

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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Masses for the week beginning 3 May 2026

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
Monday 4 May	9.30am St Alban's	<i>Monday of 5th week of Eastertide</i> Private Intention
Tuesday 5 May	9.30am St Alban's	<i>Tuesday of 5th week of Eastertide</i>
Wednesday 6 May	No Mass Today	<i>Wednesday of 5th week of Eastertide</i>
Thursday 7 May	12 noon Usk	<i>Thursday of 5th week of Eastertide</i> Nick Adams Intention
Friday 8 May	6.00pm St Alban's 7.00pm St Alban's	<i>Friday of 5th week of Eastertide</i> <i>Exposition & Rosary</i>
Saturday 9 May	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 10 May	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> David Jones (sick) Magdalene French RIP

Please note that the Mass on Tuesday will be in St Alban's at 9.30am and the Mass on Thursday will be in Usk at 12noon

Priest Training and Discipleship Appeal This weekend there will be a second collection for the Priest's Training 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.

Torchlight Procession

The Annual Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady at Belmont Abbey will take place on Wednesday 6th May at 9.00pm
 Hot and Cold Refreshments will be available in the Chapterhouse from 6pm

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.

Catholic Post

The May edition of the Catholic Post is available at the back of the church. A donation of £1 a copy is suggested

Toilet Facilities in the hall

The remedial work in the toilet area has now been carried out and it is now safe to use the toilet facilities in the Hall.

Vocations

In his recent pastoral letter, Archbishop Mark invited all unmarried men who feel God may be calling them to the priesthood to take a first step in discernment and join him for Evening Prayer at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff, on Sunday, May 31st at 3:30pm. This will be followed by an opportunity to meet with the Archbishop and others exploring the same vocation. To register your interest, please email: vocations@cardiffmenevia.org

WeBelieve | Festival of Catholic Life

We Believe Festival is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24–27 July 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful.
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Holy Hour

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, intercessory prayer, times of Eucharistic Adoration, and prayer.'