

## St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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### Masses for the week beginning 8 February 2026

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
Monday 9 February	9.30am St Albans	<i>Week 5 of Ordinary Time</i> Holy Souls
Tuesday 10 February	12 noon Usk	<i>St Scholastica</i> Margaret Scott Morris RIP
Wednesday 11 February	No Mass Today	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
Thursday 12 February	<b>9.30am St Alban's</b>	<i>Week 5 of Ordinary Time</i>
Friday 13 February	9.30am St Albans	<i>Week 5 of Ordinary Time</i> Holy Souls
Saturday 14 February	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Albans	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Elizabeth Evans RIP Trina Hitchins (well being)
Sunday 15 February	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban	<i>6th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> Bill Hayes RIP People of the Parish

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

### Weekday Masses

Please note that the Mass on Thursday will be in St Alban's at 9.30am and we will be joined by Class 4 from Padre Pio School who are celebrating their Class Saint, Our Lady of Lourdes

### Parish Safeguarding Representative

Tristan Griffin has been appointed the Parish Safeguarding Representative by the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office and I thank him for taking on this important role in the parish.

The Parish Safeguarding Representative is responsible for promoting safe practice in activities involving children, young people and adults at risk. They also provide a link between the parish and the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. The Parish Safeguarding Representative assists with the recruitment of people to ministries or roles within their parish, and helps people with the DBS check process.

### RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr Peter Cunningham-Davies, His funeral will take place in Our Lady & St Michael's, Abergavenny at 12 noon on Monday Feb 9<sup>th</sup>

### 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 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Church. If anyone has ideas, please contact Lorraine Hunter or Kath Moody

### Pope Leo's weekly Catechesis

Last Wednesday Pope Leo continued his Catechesis on the *Dei Verbum*, the Vatican II document on Divine Revelation. The theme is that in Sacred Scripture, the faithful find a "privileged space for encounter where God continues to speak to the men and women of every time, so that, by listening, they can know Him and love Him."

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.

### First Communion Preparation

The First Communion Program continues this Thursday at 4.00pm