

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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Masses for the week beginning 17 May 2026

Saturday 16 May	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 17 May	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> Nasmyth family Private Intention
Monday 18 May	No Mass Today	<i>Monday of 7th week of Eastertide</i>
Tuesday 19 May	No Mass Today	<i>Tuesday of 7th week of Eastertide</i>
Wednesday 20 May	No Mass Today	<i>Wednesday of 7th week of Eastertide</i>
Thursday 21 May	No Mass Today	<i>Thursday of 7th week of Eastertide</i>
Friday 22 May	6.00pm St Alban's 7.00pm St Alban's	<i>Friday of 7th week of Eastertide</i> <i>Exposition & Rosary</i>
Saturday 23 May	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 24 May	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>Pentecost</i> Fr John Brown Intentions People of the Parish

Counters This week: M Vidler & D Gane Next week: T Hitchins

St Alban's Church 180th Anniversary

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. There will be several events to mark the Anniversary.

The first event is an inspirational talk entitled **Eastern Valley Irish** by Paddy Landers. The talk will take place in Padre Pio School on 3 June at 6.30pm. Tickets £5 including Tea and Coffee available at the Church and the school. There is also an opportunity to pay at the door

First Communion

Please pray for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion at St Alban's. This will take place on Sunday 7 June (The Feast of Corpus Christi) at the 11am Mass.

Holy Hour

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary continues this week at 6.00pm on Friday followed by Mass at 7.00pm Adoration is an opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament opening ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

It is also a good opportunity to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Pentecost

Archbishop George Stack

On Saturday 30th May, Archbishop George will mark two significant milestones - his 80th birthday and the 25th anniversary of his ordination as a bishop at Westminster Cathedral. All are warmly invited to join him for Mass at St David's Metropolitan Cathedral, Cardiff at 12:30pm, followed by a reception in The Cornerstone. If you would like to attend, please let your Parish Priest know so the Cathedral has an idea of numbers.

Youth events

A reminder about two upcoming events for our teenagers, organised by Emmaus Youth Mission.

May 30th - Youth Pilgrimage to Cardigan - for secondary school age children in Year 8 to Year 13. Cost £15pp (inc travel if required). Shareable registration link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/cydxg69d1V>

August 5th-9th - Summer Camp in St Davids, Pembrokeshire - for secondary school age children in Year 9 to Year 13. Cost £300pp (inc travel, all food and activities). Shareable registration link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/F67gprENQe>

Vocations

Archbishop Mark invited all unmarried men who feel God may be calling them to the priesthood to 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

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.

Apply & Book Now!

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

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