

St Alban's Pontypool and St Felix Blaenavon

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Masses for the week beginning 18 October 2026

Saturday 17 October	4.30pm St Felix No evening 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 Intentions People of the parish
Monday 19 October	9.30am St Albans	<i>Weekday of 29th Week</i> Ann Jones RIP
Tuesday 20 October	10.00am Usk 11.45am Usk	<i>Weekday of 29th Week</i> Michael McLoughlin RIP Funeral Service for Lynn Farrell
Wednesday 21 October	No Mass Today	<i>Weekday of 29th Week</i>
Thursday 22 October	9.30am St Felix	<i>Weekday of 29th Week</i>
Friday 23 October	6.00pm St Albans 7.00pm St Albans	<i>Weekday of 29th Week</i> <i>Exposition and Rosary</i>
Saturday 24 October	4.30pm St Felix 6.00pm St Albans	<i>Vigil Masses for Sunday</i> Private Intention Joan & Rose RIP
Sunday 25 October	9.15am Usk 11.00am St Alban's	<i>30th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> John Gardener RIP People of the Parish

Counters This week: M Vidler & D Gane Next Week: L Griffin & L Hunter

World Mission Sunday

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. There will be a second collection at today's Masses in support of Missio.

Christmas Prize Draw

It now only nine weeks to Christmas and we now preparing for the annual Christmas Draw, which is a major fund raising event for the parish. Prize Draw tickets are available from this weekend and we would be grateful if you could take some books of tickets to sell amongst family and Friends. We would also be grateful for donation of prizes for the raffle including the Cash Prizes of £100, £50 and £25.

Craft Group

Please note that the craft group will not be meeting this week

Aberfan Disaster Anniversary

Wednesday 21st October marks the 60th Anniversary of the disaster at Aberfan. The cathedral will be holding a Memorial Mass for the victims of the disaster starting at 7:00pm that day.

Civilization of Love in an Age of Power

Saturday 31 October 2026 · 10am–12noon
 · St Helen's Church, Caerphilly
 Our Lady of Penrhys Deanery invites all to a morning reflecting on Pope Leo XIV's *Magnifica Humanitas* and what it means for the Church of tomorrow. The session will be led by Austen Ivereigh, biographer of Pope Francis, journalist, BBC commentator and fellow of Campion Hall, Oxford.
 All are welcome. To book your place, scan the QR code.



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.