

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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Masses for the week beginning 25 January 2026

Saturday 24 January	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Albans	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Alan Hillier RIP People of the Parish
Sunday 25 January	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban	<i>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> Trina Special Intention
Monday 26 January	9.30am St Albans	<i>Sts Timothy & Titus</i> Holy Souls
Tuesday 27 January	No Mass at St Albans 12 00 noon Usk	<i>Week 3 Ordinary Time</i> Trina Hitchins (sick)
Wednesday 28 January	No Mass Today	<i>Week 3 Ordinary Time</i>
Thursday 29 January	9.30am St Felix	<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i> Paula Young
Friday 30 January	9.30am St Albans	<i>Week 3 Ordinary Time</i>
Saturday 31 January	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Albans	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Teresa Moore
Sunday 1 February	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban	<i>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> John Dilger RIP People of the Parish

Counters This week L & J Peters Next week L & A Whiting

White flower appeal

This weekend there will be the annual white flower appeal in support of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. There will be a retiring collection for SPUC

First Communion 2026

The Course of Preparation for First Holy Communion will begin this week at 4.00pm on Thursday.

Parish Advisory Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Advisory Council on Monday January at 7.00pm in St Alban's presbytery

RIP

Please pray for the souls of Klaus Steigerwald, Fr John Philips, a retired priest of the Archdiocese and Dr Peter Cunningham-Davies who have died recently. May they rest in peace.
 The funeral for Klaus will take place in St Alban's on Tuesday 3rd February at 11.00am.
 Dr Peter Cunningham Davies was a retired G.P who I understand was well known in Pontypool. His funeral will take place in Abergavenny and arrangements have yet to be confirmed

100 Club

Would you like to take part in the 100 Club for 2026? The cost is £1 a month which can be paid monthly or £12 for the year. The Prize is £25 per month. If you are interested, please put your contribution together with your name in an envelope and leave it in the sacristy before 31st January. Please note that this will only go ahead if there is sufficient interest to make it viable.

Pope Leo's weekly Catechesis

Last Wednesday Pope Leo continued his Catechesis on the Dei Verbum, the document from Vatican II on Divine Revelation. The Text of the Pope's weekly Audiences can be found on the website of the Holy See.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026.index.html>

Lenten Concert

On Saturday 21st February 2026 at 7.30pm, a Lenten Concert of Sacred Music will take place at St Mary's RC Church in Chepstow. This will feature The Helenstowe Consort, a group of singers led by Dr Peter Foster, Director of Music at St Helen's Church, Abingdon, who regularly perform in churches and cathedrals throughout the UK. They will be joined by musicians from our Chepstow parish. The programme will include choral works by Bach, Byrd, Handel, Parry, Purcell and Tallis and there will also be instrumental music by Bach, Franck and Handel.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children and can also be reserved by emailing the parish office:

chepstow@cardiffmenevia.org

Legislative Consent Motion on Assisted Suicide Bill

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, the Senedd is preparing to debate whether to give legislative consent to Westminster's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. Archbishop Mark and Bishop Peter Brignall have expressed their deep concern about legalising assisted suicide in Wales and asked that those who can observe a day of fasting on Monday in solidarity with the vulnerable. They also request people to contact their Member of the Senedd to make their voice heard on this important decision for Wales.

Year books

The Archdiocesan Year Book and Directory for 2026 is available at the back of the Church price £5 a copy.