

Parishes of St Columba and St Malachy Halifax

31st May 2020

Pentecost Sunday

Reopening of Churches. It is to be hoped that the government may soon lift the restrictions on places of worship, allowing us to open those buildings that are suitable and can fulfil whatever necessary measures need to be put in place. In the first instance this is likely to be for private prayer only. The parish priests of the deanery are meeting regularly via the internet to discuss and plan for this eventuality. As we are made aware of what needs to be done we will inform our parishioners and, no doubt, appeal for your help.

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 Tighe</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Edith Woolley</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Brian Aubrey</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Fr Michael Downey</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>November Dead List</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Edwin Westwell</i>

Please pray for:

Lately Dead: Sr Veronica CP, Edwin Westwell

Anniversaries: Jim Tighe

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.

Your prayers are requested for Rev Henry Longbottom and Rev Darren Jones who are to be ordained priests for the Diocese during the month of July. Also please remember Chris Butler, the church student who joined us on a pastoral placement last summer, who is to be ordained a deacon on June 17th in Rome.

Rosary Rally. We have received late notification of a national initiative for today, the last day of May. Catholics from all corners of the UK are being asked to pray the Rosary from 9am to 9pm. People from our Diocese are asked to pray the Rosary at some point between 6pm to 7pm.

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

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