

# SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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## This week's Masses and intentions:

|           |           |            |                                  |                                     |
|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 6 p.m.    | St Alban's | Eileen Harris, R.I.P.            | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  |
| Sunday    | 9 a.m.    | St Felix   | Denis & Terrence Murnane, R.I.P. |                                     |
|           | 11 a.m.   | St Alban's | People of the Parish             |                                     |
| Monday    | 9.30 a.m. | St Alban's | Holy Souls                       | St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr         |
| Tuesday   | 9.30 a.m. | St Alban's | David MacDonald, R.I.P.          | St. Paul Mike & Companions, Martyrs |
| Wednesday |           |            | No Mass today                    |                                     |
| Thursday  | 9.30 a.m. | St Felix   | Michael Keohane, R.I.P.          |                                     |
| Friday    | 9.30 a.m. | St Alban's | School Mass                      |                                     |

## Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

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|----------|---------|------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Saturday | 6 p.m.  | St Alban's | Jane & Edith Taylor, R.I.P. | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year |
| Sunday   | 9 a.m.  | St Felix   | Mary Meech (Wellbeing)      |                                    |
|          | 11 a.m. | St Alban's | People of the Parish        |                                    |

## Collections last Sunday:

St Alban's: Plate: £146.11 Gift Aid: £110.00  
St. Felix: Plate £26.65 Gift Aid: £80.00

White Flower Appeal: St. Albans £126.06 Blaenavon: £50.50

## Counters:

This week: L. Peters & T. Hitchings Next week: L. & A. Whiting

## Meetings this week:

U.C.M. Tuesday after 9.30 a.m. Mass in the Presbytery

First Communion Parents/Children: 4 p.m. on Thursday in the Presbytery

Confirmation Preparation: 5 p.m. on Thursday in the Presbytery

Faith Exploration: Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery

## Confessions.

Saturday in St. Alban's between 5 and 5.30 p.m

Canon Paul will also hear Confession on request after daily Masses

## 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

The children from Padre Pio will be joining us at the 9.30 a.m. Mass on Friday

## 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. The subject this week is 'A God who speaks'.

There will be a meeting for the parents of those who would like their children to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this year on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 4 p.m. This meeting is to arrange a time which is most convenient for all concerned.

## Census Form:

In order to enable us to update our records I would be grateful if you would complete the parish census form with as much detail as you wish to disclose and return the signed form to the church or post it through the presbytery door. Please include and dependants for family members in your household. The forms are at the back of the Church.

## 'Walk with Me, Lent 2024'

This pocket-size booklet of prayers and reflections for Lent 2024 is now available from the Repository. Archbishop Mark O'Toole has written a forward to the booklet and recommends it as an aid to prayer. In his introduction we read, 'This year we celebrate Lent within the context of the Year of Prayer, a year of preparation for the Jubilee Year, entitled Pilgrims of Hope. We are asked to make the Lord's Prayer a particular focus, deepening our understanding of and devotion to it. This is what we do on our Walk With Me journey through Lent.' Archbishop Mark continues, 'This prayer reminds us of that wonderful truth that we are children of God, loved by our Father in Heaven, and thus we enter into Jesus' own relationship with his Father. God is our Father who loves us more than we can imagine, and who comes to search for us lost sheep, and draws us back to Him through the Death and Resurrection of His Son... What better way of living Lent than by truly entering into this prayer more deeply.' Why not sit quietly with Walk with Me for a few minutes each day? Why not give a copy of Walk with Me to a friend, relative or work colleague? The booklet sells at £1 per copy.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Eileen Harris** who has died recently. Her body will be received into the Church at 4 p.m. on 26<sup>th</sup> February and her requiem Mass will be at 1p.m. on 27<sup>th</sup> February.