

# SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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## This week's Masses and intentions:

### Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	6 p.m.	St Alban's	Jimmy O' Donnell (R.I.P.)	3rd Sunday of Lent
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	Joan Cowley, (R.I.P.)	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	David Bedford, (R.I.P.)	
Wednesday			No Mass today	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Felix	Elizabeth Evans (Wellbeing)	
	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	Stations of the Cross	
Friday	12 noon.	St Alban's	Anthea Murphy, (R.I.P.)	

### Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	6 p.m.	St Alban's	Ann & John Smith (R.I.P.)	4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	People of the Parish	
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Thanksgiving	

### Collections last Sunday:

St Alban's:	Plate: £151.90	Gift Aid: £115.00
St. Felix:	Plate £74.90	Gift Aid: £80.00
CAFOD	St. Felix £45.00	St. Alban's £101.00

### Counters:

This week: L. Peters & T. Hitchings

Next week: L. & A. Whiting

### Meetings this week:

**First Communion Class:** Thursday at 4p.m. in the Presbytery

**Confirmation Preparation:** Thursday at 5 p.m. 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

There will be **'Soup Lunches'** in the Hall on Fridays during Lent after the 12 noon Mass. Donations received will be sent to CAFOD. (The welsh cakes went down well on Friday- they all went !) Look forward to seeing you there!

**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 'Faith'

**Stations of the Cross:** A group of children from Padre Pio will be taking part on Thursday at 11a.m. Why not join them as part of your Lenten observance?

There will be a **Family Mass** at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of March when children from Padre Pio School will take part in the liturgy. There will also be a St. Patrick's Day Coffee Morning in the Hall after this Mass.

Thank you for giving to **CAFOD Family Fast Day** Your donations given in love will support families around the world and will help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**LENTEN RETREAT** at St Joseph's, New Zealand Road, Cardiff led by Deacon Christian Mahoney **on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March after 9.15 am Mass – 12 noon** To include a Talk; short break for refreshments; Adoration and an opportunity for Reconciliation (Confession) All are welcome!

**Amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill** Right to Life U.K have requested we contact our MP to support an amendment to reduce the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. Postcards with further information are available at the back of the Church.

**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 dependants for family members in your household. The forms are at the back of the Church.

**The Catholic Post:** copies of this month's papers (March) 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.