

# SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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## This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Mike & Mary Phillips (Anniversary)	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Jennifer Touhig, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Rosemary Dawkins R.I.P.	Sts Simon & Jude
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Special Intention (JM)	
Wednesday	No Mass today			
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix		
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	All Saints (Solemnity)

## Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Brian Foster, R.I.P.	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	Joan Keogh, R.I.P.	

## Meetings this week

U.C.M. Tuesday after the 9.30 a.m. Mass  
Faith Exploration Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery

Collection for Missio: £147.62

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

Confessions. Canon Paul will hear Confession on request after Masses

**Friday is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Rosemary Dawkins** who died lately and for **Joan Tritarelli** nee Sefton and Allan Probert (Gary's brother) who died this week. May they rest in peace.

## Assisted Suicide Bill

As Archbishop Mark commented in last week's pastoral letter, the nation is now on the verge of a monumental shift in how we treat human life and the vulnerable. If assisted suicide is legalised, hundreds of thousands of vulnerable lives will be at risk over the coming decades. MPs will vote on whether to introduce an extreme assisted suicide law on 29 November. To protect the vulnerable from this radical law change, contact your MP and ask them to vote NO. - it only takes 30 seconds to contact your MP using the tool here:

## Sick and Retired Clergy Fund

The Sick & Retired Clergy appeal in the Archdiocese of Cardiff is an opportunity for us to show our support, and to remember that our retired priests are still part of our Catholic family.

The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund plays a vital role in ensuring that our retired clergy have a stable and secure livelihood when they no longer have a parish community to support them. This fund offers essential financial provision to cover housing costs and daily living expenses, ensuring that these servants of the Church and members of our Diocesan family can live with dignity and security. There will be a second collection for the Sick & Retired Clergy at all Masses in the Archdiocese of Cardiff on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd November. Making a donation is a tangible way to express gratitude for the many years of service given by these members of the clergy who have been by our sides in times of joy and times of sorrow. In a nutshell, it is one way in which we can simply say 'thank you'.

Christmas Prize Draw: Raffle tickets will be on sale at the back of the Church from this weekend. Please take a couple of books and try to sell them to family and friends. This is our main annual fund raiser for the Parish and we hope that all parishioners will help as much as they can. We have received the cash prizes – Thank you but we still need donations of other prizes which will be gratefully received and may be brought to the Sacristy.

November Dead List: November is the month when we especially pray for our deceased. Most of our Masses during November will be offered for the Holy Souls. Please pick up an envelope at the back of the Church for the names of your dead loved ones and return it with a donation as soon as possible.

Coffee Morning: There will be a coffee morning in the Hall after the 11 a.m. Mass today. Please join us for a tea/coffee/cake and a chat.

Mass of Remembrance to remember and pray for the repose of the souls of our loved ones, especially those who have passed away in the last year will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 11 a.m. in St. Alban's

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.