

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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Masses for the week beginning 7 June 2026

Saturday 6 June	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Jaquie Howting (sick)
Sunday 7 June	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>Corpus Christi</i> Annette Williams RIP People of the Parish
Monday 8 June	9.30am St Alban's	<i>Week 10 of Ordinary Time</i> Private Intention
Tuesday 9 June	12 noon Usk	<i>Week 10 of Ordinary Time</i>
Wednesday 10 June	No Mass Today	<i>Week 10 of Ordinary Time</i>
Thursday 11 June	9.30am St Felix	<i>St Barnabus</i>
Friday 12 June	6.00pm St Alban's 7.00pm St Alban's	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> <i>Exposition and Rosary</i>
Saturday 13 June	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 14 June	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Canon Jason Jones RIP People of the Parish

Counters This week: T Hitchins Next week: L Griffin & L Hunter

First Communion

This week 11 children from the parish will receive their First Holy Communion at the 11am Mass in St Albans.

Corpus Christi

This week we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, In reflecting on the Eucharist, Bishop Paul Mason says: "The Blessed Sacrament is something of a North Star. It gives us light, it gives us direction, it gives purpose, and without that, we can end up a bit lost. Simply being able to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament ensures that we don't spin off on a frolic of our own pursuing do-goodery.
 "This is the work of God that we're called to be engaged in. If we don't spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, it would be so easy to simply end up in a type of activism which doesn't go anywhere. We need to be sure that, in the work that we do, that we're following God's promptings.
 "Being able to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament – some people say wasting time with Almighty God before the Blessed Sacrament – is so important to feed our souls and give us that sense of where we're going and what we're supposed to be doing."

St Alban's Church 180th Anniversary

The next event to celebrate the 180th Anniversary of the parish will be on Friday 19th June at 7.00pm when Archbishop Mark will celebrate a Vigil Mass for the Feast of St Alban. St Alban's Church was built to serve the influx of Irish families moving to South Wales for work in local ironworks and coal mines and played an important part in the of development of Catholicism in the Eastern Valleys. Please do join us for this Anniversary Mass as we give thanks to God for the life and mission of the Church in our area.

Chapter Mass

Canon John Griffiths, the new Provost and three new Canons, Father Tim McGrath, Father Michael Doyle and Father Cyril Thadathil are to be installed at the Mass in St David's Cathedral on Wednesday at 11.00am. All are welcome to attend.

Torchlight Procession

The Torchlight Procession for Peace at Our Lady of Peace in Newbridge will take place on June 18th at 7:00pm. The preacher is Fr. Bernard Sixtus.

Are you preparing for marriage?

Marriage Care is holding a Marriage Preparation Day on Saturday, 11th July (10am-4pm) at St Michael's Centre, Abergavenny. Booking via www.marriagecare.org.uk
 The programme looks at developing and maintaining happy relationships, avoiding some of the pitfalls and supporting you to build the best possible future together.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tristan Griffin who has been accepted by Archbishop Mark as a candidate for the diaconate. Tristan will begin his formal training in September and I ask you to remember in your prayers as he continues his journey of discernment and study.

100 Club.

The 100 club winner for May is David Hitchins. Apologies for the error in last week's newsletter.