

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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Masses for the week beginning 11 October 2026

Saturday 10 October	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Alban's	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> People of the Parish Shirley Doyle
Sunday 11 October	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>28th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> Barry Potter RIP
Monday 12 October	9.30am St Albans	<i>Weekday of 28th Week</i>
Tuesday 13 October	12 noon Usk	<i>Weekday of 28th Week</i> Betty Robertson
Wednesday 14 October	No Mass Today	<i>Weekday of 28th Week</i>
Thursday 15 October	9.30am St Felix	<i>St Teresa of Avila</i>
Friday 16 October	6.00pm St Albans 7.00pm St Albans	<i>Weekday of 28th Week</i> <i>Exposition and Rosary</i>
Saturday 17 October	4.30pm St Felix No 6.00pm Mass	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Private Intention
Sunday 18 October	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>29th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> Michael Kubiak Intention People of the Parish

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

Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. A reminder that there is Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament of Fridays at 6.00pm

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

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has power to transform our lives and heal our world. There will be a second collection at the Masses next weekend in support of Missio

Choral Concert at St Albans.

A reminder that on Saturday there will be a concert by Swn y Gan Choir in St Albans Church at 7.00pm. Please make every effort to support this event
 Please make every effort to support the concert and encourage friends and neighbours to join us. Tickets priced £7.50 are available from the Church. Or at the door before the concert

Preparation for Swn Y Gan Concert:

Following Mass this Sunday 11th October, the short front pews need to be moved out of the church. Not a big job if we have plenty of hands. Helpers appreciated.
 Also, after Mass this Sunday, our H&S representative; Rob, will provide Fire Warden Training for as many people as we can muster.
 Should the need ever arise, it is in everyone's interest that we have a number of people fully trained in our evacuation procedure.
 If anyone is available for either or both of the above, all offers of help & support would be appreciated.

Craft Group

Please note that the Craft group will now meet in St Alban's sacristy on Mondays
 Everyone Welcome

Archdiocesan Newsletter

The latest Archdiocesan newsletter welcomes MPs' rejection of the Assisted Dying Bill and invites us to answer Pope Leo's call to pray the Rosary for peace throughout October. It also features Bishop Vaughan School's Festival of Peace, the Spiritus conference in Rome, a golden jubilee for two Sisters of St Joseph, and the new Archdiocesan WhatsApp channel. Coming up: a Safeguarding Café at Our Lady's, Llandovery (22nd October), and Austen Ivereigh on *Magnifica Humanitas* at St Helen's, Caerphilly (31st October). Read or subscribe at rcadc.org.

Padre Pio School

If you know friends, family, or neighbours who are looking for a Reception Class place for September 2027 then please encourage them to consider Padre Pio School.. There will be two open sessions (a tour of our school and Q&A) for parents considering applying for a place in Reception Class 2027 on: Thursday 12 November 10am and Monday 16 November 5pm Please email susan.lewis@torfaen.gov.uk if you wish to book a place. Applications for Reception Class (September 2027) should be submitted to Torfaen Council, via their website, from 13 November 2026 and before the deadline of 15 January 2027.