury Cathedral. To access this Mass simply visit Shrewsbury Cathedral's website.

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 supermarket voucher for those experiencing financial hardship.

Please contact us on 07739975001 or 07739975008 or 07739975009 or email janet.kent@catholic-care.org.uk or 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.

Weekly Updates. Each weekend a weekly newssheet and a weekly reflection on the Sunday readings will be posted on the website throughout this period of self-isolation. Don't forget to take a look!

www.stcolumbascatholicchurch.com