SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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Number 108

This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday 4.30 p.m. St. Felix Patrick Madden R.I.P **30**th **Sunday of Ordinary Time**6 p.m. St. Alban's People of the Parish

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Monday 7 p.m. St. Alban's

Tuesday 9.30 a.m. St. Alban's Sts. Simon & Jude. Apostles

Wednesday No Mass Today

Thursday 9.30 a.m. St. Felix. Intentions of Marsden Family

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Next week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday 4.30 p.m. St. Felix John Foster R.I.P Feast of All Saints

6 p.m. St. Alban's People of the Parish

Sunday 11 a.m. St Alban's Kevin McDonald (Special Birthday)

<u>Collection</u> Missio Blaenavon : £46.65 Pontypool : £56.00

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

<u>Meetings this week:</u> PAC. Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery

RCIA/Faith enquiry course Thursday at 7 p.m. in <u>Usk Parish Hall</u>

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of All Saints which is transferred from Saturday 1 November

Emmaus discover youth retreat: This event for 13-17year olds takes place at St David's College in Cardiff, on Sunday 23rd November, which is the feast of Christ the King. That feast is also known as National Youth Sunday. The day runs from 10am to 5pm, and it includes the celebration of Holy Mass with Archbishop Mark. We will assist with transport for those travelling from different parts of the diocese. The day costs £10 per person, which includes travel, lunch, and the day's activities.

Please note: it is essential that participants register for this event. If they haven't registered, they will not be able to attend. They can register using the QR code on the Noticeboard.

RIP: Please pray for the eternal happiness of Rev. Dom Stephen Holdsworth, a monk of Belmont Abbey, who died on the 21st October, Fr Holdsworth was a former parish priest in several parishes in the Archdiocese, including St David's, Swansea, Abergavenny, and Weobley, May he rest in peace.

<u>CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW</u>: Please pick up some tickets and do what you can to sell them to friends and neighbours This is our main annual fund raiser for the Parish and we hope that all parishioners will help with selling tickets. Donations of prizes, including cash prizes of £100, £50 and £25 will be gratefully received and may be brought to the Sacristy

November Dead List: November is the month when we especially pray for our deceased. Most of our Masses during November will be offered for the Holy Souls. Please pick up an envelope from the back of the Church for the names of your dead loved ones and return it with a donation as soon as possible.

<u>Safeguarding Audit – Have Your Say:</u> The Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia will soon be taking part in a safeguarding audit carried out by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA).

This is part of our ongoing work to make sure that our safeguarding practices are the best they can be. The CSSA would like to hear directly from anyone who has experience of our safeguarding service — whether positive or negative. Your feedback will help us listen, learn, and continue improving the way we care for and protect everyone in our communities.

If you would like to share your views confidentially, please use this link:

OSSA Safeguarding Feedback Form

Thank you for helping us build a Church that is safe, welcoming, and caring for all.

<u>Prayer for Vocations</u>: On Friday 7th November Fr Matt Roche-Saunders, the Diocesan Vocations Director, will be visiting the St David Lewis for a deanery celebration to pray for vocations to the priesthood. There will be a Holy Hour from 6.30-7.30pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm and refreshments in the hall following the Mass. Fr Matt will lead the Holy Hour and preach at the Mass.

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.