

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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Masses for the week beginning 1 February 2026

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| 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>4th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> John Dilger RIP People of the Parish |
| Monday 2 February | 9.30am St Albans 12.00noon Usk | <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> Holy Souls Special Intention |
| Tuesday 3 February | 9.30am St Albans 11.00am St Albans | <i>St Blaise</i> Funeral Service Klaus Steigerwald |
| Wednesday 4 February | No Mass Today | <i>Week 4 Ordinary Time</i> |
| Thursday 5 February | 9.30am St Felix 11.00am Blaenavon | <i>St Agatha</i> Teresa Moore RIP Burial of Ashes Klaus Steigerwald |
| Friday 6 February | 10.30am St Albans | <i>St Paul Mikki & Companions</i> Klaus Steigerwald |
| Saturday 7 February | 4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Albans | <i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Wayne Webb (sick) People of the Parish |
| Sunday 8 February | 9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban | <i>5th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> Andy Platt RIP Frs Tom Keane & Ray O'Shea |

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

Weekday Masses

Please note the changes to the Mass schedule this week

St Alban's Church

On Thursday, July 23, 1846, St Alban's Church was officially opened with a High Mass celebrated by Bishop Brown, Bishop of Newport and Menevia. St Alban's has had a varied and interesting history and became the focus for Catholicism in the Eastern Valleys. It was felt that we should mark the 180th Anniversary of the opening of the Church in some way and we would like to form a Working Party to help organise and oversee a programme of events. Further details can be obtained from Kath Moody and Lorraine Hunter.

RIP

Please pray for the souls of Klaus Steigerwald, and Dr Peter Cunningham-Davies who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

The funeral service for Klaus will take place in St Alban's on Tuesday at 11.00am and his ashes will be buried in Varteg Cemetery, Blaenavon on Thursday at 11.00am. A Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul in St Alban's on Friday at 10.30am

100 Club

There is still time to join 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 as soon as possible. Please note that this will only go ahead if there is sufficient interest to make it viable.

First Communion Preparation

The First Communion Program continues this Thursday at 4.00pm as discussed.

Pope Leo's weekly Catechesis

Last Wednesday Pope Leo continued his Catechesis on the *Dei Verbum*, the Vatican II document on Divine Revelation, and explored the relationship between Sacred Scripture and Tradition. 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>

Usk Food Kitchen

The Abergavenny branch of Waitrose is currently supporting the Usk Food Kitchen through its community Matters Scheme. If you shop at Waitrose in Abergavenny, please use the green tokens which you are given at the till to vote for the Usk Food Kitchen in the Community Matters box found at the store's door. The Usk Food Kitchen operates from St David Lewis Church Hall and provides hot meals twice a week for those in need.

Catholic Post

The February edition of the Catholic Post is available at the back of the church

Year books

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