

## Parishes of St Columba and St Malachy Halifax

7<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Trinity Sunday

**Reopening of Churches.** As stated last week 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 for private prayer. Initially we will not be able to gather for Mass or other liturgical celebrations.

**Preparations For Re-opening.** While it is not yet totally clear what will be expected of us for opening it does appear that, while we are open, we will need stewards to assist in monitoring usage of the buildings in line with social distancing norms (one way systems, designated seating areas etc) and also cleaners to thoroughly clean the church after usage. To make this a manageable operation both St Malachy's and St Columba's churches will initially open for private prayer on a weekly basis from 10.00am to 12noon on a Sunday morning after which the churches will be cleaned and closed until the following Sunday.

**Volunteers Required.** While we do not yet have a date for any re-opening, we do now need to put together a team of volunteers (excluding people from vulnerable groups) for stewarding and cleaning to cover these Sunday morning openings.

- To offer your services at St Malachy please contact Sr Anne on 01422 360894.
- To offer your services at St. Columba's please contact Marina Armstrong on 07768 875708 or email [marina.armstrong@hotmail.com](mailto:marina.armstrong@hotmail.com)

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>Eileen Steele</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Yorkshire Brethren</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Fr Michael Sullivan</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>November Dead List</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Megan Chapman</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>November Dead List</i>

**Please pray for:**

**Lately Dead:** Austin Tighe

The **readings for daily and Sunday Mass** can be found on:  
[www.universalis.com/mass](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> in Rome.

**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!

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