

## Parishes of St Columba and St Malachy Halifax

29<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Fr Michael writes:** As we continue to self-isolate, I hope that everyone is coping with the challenges that this can impose. It is good that parishioners are contacting each other by phone and keeping an eye out for those who are on their own or in the category of the vulnerable. I am happy to assist parishioners in any practical way I can and can be contacted on:

01422 361682 and michael.mcquinn@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

I continue to celebrate Mass each day and while you, the parishioners, cannot be physically present to participate I have a real sense of standing before God on your behalf and taking your prayers to the merciful Father through the celebration of the Mass. This week's *Mass Intentions* are listed below.

Following the new measures requesting us all to stay at home our churches are closed at this time.

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

This list has been augmented since last weekend.

**Locally**, Mass will be live-streamed from **St Mary's Church** at 9.30am Monday – Saturday and 11.00am on Sunday. Visit the parish website:

[www.stmaryshalifax.com](http://www.stmaryshalifax.com) and follow the link to their YouTube channel.

**Pope Francis** continues to celebrate his daily Mass which can be viewed live or watched later in the day. On Wednesdays at 11am and Fridays at 5.00pm he is also leading special prayers during this time. All these plus the Pope's weekly audience address (Wednesdays) and Angelus address (Sundays) are to be found on the Vatican's YouTube Channel. (Mass is in Italian with English translation and commentary):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefy19g9A5SGWA4FvGIA/featured>

**EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network)** streams and has recordings of daily Mass. To be found on: [video.ewtn.com/daily-mass/](http://video.ewtn.com/daily-mass/)

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)

**Leeds Cathedral** is streaming Mass daily at 10.30am (Sundays 11.00am) and praying the Angelus and Rosary each weekday at 12noon. These are then made available for later viewing. Visit the Cathedral's YouTube Channel at:

[www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk](http://www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk)

The **readings for daily and Sunday Mass** can be found on:

[www.universalis.com/mass](http://www.universalis.com/mass)

Fr Michael will celebrate **Mass for the following intentions** this week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>People of the Parishes</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>November Dead List (SC)</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Peter &amp; Margaret Taylor</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Suzanne Birkin</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>November Dead List (SC)</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Alice Reid</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>John Timlin</i>

**Please pray for:**

**Lately Dead:** Baby Essy Jae Rooke, Barbara Sykes, Mark Wyatt

**Anniversaries:** John Timlin

### **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.

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

*Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others*

*Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*

### **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)
3. Calderdale Council: [/www.calderdale.gov.uk](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk)