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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St. Felix	Mc Culloch Family Int	22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Eileen Jones, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's		
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Special Intention (A.B.)	
Wednesday		No Mass Today		St. Gregory the Great
Thursday		No Mass Today		
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's		

Next week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St. Felix		23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's		
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish.	

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

Rosary will be said before Sunday Masses (starting twenty-five minutes before Mass)

Holy Communion at home: If you are sick or housebound or know of anybody who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Canon Paul so that arrangements can be made.

Annual Pilgrimage in honour of St. David Lewis Solemn Evening Prayers & Benediction today at 3 p.m. at SS Francis Xavier and David Lewis Church, Usk. Walking Pilgrimage to the place of execution, and then on to the grave of our local Saint and Martyr at St. Mary's Priory Church. Concluding with veneration of the relic.

TODAY would have been the date for our monthly Holy Hour but we have had to cancel it due to the pilgrimage in honour of St. David Lewis..

RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Deacon David O'Keefe who has died recently. His funeral will take place in St Mary's, Merthyr Tydfil on Thursday 4th Sept at 12.30pm

Mothers Prayers We are delighted to warmly invite all mothers, grand- mothers, and women with a heart for children who may not be parents, to a meeting with the national co-ordinator of Mothers Prayers UK, to find out how to set up & run our own local groups.

The Event: All Hallows Church, School Road Miskin CF72 8PG on Saturday 13th September 10am – 2.30pm, with free lunch.

We will be led to understand the power of Mothers Prayers groups, how they began under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and how they now flourish in 120 countries worldwide. The groups usually are small, powerful, intimate and faith filled, where we surrender our children and the children of the world in prayer and trust to God's love and mercy. Jer. Ch 31 v 16,17 (Good News Bible) Further Info: noracwoodward@gmail.com

Monday is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and marks the beginning of the ecumenical season of Creation which ends on 4th October (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi) The theme for this year's Season of Creation is "Peace with creation" and is based on Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet pictured a desolated creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between people and God. This description of devastated cities and wastelands reveals how human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth. Yet there is still hope that creation will find peace and flourish when justice is restored.

In his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2025, Pope Leo says "now is the time to follow words with deeds....By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope."

The full text of the Pope's message can be found on the Vatican website <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20250630-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

Eastern Valley Foodbank: The collection of food will be at all Masses this weekend in both St. Alban's and St. Felix communities, but if you feel that would rather give a cash donation then this can be put in an envelope marked for this purpose and placed in the offertory basket.

Flowers for the decoration of our Churches: the fund is getting low and we would appreciate some donations. These should be given to M. Vidler or left in the Sacristy in a clearly marked envelope

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