

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	6 p.m.	St Alban's			
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	Melvyn House, R.I.P		6th Sunday of Easter
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish		
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Parnell Burke Noth, R.I.P.		
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Anthea Murphy, R.I.P.		
Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	St. Albans	Rosary for the Month of May		
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	James Doyle, R.I.P.		Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)
	6.30 p.m.	Usk			
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Margaret Salter, R.I.P.		

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	6 p.m.	St Alban's	Margaret French, R.I.P.		7th Sunday of Easter
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	Tara McCormack, R.I.P.		
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish		

Collections last Sunday:

St. Alban's:	Plate: £115.60	Gift Aid:	£120.00
St. Felix:	Plate: £69.00	Gift Aid:	£85.00
Priests' Training Fund:			£10.00

Counters:

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

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

Mass Times:

The Sunday Mass time at St. Felix will revert to 4.30 p.m. on Saturday beginning on Pentecost Sunday (19th of May). The Masses in Pontypool stay the same and the Mass in Usk will be on Sundays at 9.15a.m.

Next Sunday is -World Communications Sunday

and there will be a second collection at all Masses to support the of communications at the Bishops' Conference.

St. Alban's Church Hall: Thank you to those who turned up on Tuesday. We have made a start and have got rid of quite a bit of rubbish. Thank you also to those 4 hardworking people who turned up on Friday. There was a distinct lack of men on Tuesday and we do need them to move some of the heavier items. There will be another chance to help on **Saturday morning starting at 10 a.m.** Please do what you can to help.

Annual Torchlight Procession

in honour of Our Lady at 9 p.m. Belmont Abbey on Wednesday 15th 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 Souls of Mary Lawrence and Clare Watson who died recently. Mary Lawrence's funeral will be 11a.m. on 14th of May at St. Alban's. Clare Watson's funeral will be at the Crematorium at 2.30p.m. on 10th May

Open On Saturday May 25th, 2024 Archbishop Mark will be holding an **Online Open Listening Session via Zoom.** Anyone from the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia is welcome to attend.

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth being introduced:

Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. **Take action:** To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this link: www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth. The vote will take place on the 15th of May – so time is short.

There will be a **Candlelight Procession** on the Vigil of the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima - Sunday, 12th May at **Our Lady's in Cwmbran at 6 p.m.**

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