

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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RIP
 Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lynne Peters who has died recently. May she rest in peace.

Diocesan Mission
 Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) - a Canadian evangelisation team are leading a Mission throughout the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia from 19 June to 5 July. The first event in our Deanery is An Evening of Parish Formation & Evangelisation on Monday 22nd June 7pm - 9pm. At Our Lady of the Angels, Cwmbarn, NP44 3LX. An evening helping and training us to share our faith with others. All Welcome.

St Alban's Church 180th Anniversary
 Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass in St Alban's on Friday at 7.00pm to mark the 180th Anniversary of the opening of the Church. The Mass will be a Vigil Mass for the Feast of St Alban, the patron of our parish

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 development of Catholicism in the Eastern Valleys. Please make every effort to join us for this Anniversary Mass as we give thanks to God for the life and mission of the Church in Pontypool over the past few years and look to the future in hope.

Open Day
 The Church will be open on Saturday from 10am until 4pm. Please spread the word and encourage people to come along to learn a bit about the history of our church and maybe say a prayer and light a candle.

Flower Collection.
 The ladies who arrange the flowers at the Church do a spectacular job especially for major celebrations. Flowers do cost money and there will basket at the back of the Church over the next few weeks for any donations you may wish to give towards the cost of flowers.

Day for Life 2026
 Next Sunday, 21 June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website."

CAFOD Evening
 7.00pm on Friday 26th June St Michael's Centre Abergavenny
 CAFOD are bringing two of their partners Columbia in South America to speak about the challenges in the Colombian Amazon (deforestation/destruction of their common home, extractivism (oil, illegal gold mining), the ongoing armed conflict, possibly violence against women, impacts of climate change) and what they are doing in their diocese to resolve the issue with the support from CAFOD.

Masses for the week beginning 14 June 2026

Saturday 13 June	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jane Watson RIP People of the Parish
Sunday 14 June	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Canon Jason Jones RIP Lynn Peters
Monday 15 June	9.30am St Alban's	Week 11 of Ordinary Time Private Intention
Tuesday 16 June	12 noon Usk	Week 11 of Ordinary Time
Wednesday 17 June	No Mass Today	Week 11 of Ordinary Time
Thursday 18 June	9.30am St Felix	Week 11 of Ordinary Time
Friday 19 June	7.00pm St Alban's	Vigil Mass for St Alban 180 th Anniversary Mass
Saturday 20 June	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	Sts Alban Julius and Aaron Adrian Buckston RIP Ellen Hitchins RIP
Sunday 21 June	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish

Counters This week: L Griffin & L Hunter Next week: A & L Whiting

The chaos on the roads last Sunday, due to the police incident, meant that Mass was very late starting and I would like to thank the Children who made their First Communion, as well as parents, visitors and parishioners for your patience while you waited for me to return from Usk. I hope everyone was able to get home safely.