

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St. Felix	Holy Souls	Feast of Christ the King
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Higgins Family	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Ellen Hitchings, R.I.P.	St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Jennifer Touhig, R.I.P.	
Wednesday		No Mass Today		
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix.	Holy Souls,	
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Next week's Masses and Intentions

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St. Felix	Marsden Family	First Sunday of Advent
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	

Counters: **This week;** T. Hitchings & L. Griffiths **Next week;** L. & A. Whiting

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

100 Club: The winner for November is no 37 – Bridget Collins Congratulations!

1st Sunday of Advent (Next Sunday) 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.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. To date we have not received any forms back. There is a date set for Confirmation **The closing date for applications is 1st Sunday of Advent.(Next Sunday)** The forms are at the back of the Church. NO applications will be taken after this day

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. The closing date for applications is Sunday 14th of December. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

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.

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

The Catholic Post: copies of this month's papers (November) 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.

Padre Pio School Final Open Evening for new parents – Monday 1st December-6pm Are you considering applying for a place in our reception class September 2026? Please come along to our open evening on 1st December at 6pm. Please let other families who may be interested know about this date, thank you.

Eastern Valley Foodbank: The collection of food will be at all Masses next 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.