

Parishes of St Columba and St Malachy Halifax

28th June 2020

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

Both Churches Now Open for Private Prayer. Saturday 10.00am to 12noon.

Reopening of Churches for the celebration of Mass. As you may be aware, the government has given permission for places of worship to hold services from Saturday 4 July. While we rejoice in the news that our public celebration of the sacraments is to be restored, there is a lot of preparation that needs to be done to ensure the safe use of our buildings. The parish priests of the deanery are in regular contact and we are working together to put in place a system that will allow as many of those who wish to attend Mass in the deanery to do so. It is likely that not all our churches will be open for Mass, not least because we will want to use larger churches, where possible, to enable the greatest number to attend. Given the amount that has to be done, we have decided that **there will be no public Masses next weekend, 4/5 July** but Masses will commence the following week. Further information will be given during the week on the parish and deanery websites and in next week's bulletin. **It is important to note that the Bishops of England and Wales will not be restoring the obligation to attend Sunday Mass at this stage.**

A letter from the four Metropolitan Archbishops of England addressing the re-opening of our churches for Mass can be found on the website.

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

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| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>People of the Parishes</i> |
| <i>Monday</i> | <i>Fred Buckley</i> |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Geraldine Gardner</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>John Hargreaves</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Intentions of Vincent & Winifred Devney & family</i> |
| <i>Friday</i> | <i>November Dead List</i> |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>Fr Colman Ryan</i> |

Please pray for:

Lately Dead: Jason Bourgaise, John Levin, Geraldine Gardner

Anniversaries: Fred Buckley, John Hargreaves

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.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Chris Butler. Chris had been n touch to say: "The ordination took place uneventfully on Wednesday (17th June). It was a scaled down affair in the College chapel rather than the Basilica with the Archpriest of the Basilica, Cardinal Harvey, presiding. There were the precautions you would expect, face masks, sanitisers etc. There were no guests. I must admit that having something that was comparatively

simple suited me. I attach a few photos that may be in interest to you, Sister Anne and others. Many more are available via the Diocesan website.” (dioceseofleeds.org.uk)



Offertory Giving. Many thanks to all those who have recently set up standing orders or made bank payments in favour of our parishes. 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

Weekly Updates. Each weekend a weekly newsheet 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