

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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Masses for the week beginning 22 February 2026

Saturday 21 February	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Albans	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Karl Knutt RIP People of the Parish)
Sunday 22 February	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban	<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> Gareth Jones RIP
Monday 23 February	9.30am St Albans	<i>Weekday 1st week of Lent</i> Holy Souls
Tuesday 24 February	12 noon Usk	<i>Weekday 1st week of Lent</i> Eynon Family Intention
Wednesday 25 February	No Mass Today	<i>Weekday 1st week of Lent</i>
Thursday 26 February	9.30am St Felix	<i>Weekday 1st week of Lent</i> Kay Jones RIP
Friday 27 February	9.30am St Albans	<i>Weekday 1st week of Lent</i>
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

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

UCM

There will be a meeting of the UCM on Monday at 2.00pm in the Presbytery.
 Tickets for the UCM prize draw are on sale at the back of the church

First Communion Preparation

The First Communion Program resumes this week at 4.00pm

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Friday is CAFOD's Lenten Fast Day
 By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

There will be a Secomd Collection at Masses next weekend for CAFOD

Walk with me booklets.

These pocket size booklets contain Prayers and daily reflections for the season of Lent. They are available at the back of the church price £1 per copy

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, 6th 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.

Young Adults Holy Week Retreat

A residential retreat for young adults aged 18-30 will take place on 27-29th March at Belmont Abbey. The retreat costs £150pp, (plus a £25 single supplement.) The retreat is full board, with a full timetable of activities, including a trip into Hereford to learn about local martyr St John Kemble. Register at youth@cardiffmenevia.org or use the Q code on the poster

Youth Event

A one-day event for youth in year 8 to year 13 will take place in Belmont Abbey on March 14th cost £15pp. The day will include holy Mass, lunch, an experience of monastic life and a walk in the countryside. The day will be an experience of monastic life, an opportunity to pray together during Lent, and a chance to get to know other young Catholics. The day is £15pp. Register at youth@cardiffmenevia.org or use the Q code on the poster

Pope Leo's weekly Catechesis

This week continued his catechesis on the documents of Vatican II, and reflected on the theme of the Church as mystery and sacrament. The text can be found on the website of the Holy See.

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

Witnesses Reflect: a resource for Lent and Easter.

Reflections on the events surrounding Christ's Passion and Resurrection. £3 per copy - profits for Church Funds.