

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Patricia Mannion, R.I.P.	The Most Holy Trinity
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	Magdalene McDonald, R.I.P.	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Nuala Stuart, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	David Bath, R.I.P.	
Tuesday			No Mass today	
Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	St. Alban's	Rosary	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix	Betty Miles R.I.P.	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Ann & Brian Cross (Wellbeing)	Corpus Christi
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	Chris & Ray Brown (60 th Wedding Anniversary)	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish.	

Collections last Sunday: St. Alban's: Plate: £134.29 Gift Aid: £120.00
St. Felix: Plate: £28.50 Gift Aid: £83.00

Counters: This week: L. Peters & T. Hitchings Next Week: L. & A. Whiting

Meetings This Week: U.C.M. Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Presbytery
Faith Exploration: Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery

Confessions. Canon Paul will also hear Confession on request after Masses

Next Sunday is the feast Corpus Christi and there will be a short Eucharistic Procession after Mass followed by Benediction.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism: The next meetings will be on Saturday 15th June at 11 and Thursday 27th June at 5p.m. in the Presbytery. If you wish your child to be baptised please contact Canon Paul to confirm that you will be attending.

Torchlight Procession at Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge. This month's torchlight procession for Peace in the world will take place on Thursday 30th May at 7.00pm. Canon John Kelly will preach at the service and there will be light refreshments after the procession. See Poster at the back of the Church.

New lectionary: The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive.

The new lectionary, consists of 4 volumes and its use will be mandatory from the First Sunday of Advent. This will involve a considerable cost to parishes as the new lectionary is priced at £695 but we may get a discount if we pre order before the end of June.

If anyone is thinking of buying a new missal, I would advise waiting until the new missal is published later this year.

Synod Update : A reflection on the life of the Catholic Church in England and Wales that is offered as part of the ongoing synodal process and in preparation for the second meeting of the Synod of Bishops that will be held in Rome in October 2024. Can be found on the Bishop's Conference Website www.cbcew.org.uk/synod-submission-plenary-2024/

Our own Diocesan submission is available on the rcadc website via the following link: <https://rcadc.org/cardiff-and-menevia-diocesan-synodal-submission-march-2024/>

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.

Eastern Valley Foodbank: The collection of food will be this 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.