

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	6 p.m.	St Alban's		2 nd Sunday of Easter
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	People of the Parish	
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Jayne Cahill, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Margaret Saltar, R.I.P.	Annunciation of the Lord
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Gwyneth Day, R.I.P.	
Wednesday			No Mass today	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Felix	Holy Souls	St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr
Friday	9:30 a.m.	St Alban's	Arthur Beckett, R.I.P.	

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	6 p.m.	St Alban's	Maria & Romeo Fulgoni, R.I.P.	3 rd Sunday of Easter
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix		
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	

Counters: This week: L. & A. Whiting Next Week: D. Gane & M. Vidler

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

Next Week: P.A.C. Monday 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

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 Dioceses**. The purpose of those gatherings is to come together in the joy of our faith, 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, 10th April there will be "an opening discussion" with the Archbishop at St Mary's, Stow Hill, Newport at 5:00 pm followed by a deanery Station Mass. at 7.00pm

Thursday, 18th April 2024

at St. David's Church, Cwmbran beginning at 7:00pm - **An evening with Austen Ivereigh**

Title: "DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED OR AFRAID." (Jn 14:27)

What do we need to know about the Synod? What do we want to ask about the Synod?

Sunday 21st April is Good Shepherd Sunday and the Word Day of Prayer for Vocations. The cathedral will be holding a holy hour at 3 p.m. to pray for Vocations within our Diocese and across the world. The hour of prayer is open to everyone but may also be of interest for anyone looking to discern God's will for them at this time.

Sunday 21st April is also Vocations Sunday. The National Office for Vocation has produced prayer cards, reflections and information around different vocations, whether God is calling us to married life, priesthood, religious life or single life, we need to listen to What is God calling us to.

Your weekly collection envelopes: Gift Aid Scheme envelopes (green) are at the back of the Church. New numbers have been allocated so just pick up the box with your name on it. If you are not already part of this scheme to further support our parish, please consider joining. All that is required is that you pay income tax of the amount equivalent to your weekly offering, sign a declaration and use a given box of envelopes for your collection. If you do pay tax and gift aid your donation the diocese can claim back 25p in the £1 at no extra cost to you.

Planned Giving Scheme: Many people appreciate having a set of envelopes as it helps them to keep track of their regular contributions to our parish. If you wish to have a set of envelopes but cannot join the Gift Aid Scheme please use a box of yellow envelopes at the back of the church.

A big 'Thank You' for your generous Easter Offerings

Archbishops newsletter for March is available on the Archdiocesan website (rcadc.org)