

## St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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### Masses for the week beginning 01 March 2026

Saturday 28 February	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Albans	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Colin Powell (sick)
Sunday 1 March	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> Leslie & Irene Joseph RIP People of the parish
Monday 2 March	<b>6.30pm St Albans</b>	<i>St David</i> Private Intention
Tuesday 3 March	12 noon Usk	<i>Weekday 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent</i> Teresa Murphy Int
Wednesday 4 March	No Mass Today	<i>Weekday 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent</i>
Thursday 5 March	9.30am St Felix	<i>Weekday 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent</i> Teresa Moore
Friday 6 March	9.30am St Albans	<i>Weekday 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent</i> Holy Souls
Saturday 7 March	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Albans	<i>Weekday 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent</i> Ann Selkeld RIP People of the Parish
Sunday 8 March	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban	<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> Yvonne Devlin RIP

**Counters** This week M Vidler & D Gane Next week L & J Peters

**Note, the Mass on Monday will be at 6.30pm**

### CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Today there is a second collection for any donations you wish to make to CAFOD as a result of last Friday's Lenen Fast Day. Donations can also be made online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope)

### Relics of the Cardiff Martyrs

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March the skulls of the Cardiff Martyrs, St Philip Evans and St John Lloyd will be visiting the cathedral and present for prayer and veneration from 10:00am - 4:00pm.

10:00am – Relics arrive at the cathedral

11:00am – Mass

1:30pm – Prayer service with members of the Senedd and the (International Prayer Breakfast (all are welcome to join in prayer for politicians and leaders throughout the world)

4:00pm – Relics depart

One of the archivists from Stonyhurst will be present all day with relics on display for private prayer and veneration. All are welcome to come along.

### Catholic Post

The March edition of the Catholic Post is available at the back of the church. A donation of £1 a copy is suggested

### Toilet facilities at St Albans

During the week an asbestos risk assessment was carried out on the lobby to the church hall. Although we are awaiting the official report, I have been told that we can now use the Gents toilet. The ladies/disabled toilet has to remain out of use until the hatch in the ceiling can be sealed. Hopefully this can be carried out in the near future.

### Archbishop Mark's Study Programme

Archbishop Mark recently issued a pastoral letter, calling the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia to become a missionary and synodal diocese, rooted in prayer and built on four pillars: youth and vocations, evangelising zeal, formation in faith, and loving service of those in need. Archbishop Mark has now produced six study pieces for discussion in parishes.

We will begin the course on Friday evening beginning with a period of Exposition at 6.30pm followed by a short reflection from the Archbishop and discussion of the Archbishop's questions.

### Parish Meal

We seldom have the opportunity to meet together socially, and it has been suggested that following the rigours of Lent, a Parish Get together Meal would be a good opportunity to celebrate Easter and also nurture relationships within our parish community. We are looking to book a local hostelry for lunch on Easter Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April but before making a booking we need to gauge the interest. If you would like to take part in this Get together meal, please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

### First Communion Preparation

The First Communion Program continues this week at 4.00pm.