

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

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| Saturday | 4.30 p.m. | St. Felix | People of the Parish | 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time |
| | 6 p.m. | St. Alban's | | |
| Sunday | 11 a.m. | St Alban's | Special Intention | |
| Monday | 9.30 a.m. | St. Alban's | | Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church St. Therese of the Child Jesus The Holy Guardian Angels |
| Tuesday | 7p.m. | St. Alban's | | |
| Wednesday | | No Mass Today | | |
| Thursday | 9.30 a.m. | St. Felix. | | |
| Friday | 9.30 a.m. | St. Alban's | School Class Mass | |

Next week's Masses and Intentions

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| Saturday | 4.30 p.m. | St. Felix | | 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time |
| | 6 p.m. | St. Alban's | People of the Parish | |
| Sunday | 11 a.m. | St Alban's | | |

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

Meetings this week:

Preparation for Baptism (2nd of 2) Friday at 7p.m. in the Presbytery

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

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: Friday is CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day, please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**. You can also **text CAFOD to 70560** to donate £10.

RCIA/ faith enquiry course

We have recently begun a RCIA course for those wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church and those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith. If anyone would like to join the course you are welcome to join us on Thursday at 7.00pm in Usk Parish Hall.

Parish Advisory Council There will be a meeting on Tuesday 7th of October in the Presbytery. Would all members please make every effort to attend. There is a lot to talk about!!!!.

Coffee Morning: There will be a coffee morning in the Presbytery after 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday 12th of October to raise funds for our parish. There will be tea/coffee with a cake (and to include a raffle ticket) for £3. If you cannot come to the coffee morning, there will be an opportunity after Mass to buy a raffle ticket for £1. Your support would be very much appreciated.

Church Cleaning: The church is in need of a good clean (including waxing of the benches) and there will be an opportunity for you to come and help on Saturday 11th of October starting at 10 a.m. The more people who come to help the less time it will take. Every offer of help would be very much appreciated.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will begin a preparation course in the near future. If anybody in Year 8 and above would like to be confirmed next year please fill in and return a form from the back of the Church as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made..

New Book - The Life of St David Lewis, Monmouthshire Martyr.

You may be interested in purchasing this new book written by Father Sebastian of the Cardiff Oratory, entitled: **"Here is a Numerous Assembly - The Life of St David Lewis, Monmouthshire Martyr."** "This edition seeks to enable the reader to appreciate the richness and vitality of the Recusant Catholic world of Wales and the Marches in the period covered in these pages." **Price £15.00 Please let Canon Paul know if you would like to purchase a copy.**

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.

The Catholic Post: copies of this month's papers (September) 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 basket provided at St. Felix.