

# 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>4th Sunday of Easter</b>
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	Priscilla Probert's Intentions	
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Jimmy & Annie Doyle, R.I.P.	

## No Weekday Masses this week

## Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	6 p.m.	St Alban's		<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	People of the Parish	
	11 a.m.	St Alban's		

## Collections last Sunday:

**St. Alban's: Plate:** £146.90

**Gift Aid:** £145.00

**St. Felix: Plate:** £79.60

**Gift Aid:** £115.00

## Counters:

**This week:** L. Griffin & 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

**This Sunday 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.

**Today 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.

There will be a **second collection for the Priest Training Fund** this weekend which supports those in the diocese who are preparing for a life in ministry. The formation of a seminarian lasts seven years, during which the Archdiocese invests approx. £189,000 to support their tuition and living costs. This fund is pivotal in enabling them to fulfil their priestly vocations.

In addition to the collection, a group from the Archdiocese of Cardiff will be taking part in **the Cardiff Bay 10k on 19th May to raise money for the fund.** If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in joining the team, please email [donate@rcadc.org](mailto:donate@rcadc.org)

**Torchlight Procession** for Peace in Our World on 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge. The Preaching Bishop will be Bishop Tom Burns.

**A Year of Encounter:** With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

**St. Alban's Church Hall:** The Hall is in need of a deep, thorough clean and it is hoped to arrange for a cleaning company to do this. However the hall also needs to be 'decluttered' prior to the clean. This will need lots of hands and we are asking for any parishioner who can spare an hour or two to come and help on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of April after the 9.30a.m. Mass. The Hall is a great asset to the Parish but we cannot use it in its present state.

**Annual Torchlight Procession** in honour of Our Lady at 9 a.m. Belmont Abbey on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of May. There is a list at the back of the Church – please sign it if any parishioners are interested in attending. If there is sufficient interest we will try to arrange transport. Please let us know as soon as possible.

**Please pray** for the Soul of Mary Lawrence who died recently. Her funeral will be 11a.m. on 14<sup>th</sup> of May at St. Alban's.

**Resources for Catechists:** Are you a catechist in our church? Are you interested in guiding others on their faith journey? You can now receive a regular email with news and resources which will help you fulfil this role, sent directly from the diocesan director of adult religious education. To register your interest please register online: [tinyurl.com/RCADC-CatForm](http://tinyurl.com/RCADC-CatForm). Let's grow together in our future formation