

# SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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## This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St. Felix	People of the Parish. <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	Albert Millar
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Mr. M McCarthy, R.I.P.
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	<b>St. Clare, Virgin</b>
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	
Wednesday		No Mass Today	
Thursday	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Alban's</b>	People of the Parish <b>Vigil Mass for the Assumption</b>
Friday	<b>9 a.m.</b>	St. Alban's	Kathleen Philpott, R.I.P.
<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			

## Next week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St. Felix	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Special Intention.

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

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**Friday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Masses in Pontypool will be at 7.00pm on Thursday (Vigil Mass) and 9.00am on Friday.**

**Please pray** for the soul of Kathleen Philpott who died recently. May she rest in peace. Kathleen's funeral will be at 3p.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> of August at the Gwent Crematorium.

**Our Lady of Penrhys** – the annual pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine will take place on Sunday 17th August. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm (weather permitting) at the foot of the statue. Please bring your own seat. All are welcome!

**JOIN THE FIGHTBACK TODAY:** As you will know, in the space of just one week at the end of June MPs voted to decriminalise abortion up to birth and to legalise assisted suicide. Sadly, we simply do not have enough people active in the range of prolife activities to contend successfully in the struggle for pro-life values. However, at SPUC WE ARE DETERMINED AS EVER TO DEFEAT ABORTION AND ASSISTED SUICIDE AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN TO DO THIS BY MOBILISING ADEQUATE PRO-LIFE SUPPORT. We therefore urgently need to build the critical mass of people necessary to effect real and lasting protection for unborn children and those at the end of life. We are calling on all parishes across the country to join the fightback and raise awareness of our work at Mass. At St. Alban's we will be doing this on the weekend of 9/10<sup>th</sup> of August. There are postcards at the back of the church which we would ask you to complete and return to the church so that they can be sent back together.

**Are you planning to get married in the next year?** Gwent Centre are holding a Marriage Preparation Day on: Date: Saturday, 18th October 2025 Time: 10am-4pm Venue: St Arvan's Memorial Hall Booking via [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

**The August Diocesan Newsletter** is available on the Archdiocesan website [rcadc.org](http://rcadc.org)

## Mothers' Prayers

Join us to learn about establishing your own Mothers' Prayers group with the UK national coordinator.

When & Where: Saturday 13th September, 10am-2:30pm All Hallows Church, School Road, Miskin CF72 8PG

Free lunch provided

Who's Welcome: All mothers, grandmothers, and women with hearts for children

Arranged by: Nora Woodward and Sister Susan Armond on behalf of the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia.

Discover how these small, faith-filled groups began under the Holy Spirit's guidance and now flourish in 120 countries. Together we surrender our children and the world's children in prayer to God's love and mercy.

"Stop your crying and wipe away your tears. All that you have done for your children will not go unrewarded; they will return from the enemy's land. There is hope for your future; your children will come back home." -

Jeremiah 31:16-17