

# SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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## This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	6 p.m.	St Alban's	John Dawkins & Mathew Dawkins R.I.P.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	People of the Parish	
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Nuala Stuart R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Wilfred Davies, R.I.P.	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Holy Souls	
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	No Mass today	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Felix	Anthea Murphy, R.I.P.	
Friday	<b>6 p.m.</b>	St Alban's	Margaret Salter, R.I.P.	

## Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	6 p.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	James Manion (Wellbeing)	
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	David MacDonald, R.I.P.	

## Collections last Sunday:

<b>St Alban's:</b>	Plate: £134.90	Gift Aid: £185.00
<b>St. Felix:</b>	Plate £53.00	Gift Aid: £60.00
<b>Crib:</b>	<b>St. Alban's</b> £46.60	<b>St. Felix</b> £66.59

## Counters:

**This week:** Lisa & Andrew Whiting

**Next week:** M. Vidler & D. Gane

## 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 or know of anybody who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Canon Paul so that arrangements can be made

Today is **Peace Sunday**, a day when we are asked to pray especially for World Peace. In his message today, Pope Francis has chosen the theme 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace' ([cbcew.org.uk/artificial-intelligence-and-peace/](http://cbcew.org.uk/artificial-intelligence-and-peace/))

**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 this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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"**

Dr. Austen Ivereigh will be speaking as above at the Cornerstone on **Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.**

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 4<sup>th</sup> 2023. We look forward to his presentation in Cardiff and hope that many of you will be able to attend. Places need to be booked in advance on [Why what happened at The Synod matters for parishes with Dr Austen Ivereigh Tickets, Wed 24 Jan 2024 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

**Torchlight Procession for Peace**, at Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge at 7:00pm on Thursday, 25th January. Archbishop Mark will be preaching at the Torchlight Procession. See Poster at the back of the Church.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Alan Donovan** who has died recently. His funeral will take place in Gwent Crematorium on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 12.30 p.m. and for the repose of the soul of **David MacDonald** who died on Christmas Eve.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> of January

Thanks to everyone's support the Parish Christmas Prize Draw was a big success. We are now collected any new, unwanted gifts that you may have been given over the festive season, as well as any NEW items that you don't have a use for, but may be used for someone else. These donations will be kept and used in our next fund-raising event. There will be a box at the back of the Church for these items from next weekend.

**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.