

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix		26 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Nuala Stuart, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Special Intention (JM)	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Private Intention	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
Wednesday			No Mass today	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix		
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's		St Francis of Assisi

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix		27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's		
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	

Counters: This week: M. Vidler & D. Gane Next Week; L. Griffin & T. Hitchings

Confessions. Canon Paul will hear Confession on request after Masses

Meetings next week: U.C.M. Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Presbytery

Preparation for Baptism Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Presbytery

Faith Exploration: Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery

Friday is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and class 3 from Padre Pio School will be joining us at Mass to celebrate their Class Feast Day.

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.

First Communion 2025: If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion next year – there will be an initial meeting for parents on Thursday 17th of October at the Presbytery at 5 p.m. Please come along so that we can arrange dates and times.

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th of October at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery. Would all members please make every effort to attend.

AFTERNOON TEA: Thank you to all who had tickets and to those who helped in any way. The amount raised for Church Funds is £358.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal – Harvest (Friday 4 October)

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. There will be a second collection next weekend for CAFOD

50 Faces" Exhibition and Ecumenical Vespers

From Friday, 11th October, the "50 Faces" exhibition will be held at St. David's Metropolitan Cathedral and will remain until Wednesday, 23rd October. The exhibition aims to generate a deeper understanding of the complex situation in the Holy Land and raise awareness of the plight of our brothers and sisters there, hopefully leading to greater support for their mission. Ecumenical Vespers will take place on Wednesday, 16th October, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral, where we will gather to pray for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land. The service will be led by Archbishop Mark, joined by Lord Rowan Williams, Patron of Friends of the Holy Land. They will be joined by other ecumenical guests and dignitaries. Following the service, there will be a Q&A session at Cornerstone, where Brendan Metcalfe, CEO of Friends of the Holy Land, will provide an update on the current conditions in the region.

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.

Padre Pio Catholic Primary School has as part of their Eco Committee's drive to reduce, reuse and recycle) a clothes bank on school premises (through the staff car park area to the back of the school). There is a list of acceptable items at the back of the church and when you have old or unwanted clothes please use their clothes bank.