

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St. Felix	Dwane Keen R.I.P	33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Diane Banner, R.I.P.	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls	
Wednesday		No Mass Today		
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix.	Laura McLenachan,	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls. The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	

Next week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday	11 a.m.,	St, Alban's	Mass of Remembrance	Feast of Christ the King
	4.30 p.m.	St. Felix	Holy Souls	
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Higgins Family	

Collection for Sick & Retired Clergy: £258.75

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

Meetings this week: RCIA/Faith enquiry course Thursday at 7 p.m. in Usk Parish Hall

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. To date we have not received any forms back. There is a date set for Confirmation but we will have to decline the date if we do not receive any forms by the 1st Sunday of Advent.(30th November) The forms are at the back of the Church.

First Communion 2026: If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion next year – Please take a form from the back of the church, complete it and return it as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

1st Sunday of Advent (30th November) will be a Family Mass. We will be joined by Staff and Children from Padre Pio School. There will be Tea and Biscuits in the Presbytery after Mass

RED WEDNESDAY - Mass for Persecuted Christians

A special Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark at Cardiff Cathedral on Thursday 20th November at 1:30pm. The Mass will be offered for all persecuted Christians around the world, marking Aid to the Church in Need's Red Wednesday campaign.

Representatives from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) will attend. ACN is a Catholic charity bringing spiritual and practical help to Catholics and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need.

Assisted Suicide: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has launched an e-action campaign encouraging Catholics and all people of goodwill to contact their Members of the Senedd regarding the proposed legalisation of assisted suicide through Westminster's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.

As health is devolved, Members of the Senedd will soon be asked whether to give Legislative Consent for this Bill to apply in Wales. Last year, the Senedd voted against the principle of assisted dying, and this vote will again be a significant moment for our nation.

The Bishops are asking the faithful to urge their MSs to reflect carefully before granting consent, and to support continued investment in compassionate palliative care, mental-health provision, and the protection of the most vulnerable.

You can take part in the action, and find more information, at the links below:

Cardiff-Menevia link: <https://rcadc.org/archbishop-mark-issues-urgent-call-to-oppose-assisted-suicide/>

Bishops' Conference link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/archbishop-of-cardiff-menevia-urges-catholics-to-oppose-assisted-suicide->

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.

Mass of Remembrance to remember and pray for the repose of the souls of our loved ones, especially those who have passed away in the last year will be on next Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Alban's. There will be light refreshments in the presbytery afterwards

CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW: 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