

# 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>5th Sunday of Lent</b>
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix		
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Don Calway's Intention	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Holy Souls	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Margaret Salter	<b>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Wednesday			No Mass today	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Felix		
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's		

## Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	6 p.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	John & Dorothy Madden, R.I.P.	
	11 a.m.	St Alban's		

**Collections last Sunday:** St Alban's: Plate: £168.12 Gift Aid: £174.00  
St. Felix: Plate: £50.00 Gift Aid: £85.00

**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  
**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

**Family Mass** at the 11 a.m. Mass today, when children from Padre Pio School will take part in the liturgy. The children will also be bringing donations for the Food Bank. Do try and join us in the Hall after Mass for the **St. Patrick's Day Coffee Morning**

**Exposition and Confession:** Saturday at 11 a.m. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the opportunity for Confession in preparation for Easter until 12 noon.

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday** and weather permitting there will be blessing of the palms in the Hall before Mass

**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 'The Adventure of Prayer'

Thank you to all who helped in any way for the 'Soup Lunches' over the past few weeks and also to those who supported them. More than £200 was raised for CAFOD. Last Friday was the last one for Lent. We will hopefully be able to have lunches perhaps once a month after Easter. Watch this space!

**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

**Deanery Mass and Meetings with Archbishop Mark:** Last month Archbishop Mark issued a Pastoral Letter in which he discussed the proposed union of the Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia, two Dioceses. As part of this process he said that he would be holding a series of Open Listening Sessions across both Diocese. The purpose of those gatherings will be to come together in the joy of our faith, in the different parts, to see how we might be a local Church which looks outward much more, to share the faith with those who do not believe, and to look at how we put our resources at the service of those most in need.

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April there will be an "an open discussion" with the Archbishop at St. Mary, Stow Hill, Newport at 5 p.m. followed by a **deanery Station Mass**.

**Talk by Austin Ivereigh:** on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7 p.m. in St. David's Church Pontnewydd, Cwmbran, Austen Ivereigh will share with us his considerable experience of the synod, both at home and in Rome.

**An opportunity to explore what the Holy Spirit is doing in South Wales & Herefordshire** Pope Francis has invited Spirit-inspired Catholics to come together. You're invited to do so:

Saturday 13th April 10 am - 3.15 pm at All Hallows, Llantrisant (CF72 8PG)

Saturday 20th April 10 am - 3.15 pm at St David's & St Patrick's, Haverfordwest (SA61 1SX)

Both days begin with Mass. For more, see [Facebook.com/CCRSWH](https://www.facebook.com/CCRSWH) or contact Anne Nolan [annec\\_nolan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annec_nolan@yahoo.co.uk) or 07989 839710.

**Eastern Valley Foodbank:** The collection of food will be next 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