

# SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

Saint Alban's Church and Presbytery  
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## **This week's Masses and intentions:**

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	David Addis, R.I.P.
	6 p.m.	St Alban's	
	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	
	1.30 p.m.	St. Alban's	Adoration
Tuesday		No Mass today	
Wednesday		No Mass today	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix	Holy Souls
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	School Mass

## **Next week's Masses and intentions:**

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	David Addis, R.I.P.	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
	6 p.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	
	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	Andy & Bridget Collins (64 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)	

**Collections for March:**      **Gift Aid**      £2,025.00      **Loose Plate:**      £895.93

**Counters:**      **This week;**      D. Gane & M. Vidler      **Next week;**      Lisa & A. Whiting

**Meetings this week:**      U.C.M.      Monday after 1.30 a.m. Adoration in the Presbytery

**Congratulations** to the children who made their First Confession yesterday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion in June.

## **Easter Services**

Maundy Thursday (17 April):	Pontypool 7.00pm Mass of the Lords Supper
Good Friday (18 April):	Pontypool 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
	Blaenavon 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday (19 April):	Pontypool 8 pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday (20 April):	Pontypool 11am Easter Morning Mass
	Blaenavon 11am Easter Morning Mass (Fr Peter McClaren will say this Mass)

**Please pray** for the soul of David Addis, Sheila's husband, who died recently. May he rest in peace. David's funeral service will be at St. Felix Church on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of April at 11 a.m.

**Please note** that there will not be Mass on Tuesday morning because of the Station Mass in Newport

**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday** and Mass will start with the blessing of palms outside the Church, weather permitting

**Lenten Station Mass** This year's Deanery Lenten Station Mass will take place at St. Patrick's Church, Newport, on **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025**, beginning at **7:00pm**. The address of St. Patrick's is 151 Cromwell Rd Newport NP19 0HS. Archbishop Mark will be the main celebrant.

**Church Cleaning for Easter** will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of April from 10a.m. There is quite a lot of work to be done and we would like to have as many as possible to help. Many hands make light work.! It would be appreciated if those who can help can let the people at the back of the church know so that we can know numbers. If you don't fancy church cleaning, - we also need help to tidy up the church grounds and get rid of some rubbish. .

**Assisted suicide bill** We have been sent the following by the Bishops' Conference: The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on 25th April. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>. Also, to let you know, Right to Life is distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject. A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

**Your weekly collection envelopes:** Gift Aid Scheme envelopes (with your names on them) are available at the back of the Church if you are in the scheme: If you are not already part of this scheme to further support our parish, please consider joining. All that is required is that you pay income tax of the amount equivalent to your weekly offering, sign a declaration and use a given box of envelopes for your collection. If you do pay tax and gift aid your donation the parish can claim back 25p in the £1 at no extra cost to you. Contact Canon Paul for a form.

**Non Gift Aid envelopes:** We will be using old envelopes (to save a little money). Please pick up a green pack of envelopes from the back of the Church.