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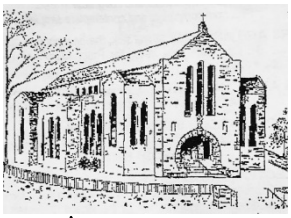
OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST. MALACHY, HALIFAX



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First Sunday of Advent
29th November 2026

PUBLIC MASSES

DAY	DATE	TIME	ST. COLUMBA'S	TIME	ST. MALACHY'S
Sunday	29th Nov			9.00 am	People of the Parishes
		11.00 am	David Walsh and Christine Gillett		
Tuesday	1st Dec			10.00 am	Special Birthday Intentions Of Marie Nixon
Wednesday	2nd Dec	12 noon	Rosemary O'Callaghan		
Thursday	3rd Dec			9.30 am	People of the Parishes
Friday	4th Dec	9.30 am	Michael Nolan		
				11.00 am	Funeral Service for Marcus Briggs
Sunday	6th Dec			9.00 am	Mick Murphy
		11.00 am	Antonio De Masi		
In addition, Fr. Michael will celebrate Mass as follows:-					
Saturday	(28th Nov)	5.00 pm	St. Bernard's - Joseph McQuinn		
Sunday	(6th Dec)	6.00 pm	St. Alban's		

Sacrament of Reconciliation.
St Columba's - Next Saturday 11.30 am – 12 noon
St Malachy's- Next Sunday 8.15 am - 8.45 am

The next ST MALACHY'S PARISH WALK will be on Sunday 7th February 2027 (no walks in December/January). Thank you.

Walk away the pounds every Thursday 10.30 am - 11.30 am
All welcome!.

St Malachy's Tuesday Club - every Tuesday - 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
All welcome!

St Malachy's & St Columba's Piety Stalls. Alongside our usual cards etc are a nice selection of Christmas cards, diaries and calendars.
Your support is much appreciated.

TODAY - St Malachy's Coffee morning – straight after 9.00 am Mass.
Next Sunday, 6th December - St Columba's Christmas Coffee morning – straight after 11.00 am Mass.

This Tuesday, Daisy Chain Café,
1.30 pm - 3.30 pm
All welcome!

Advent Day of Confessions. As in previous years, a priest will be available for Confessions at St Mary's church from **9.00am to 4.00pm** on **Saturday 19th December**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Fawzia Mohammed	Juliana Ijezie	Rosaline Walsh	John Thorpe
Terry Smith	Trish O'Rourke	Margaret Parkinson	David Kaminski
Tommy O'Hara	Damien Roe	Tom McNally	Melanie Crossland
Andrew Farmer	Elisha Clarke	Derek O'Hora	Anne Egan
Letitia Dolan	Michael McDonnell	Clare Sowden	Margaret McElroy
Joan Parker	Bogdan Jaworski	Beverley Costello	Mary Neyle
Celia Smith	Shirley F-H	Sheila Lewins	
RECENT DEATHS:	Marcus Briggs		
ANNIVERSARIES:	Joseph McQuinn	Rosemary O'Callaghan	Michael Nolan
	Mick Murphy	Antonio De Masi	

Advent Carol Service. The annual Carol Service with the High Fiver Singers will take place at St Columba's on Sunday 20th December at 2.30pm followed by refreshments in the Hall. All welcome

ELIZABETH PROUT BEREAVEMENT CARE: are offering a two-day introductory training course in bereavement accompaniment in January 2027 (Saturdays 9th and 23rd). The training will be held at the St Vincent's centre in Bradford and will cost £20. For more details and to book, please email epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Churches Together Carol Singing. Churches Together in North Halifax will sing outside Morrisons Supermarket on **Saturday 19th December, 12 noon - 1.00 pm**. Churches Together in West Halifax will sing outside Asda supermarket on **Monday 21st December, 2.00 pm – 3.15 pm.**
Please lend your voice to this important Christmas act of witness.

AFFORDABLE CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREATS IN THE LAKES . Castlerigg Manor is the youth retreat centre of Lancaster Diocese, located in Keswick in the Lake District. Every year, they offer a couple of retreats to families with children under 18. The next one is December 11th to 13th. Prices start at £175 En-suite for a family of four.
To find out more, email director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or check out castleriggmanor.com/events.

Christmas Masses.

Christmas Eve:	4.30 pm:	St Columba's - (Carol Singing from 4.00 pm)
	6.30 pm:	St Malachy's - (Carol Singing from 6.00 pm)
Christmas Day:	9.00 am:	St Malachy's
	11.00 am:	St Columba's

Midnight Mass will be celebrated at St.Mary's Church, Gibbet Street.

Congratulations on your 45th ordination anniversary

Father Michael

With much appreciation and prayers from all your Parishioners.

NEXT SUNDAY STRAIGHT AFTER 11.00 AM MASS

St Columba's Christmas Coffee Morning and Grand Christmas Raffle Draw & Chocolate / Sweet Tombola Fabulous prizes - First Prize Luxury Christmas Hamper

The raffle will be drawn at the Coffee morning

Lourdes Pilgrimage Volunteer Information Evening.

On Monday 7th December organisers of the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes are holding a Volunteers Information Evening for any who are interested in helping on the pilgrimage as doctors, nurses or carers. It will take place at Hinsley Hall, Leeds commencing at 6.30pm. For more information, please contact Phil Marshall on 07766 148375

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