

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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Masses for the week beginning 15 March 2026

Saturday 14 March	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Albans	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Alan Hillier RIP People of the Parish
Sunday 15 March	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban	<i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> Margaret Evans RIP Private Intention (Higgins)
Monday 16 March	9.30am St Albans	<i>Weekday 4th week of Lent</i> Special Intention
Tuesday 17 March	12 noon Usk	<i>St Patrick</i> Ann O'Brien
Wednesday 18 March	No Mass Today	<i>Weekday 4th week of Lent</i>
Thursday 19 March	9.30am St Felix	<i>St Joseph</i> Holy Souls
Friday 20 March	9.30am St Albans	<i>Weekday 4th week of Lent</i>
Saturday 21 March	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Albans	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Keith Knight
Sunday 22 March	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban	<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> In Thanksgiving People of the Parish

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

Family Mass

Next Sunday the 11.00am Mass at St Albans will be a Family Mass and staff and pupils from St Padre Pio School will be leading the liturgy

Parish Advisory Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Advisory Council in the Presbytery on Monday at 6.00pm

First Communion Preparation

Congratulations to the Children of the parish who made their first Confession at St Albans on Saturday Morning

The Course of preparation for First Communion will continue this coming Thursday at 4.00pm

Confirmation

The course of Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin on **Saturday 21st March** at 10.00am in St Alban's Presbytery. (Apologies for the error in last week's newsletter)

Archbishop Mark's Study Programme

The third session of the Archbishop's study course **will take place in St Albans on Friday evening beginning with a period of Exposition at 6.30pm** followed by a reflection from the Archbishop on Growing Evangelising Disciples, and discussion of the Archbishop's questions.

Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Dates: 20th - 24th July 2026

A full religious programme, flights and transfers in France, full board 4* Hotel, as well as insurance and Lourdes Levies are included in the pilgrimage package.

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Bookings: www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-welsh/

For enquiries:

welshnationalpilgrimage@gmail.com

May Procession at Belmont Abbey

The Annual Torchlight Procession at Belmont Abbey in honour of Our Lady will take place on Wednesday 6th May. It has been suggested that, if there is sufficient interest, we could arrange a small coach. If you are interested please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the Church,

Parish Meal

The parish Get Together Meal has now been booked at Booking made at Little Crown Inn, Elled Rd Wainfelin NP4 6DR
 4.00pm Monday 6th April

Torchlight Procession

Our Lady of Peace, Ashfield Road Newbridge NP11 4RB will be holding a Torchlight Procession on Wednesday 19th March at 7.00pm, followed by a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served afterwards.

Mass for the Feast of Oscar Romero

On Tuesday 24 March CAFOD is celebrating the Feast of St Oscar Romero with a special Mass at Cardiff Cathedral at 12.45pm. followed by a short talk by Clare Dixon: "Romero: A Reason to Hope."

There will be an opportunity for further Q & A in the Mostyn Room. If you are interested in attending please contact twarwick@cafod.org.uk