

# 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	<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.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Holy Souls	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Fr. Brian, R.I.P.	
Wednesday			No Mass today	St. Francis de Sales
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Felix	Maurice Solkeld, R.I.P.	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Jean Martin, R.I.P.	Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

## Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	6 p.m.	St Alban's	Private Intention	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	Maurice & Joe McDonagh's Intention	
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	

## Collections last Sunday:

<b>St Alban's:</b>	Plate: £144.94	Gift Aid: £215.00
<b>St. Felix:</b>	Plate £35.85	Gift Aid: £110.00
<b>Crib:</b>	<b>St. Alban's</b> £36.50	<b>St. Felix</b> £32.00

## Counters:

**This week:** M. Vidler & D. Gane **Next week:** L. Griffin & T. Hitchings

## Meetings this week:

**U.C.M.** Tuesday after the 9.30 a.m. Mass in the Presbytery.  
**Faith Exploration:** Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery  
**Parish Advisory Council:** Friday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery

Confessions. Canon Paul will also hear Confession on request.

## Message from Canon Paul

After almost ten years, Fr Bernard Sixtus will be moving from the Parish of Ss David Lewis & Francis Xavier, Usk, to take on responsibility for a new Ordinariate Evangelisation and Mission project in Bristol. Fr Bernard will continue his roles in the pastoral provision of Ss Basil & Gwladys, Rogerstone, and in the Diocesan Education Department. Archbishop Mark has asked that I take on the role of the parish priest of Usk in addition to my responsibility for the Parishes of Pontypool and Blaenavon. These moves will be effective from the weekend of 10th/11th February.

My new responsibilities for Usk will inevitably mean that there will have to be some changes in Pontypool and Blaenavon and I do ask your patience and understanding as I discern how best to serve the three churches

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

Faith Exploration: Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who would like to know more about your faith? Come and join us on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery

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.

SPUC Youth Conference will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of February at Yarnfield Park Training and Conference Centre Stone ST 15 ON1. The Conference is for 16–35 yr. olds. Cardiff SPUC has the money to sponsor 4 places at the Conference (first come, first served). Anyone wanting to go please contact Paul & Diane Botto tel. no. 02920 405942. Please leave a message and they will return your call.

White Flower Appeal 2024 will be next weekend. SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against late-term abortions, and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. Please be as generous as you can.

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 souls of **David MacDonald** and **Eileen Harris** who died recently.