

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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Masses for the week beginning 20 September 2026

Saturday 19 September	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Mary Murnane People of the Parish
Sunday 20 September	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>25th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> Rocco Gurnari RIP Special Intention Dennis
Monday 21 September	9.30am St Albans	<i>St Matthew</i>
Tuesday 22 September	12.00 noon Usk	<i>Week 25 of Ordinary Time</i> Betty Robertson RIP
Wednesday 23 September	9.30am St Albans	<i>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>
Thursday 24 September	No Mass Today	<i>Week 25 of Ordinary Time</i>
Friday 25 September	10.00am St Felix 6.00pm St Albans	<i>Week 25 of Ordinary Time</i> Requiem Mass for Mary Murnane <i>Exposition and Rosary</i> NO MASS THIS EVENING
Saturday 26 September	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Mary Murnane
Sunday 27 September	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>26th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> Kath Stroud RIP People of the Parish

Wednesday is the Feast of St Padre Pio and there will be Mass in St Alban's at 9.30am. We will be joined by staff and pupils from Padre Pio School as they celebrate their patronal feast.

Counters This week: M Vidler & D Griffin Next week: M Vidler & D Griffin

Home Mission Sunday

This Sunday is Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith, and to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ.

There will be a Second Collection to support the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales.

More details can be found on the Bishops' Conference website - cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-sunday

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Murnane who died recently. Her Funeral will take place in St Felix on Friday at 10.00am. May she rest in peace.

Baptism

This weekend we welcome James McCormack-Preece into our parish community. He will be baptised in St Albans on Sunday afternoon at 2.00pm

Craft Group

You are invited to come along to a craft group at St Alban's Sacristy Every Wednesday 1.00pm-3.00pm starting Wednesday 23rd September Bring your own or join a project Everyone Welcome

First Communion 2027

If you have a child in year 3 or above who would like to be included in the next course of preparation for First Holy Communion, please complete a registration form at the back of the church and return it to the presbytery by 12th October

Choral Concert at St Albans.

On Saturday 17th October there will be a Concert by Swn y Gan Choir to celebrate the 180th Anniversary of St Albans Church.

Swn y Gan is a South Wales based mixed choir made up of experienced local singers from a variety of backgrounds. The choir performs all over the U.K. and performances have a mix of styles and genres including musical theatre, jazz, classical and contemporary.

The concert will begin at 7.00pm and tickets priced £7.50 are available from the Church.

Please note that, due to the concert, there will not be a 6.00pm Mass at St Alban's on 17th October

Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes

18-24 July 2027 Clergy and parishioners are warmly invited to save the date and register their interest. Further information is available on the pilgrimage poster/link.

Hospital Admissions

Due to patient Confidentiality, hospitals no longer automatically notify parishes when a Catholic is admitted. On admission to hospital you can inform the ward that you are a catholic and ask to speak to a member of the hospital chaplaincy team. In cases of emergency admissions, ask the ward staff to contact the on-call Catholic Priest via the hospital switchboard.

In cases of Planned Procedures or Surgery, You can request the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital and this can be administered after Mass, at home or in the church