

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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Masses for the week beginning 26 April 2026

Saturday 25 April	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Jean Mawby RIP
Sunday 26 April	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> John Williams RIP People of the Parish
Monday 27 April	9.30am St Alban's	<i>Monday of 4th week of Eastertide</i>
Tuesday 28 April	12 noon Usk	<i>Tuesday of 4th week of Eastertide</i> All Helers at the Church at Easter
Wednesday 29 April	No Mass Today	<i>St Catherine of Sienna</i>
Thursday 30 April	9.30am Pontypool	<i>Thursday of 4th week of Eastertide</i> School Mass
Friday 1 May	6.00pm St Alban's 7.00pm St Alban's	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i> <i>Exposition & Rosary</i>
Saturday 2 May	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 3 May	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> Jocelyn Eynon RIP

Please note that the Mass on Thursday will be in St Alban's and we will be joined by year 5 from Padre Pio School.

This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, initiated by Pope Paul VI in 1964, it focuses on praying for and encouraging vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, while highlighting the universal call to holiness.

Vocations Sunday

This week Archbishop Mark has written a pastoral letter inviting all unmarried men who feel God may be calling them to the priesthood to take a first step in discernment. He invites every unmarried man who is open to this call to join him for **Evening Prayer at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff, on Sunday 31st May at 3:30pm**, followed by an opportunity to meet with the Archbishop and others exploring the same vocation. To register your interest, please email vocations@cardiffmenevia.org.

Holy Hour

Beginning on Friday of the week, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary at 6.00pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm

This is a response to the Archbishop's message 'Heart Speaks to Heart' in which he says 'All of us are called to deepen our encounter with Jesus, and to draw close to Him in prayer. Let us increase prayer opportunities in our parishes; invite one another into the rich devotional life of our Church through the rosary, pilgrimages, intercessory prayer, times of Eucharistic Adoration, guided meditation and prayer.'

Men's Prayer Group.

A men's prayer group will be set up in the parish with its first meeting taking place on 14th May. It is anticipated that this will take place once per month and will be hosted at various locations in the Parish.

Speak to Tristan, Danny or Rob for details.

Priest Training and Discipleship Appeal Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Priest's Training Fund and Discipleship Fund. Donations to the Appeal will support seminarians and the work of growing vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It will also build a culture of vocation and discipleship which includes developing our youth ministry, catechetical formation, leadership training, and other evangelisation initiatives.

Thanksgiving Mass

There will be a Thanksgiving Mass honouring all Safeguarding Volunteers at All Hallows Catholic Church, Miskin on Saturday 6th June at 11.00am. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark

Two Events for Teenagers

1 A pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper in Cardigan for pupils in year 8 -13, on Saturday May 30th - the cost is £15pp. Further details on the notice board

2 A summer camp to St Davids, Pembrokeshire for pupils in year 9 -13, from August 5th-9th - numbers for this event are limited, so it will be first come, first served - the cost is £300pp. Further details on the notice board

Toilet facilities at St Alban's

Hopefully the remedial work to prevent asbestos contamination in the hall lobby will take place on Tuesday and will cost £800 plus VAT. Although it is quite expensive it is essential that we have toilet facilities at the church.