

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	6 p.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	Peggy, Tom, David & Eva Walsh	
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Special Intention (Calway)	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	R. Dawkins (Wellbeing)	Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Holy Soul	
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	No Mass today	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Felix	Joanna Heneghan (Wellbeing)	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	The Eite Family	

Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	6 p.m.	St Alban's	John Dawkins & Mathew Dawkins R.I.P.	2 nd Sunday of the Year
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	People of the Parish	
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Nicola Stuart R.I.P.	

Collections Sunday 24th December

St Alban's:	Plate: £177.20	Gift Aid: £249.00
St. Felix:	Plate £28.33	Gift Aid: £85.00

Collections last Sunday:

St Alban's:	Plate: £56.00	Gift Aid: £120.00
St. Felix:	Plate £30.00	Gift Aid: £90.00

Counters:

This week: L. Peters & T. Hitchings

Next week: Lisa & Andrew Whiting

Confessions.

St Alban's On request. St Felix on request

Canon Paul will also hear Confession after any of the weekday Masses on request.

Holy Communion at home: If you are sick or housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Canon Paul so that arrangements can be made.

R.C.I.A. Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who would like to know more about your faith? **There will be an initial meeting on Thursday 18th of January at 7p.m. in the Presbytery.** If you have not already expressed an interest, it is not too late to join us.

"A Synodal Church in Mission - a workshop with Austen Ivereigh"

This is a great event for Cardiff and has been organised via one of the Synodal Team members, Therese Warwick through CAFOD. Dr. Austen Ivereigh will be speaking as above at the Cornerstone on **Wednesday, January 24th at 2pm.** As you are no doubt aware, Austen Ivereigh is a UK-based Roman Catholic journalist, author, commentator and biographer of Pope Francis. He was one of the expert facilitators at the recent Synod in Rome which began on October 4th 2023. We look forward to his presentation in Cardiff and hope that many of you will be able to attend.

Crib Offerings this year will be split between Aid to the Holy Land, through the work of Friends of the Holy Land and Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, and CARITAS, Cardiff and Menevia

Year Books for 2024 are available in the Repository at a cost of £5. An invaluable resource containing lots of useful information, e.g. liturgical calendar, contact details of Churches, Priests, Church Organisations across Wales and beyond.

100 Club: Would you like to take part in 2024? The cost is £1 per month which can be paid monthly or c £12 for the year. The Prize is £25 per month. If you are interested please put your contribution together with your name in an envelope and give it to Treena or leave it in the Sacristy before the 19th of January.

The Catholic Post: copies of this month's papers (January) are available at the back of the Church. A donation of £1 is suggested and can be placed in the Church donations slot in the wall box in the porch of St. Albans or in the basket provided at St. Felix.

The Pope's Intention for January: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Flowers for our Churches for Christmas. Thank you to those ladies who do the flowers and work so hard throughout the year to make sure that our churches look beautiful. They always make a special effort for Christmas and Easter. Donations for flowers are always welcome but especially at these special times.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion 2024 If you wish to enrol your child for the course of preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion and they are in year 3 or above, please complete the form at the back of the Church and return it to Canon Paul this weekend.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2024: If you are in Year 8 of Secondary School or above and wish to take part in the course of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please complete the form available at the back of the Church and return it to Canon Paul by this weekend.

Eastern Valley Foodbank: The collection of food will be this weekend in both Saint Alban's and Saint Felix communities, but if you feel that you would rather give a cash donation then this can be placed in an envelope marked for this purpose and placed in the offertory basket