

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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Masses for the week beginning 21 June 2026

Saturday 20 June	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Adrian Buckston RIP Ellen Hitchins RIP
Sunday 21 June	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> People of the Parish
Monday 22 June	9.30am St Alban's	<i>Week 12 of Ordinary Time</i>
Tuesday 23 June	12 noon Usk	<i>Week 12 of Ordinary Time</i> St John Ambulance Cymru
Wednesday 24 June	No Mass Today	<i>Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>
Thursday 25 June	9.30am St Felix	<i>Week 12 of Ordinary Time</i>
Friday 26 June	6.00pm St Albans 7.00pm St Alban's	<i>Week 12 of Ordinary Time</i> <i>Exposition and Rosary</i>
Saturday 27 June	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Jane Watson
Sunday 28 June	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>Sts Peter and Paul</i> Kathleen Strood RIP

Counters This week A & L Whiting Next week: M Vidler and D Gane

Next Sunday is the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul and there will be the traditional Collection for Peter's Pence, This annual global appeal raises funds to support the Pope's humanitarian outreach and charitable works, including emergency disaster relief, assistance to refugees, and the daily operations of the Holy See

Day for Life 2026

This Sunday is Day for Life Sunday and this year's theme is "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. There will be a Second Collection at the Masses this weekend which 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."

Archbishop's Newsletter

Archbishop Mark's June newsletter covers the CCO diocesan mission, new appointments and canonical installations, vocations news including an upcoming diaconal ordination, youth events, and several pilgrimages and events coming up this summer and autumn.

You can read the newsletter here: <https://rcadc.org/archbishop-marks-june-2026-newsletter/>

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, Cwmbran, NP44 3LX.

An evening helping and training us to share our faith with others. All Welcome.

St Alban's Church 180th Anniversary

Many thanks for all who helped prepare for the Anniversary Mass last Friday. The Mass was a celebration of the rich history of the parish over the past 180 years. The Mass ended with a moving ceremony outside the church when Archbishop Mark Blessed the restored cross overlooking Pontypool.

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.

Welsh Chamber Orchestra Concert

Friday 3 July in Our Lady and St Michael Abergavenny at 7.30pm
 "Mozart in Abergavenny." Tickets £20, or £35 including drinks reception after concert. See poster at back of Church Info on parish website and Facebook **page**

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 be a basket at the back of the Church for any donations you may wish to give towards the cost of flowers.