## SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	David Addis, R.I.P.	Palm Sunday
•	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)	
Monday	9 a.m.	St. Alban's	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	,
	11 a.m.	St. Felix	Funeral Service for David Addis, R.I.P	
	1.30 p.m.	St. Alban's	Adoration	
Tuesday	·	No Mass today		
Wednesday		No Mass today		
EASTER TRIDIUM		·		
Thursday	7 p.m.	St. Alban's	Mass of the Lords Supper	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
Friday	3 p.m.	St. Alban's	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	Good Friday
	7 p.m.	St Felix	Stations of the Cross	_
Saturday	8 p.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	Peggie Sinnott, R.I.P.	_
	11 a.m.	St Felix	Colin & David Bath, R.I.P	

Counters: This week; Lisa & A. Whiting Next week; L. Griffin & T. Hitchings

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

**100 Club**: The winner for April is no 6 – Rene Jeremiah Congratulations

**Easter Offerings** Please pick up an envelope from the back of the Church. The collections on Easter Sunday are for the clergy and forms part of the priest's annual salary

<u>Confessions</u>: there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament in preparation for Easter from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m on Wednesday evening.

Holy Thursday: there will be a period of watching after the 7 p.m. Mass concluding with Night Prayer at about 10 p.m.

Good Friday There will be a Retiring Collection for the upkeep of the Holy Places

Remember: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence

Congratulations to Bridget and Andy Collins on their 64th Wedding Anniversary today.

Danny & Alexander Shaw will be baptised at the 11 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Please pray** for the soul of David Addis. May he rest in peace. David's funeral service will be at St. Felix Church on Monday at 11 a.m.

The Archdiocese are participating in the Jubilee Young Adults Pilgrimage to Rome, which takes place between 30<sup>th</sup> July and the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025. During this pilgrimage, we will not only have the opportunity to walk through the Holy Door, but also be present at the canonisation of Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati.

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 III 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: <a href="https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote">https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote</a>. 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: <a href="https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/">https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/</a>

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.

<u>Non-Gift Aid envelopes:</u> We will be using old envelopes (to save a little money). Please pick up a pack of envelopes from the back of the Church.

<u>The Catholic Post:</u> copies of this month's papers (April) are at the back of the Church. A donation of £1 is suggested and place it in the Church donations slot in the wall box in the porch of St. Albans or in the basked provided at St. Felix.

**Church Cleaning**: It was disappointing that so few turned up. Thank you to those (mostly in their 60s.70s and 80s) who worked so hard in the church and outside to do as much as they could. So much more could have been done.