

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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Masses for the week beginning 26 July 2026

Saturday 25 July	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Patrick Madden Michell Darer People of the Parish
Sunday 26 July	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>17th Sunday Ordinary Time</i> Annette Williams RIP Vincent McCarthy RIP
Monday 27 July	9.30am St Albans	<i>Week 17 of Ordinary Time</i>
Tuesday 28 July	12 noon Usk	<i>Week 17 of Ordinary Time</i> Special Intention
Wednesday 29 July	No Mass today	<i>Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>
Thursday 30 July	9.30am St Felix	<i>Week 17 of Ordinary Time</i>
Friday 31 July	6.00pm St Albans 7.00pm St Albans	<i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i> <i>Exposition and Rosary</i> Private Intention
Saturday 1 August	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Patrick Gallagher RIP People of the Parish
Sunday 2 August	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>18th Sunday Ordinary Time</i> Adrian Lezenby RIP Gloria White RIP

Counters

This week M Vidler & D Gane

Next week T Hitchins

Baptism

Next Sunday we welcome Kael Denzil Moore and Fleur Anis Moore into our parish community. They will be baptised during the 11.00am Mass at St Albans.

Thank you

Many thanks to all who supported the Ecumenical Service to mark the 180th Anniversary of the opening of our church. Special thanks to those who helped prepare for the service and showed hospitality to our Christian brothers and sisters in Pontypool

Children's Liturgy.

Now that we have a few young children attending Sunday Mass at St Alban's, it has been suggested that we should one again introduce a Children's Liturgy in the hope that we can encourage a few more young families to join us at Mass. If we are to do this we need a team of volunteers to lead the Liturgy. and hopefully form a monthly Rota All volunteers will need a DBS check as they will be working with young children. If you think that you would like to be part of the team, please contact Canon Paul.

Catholic People

The August edition of the Catholic people is available at the back of the church. Suggested donation is £1 a copy.

A message from Archbishop Mark

There will be a Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on 11 September. As Catholics, we oppose this legislation in principle as it attacks the innate dignity of every person. It is also very poorly written and gives no safeguards to healthcare staff, nursing homes, or hospices all of whom will be pressured to implement the bill if the legislation is passed. I encourage all Catholics to write to their MP. The Bishops' Conference has produced has a scannable QR code, available on its website at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> On the page, there are various resources, copies of statements and guidance on writing to your MP, and please, please do so, to protect the most vulnerable in our society. Many thanks,

World Youth Day 2027

The Archdiocese will be taking a group of young adults aged 18-30 to next summer's World Youth Day for the next World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea from July 28th to August 9th, 2027. Young adults who would like to join are invited to attend the online information webinar on August 2nd at 7pm. A link to register can be found on the poster on the notice board.