

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St. Felix	McCulloch Family Intention	3rd Sunday of Easter
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	Special Intention	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls	
	1.30 p.m.		Adoration until 2 p.m	
Tuesday	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	Votive Mass for the Election of the Pope	
Wednesday		No Mass today		
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix	Dorothy Hoare, R.I.P.	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's		

Next week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St. Felix	People of the Parish	4th Sunday of Easter
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	James Doyle, R.I.P.	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Margaret French, R.I.P.	Vocations Sunday

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

Meeting this week:

U.C.M.

Monday after Adoration at 1.30p.m.in the Presbytery

Preparation for First Holy Communion

Friday at 4.30 p.m. in Padre Pio School

Priest Training & Discipleship Appeal:

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Priest Training & Discipleship Appeal. Following feedback from parishes, this year alongside supporting seminarians, the second collection will also be used for wider discipleship activity across the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia. Please support this appeal to the best of your abilities.

Leaflets giving further information are available at the back of the church together with envelopes for those who wish to gift aid a donation.

Conclave On Wednesday the College of Cardinals will enter the Conclave to elect a new Pope. We are asked to pray for them that the Holy Spirit will guide them through the process of discernment. The Mass on Tuesday will be a votive Mass for the election of a pope.

We can see from the media, that there is great interest in the Conclave and the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales has useful resources on their website, specifically under the title, 'Conclave. Who will elect the next Pope?'

Come and See: On Thursday 5th of June we begin a new series of talks on the Catholic Faith. These talks will be for those who are interested in becoming a Catholic **and** for those Catholics who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith.

Annual Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady

This will take place at Belmont Abbey on Wednesday 14th May at 9.00pm The preacher will be Abbot Brendan O.S.B
Hot and Cold refreshments will be available to purchase in Hedley Lodge from 6.00pm

Padre Pio School The school has recently received a very positive report following the recent Estyn inspection and is a testament to the hard work and commitment to the staff, pupils, governors and the wider school community.
A copy of the report is available on the school website

A date for your diary

The next Jubilee event will take place on Saturday 31st May to celebrate the Jubilee for Families. A Jubilee event will be taking place at Belmont Abbey with further details being released in the coming days.

Message from Fr Paul

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who helped to make the Easter Services a worthy Celebration of our faith. I would also like to thank all parishioners for your generous Easter Offerings. I was humbled by the generosity and support you have shown me.

Our Lady St. Michael's Church, Abergavenny: An Organ Recital on Saturday 10th May at 1 p.m. followed by refreshments in the Presbytery. Free Concert – Donations Invited.

Date for your diary Usk Catholic Church:

May the 10th - The Story of St David Lewis the last Welsh Martyr and Father of the Poor. The talk will start at 1030 am in the Church hall followed by a tour of the prison, execution site, a visit to Usk RC Church where the relic resides and a visit to his grave.

Meet for refreshments in the Catholic Church hall at 10.30am in Porthycarne Street next to the 3 Salmons Hotel in Usk.
All welcome.