

Parishes of St Columba and St Malachy Halifax

5th July 2020

Fourteenth Sunday of the Church's Year

St Columba's and St Malachy's re-open for the celebration of Mass.

Fr. Michael writes. As we open our churches for the celebration of Mass we must both ensure the safety of all and enable the maximum number of parishioners to have the opportunity to attend the celebration of Mass. The 2 metre social distancing rule remains in place. The two churches I serve are very different and I propose to start with the celebration of five Masses weekly using the larger church of St Malachy's for the three weekend Masses and the smaller church of St Columba for two midweek celebrations. Sunday obligation remains suspended and parishioners need to choose carefully which Mass they attend. **As many as 90 people** may be able to attend any of the Masses at St Malachy's; some may prefer to join **a smaller number of 24 people** at St. Columba's. Parishioners should not attend Mass if they have Covid symptoms or are particularly vulnerable. In order to attend Mass **a place has to be booked** and we have to keep a record of who attends Mass together with their contact details for 21 days which would be used by "Track and Trace" if required. These details will be taken at the time of booking. Bookings should preferably be made through the website (www.stcolumbascatholicchurch.com) once the system is installed early this week. Those without internet access should ring Fr Michael on 361682 being careful to leave their name and phone number and the Mass they wish to attend in any message. The booking system needs to be reasonably flexible to reflect the different sized groups in which parishioners come to church and so each ticket refers to a space which includes social distance -**one** ticket will accommodate a **single person or a couple**; **two** tickets will accommodate **a family group**. There is no need to reserve more than two tickets to reserve an appropriate space for your family.

Parishioners at St Columba's may be disappointed that Sunday Mass cannot be recommenced immediately at St Columba's but we will return there for Sunday Mass when social distancing requirements make it possible. In the meantime, I ask parishioners of St Columba's to provide the reader, minister and stewards for the Sunday 11.00am. at St Malachy's.

So, from next weekend, Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Saturday	6.30pm	St Malachy's	Capacity of up to 90 people
Sunday	9.00am	St Malachy's	Capacity of up to 90 people
Sunday	11.00am	St Malachy's	Capacity of up to 90 people
Wednesday	12noon	St Columba's	Capacity of up to 24 people
Friday	12noon	St Columba's	Capacity of up to 24 people

Don't forget to reserve your place at your chosen Mass!!

Volunteers as stewards/sanitizers. We need to build up the number of those available for helping as stewards/sanitizers. As Mass resumes duties will be wrapped around the Mass you are attending, and the commitment will involve arriving early for stewarding

duties and remaining after Mass to sanitize the areas that have in use. Please let Fr. Michael know if you can assist with this critical service.

For this week 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>Intentions of Margaret Corney</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>John Levin</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Kevin Wilkinson</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Deceased of the Baily Family</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Liz Hall</i>

Public Masses

Saturday 6.30pm	<i>November Dead List</i>
Sunday 9.00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 11.00am	<i>Edith & Joe Coulter</i>

Please pray for:

Lately Dead: Myrtle Montgomery, Liz Hall

Anniversaries: Domunico De Masi, Antonietta Pollastro

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

www.universalis.com/mass

Masses on the Internet are continuing. Fr Martin at St Mary's and all other outlets are continuing to webcast their Masses as they have done in recent weeks. The times and web address of daily and Sunday Mass are posted on the parish website. Any changes will be notified on individual websites.

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 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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