

# SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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No. 837

## The public celebration of Mass in Saint Alban's Church:

I would like to begin by thanking so many people for following our protocols which are in place to keep everyone as safe as possible when attending Mass; change is never easy, and at times is uncomfortable for all of us. However, as we are all aware, we are not in normal times, and minor inconvenience is not an acceptable excuse to want to do what one may have done for years. It is essential that everyone (other than for genuine medical reason) – stewards and parishioners alike – follow the protocols which are there to keep everyone safe. In addition, it can also be very distracting to the priest during the celebration of Mass, when as the ultimate responsible person in the parish, he sees lapses in our protocols. Therefore, for both of the above reasons, your full and total co-operation is expected, so that Mass can continue to be celebrated in a way that is dignified and safe for all of us. Our protocols are summarised in the document attached to the emailed newsletter, or are displayed at the back of the Church; please ensure that you familiarise yourself with what is required of you when attending Mass, and understand that the stewards are there to promote the safety of all of us.

Secondly, as the weather becomes cooler, we are required to both heat and ventilate the Church. We have agreed that the window on the Sanctuary will be open during Mass and that one of each pair of the church doors will be opened as necessary for entering the Church. One of the doors will then be opened after the distribution of Holy Communion and remain open while the Church is cleaned before people enter for the second Mass.

Thirdly, both of our Churches are costly to maintain and use, and as you can see from the parish collections in recent months, our financial income has been severely affected by the implications of the pandemic. This is primarily because of the lower number of people able to attend Mass, but is also due to only a comparatively small number of parishioners having set up a standing order in favour of the parish. I would ask you to give consideration to how you support our parish financially, and set up a standing order online or directly with your bank if you are able to do so. Our details are as follows: Barclays Bank; Sort Code: 20 18 23; Account No: 33788067; Account Name: Archdiocese of Cardiff. Thank you for your generosity.

### This Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	10.15 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	(29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time)
	11.15 a.m.	St Alban's	Holy Souls	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Cyril Daley's intentions	
			Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11 a.m.	
Wednesday	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Angelina Bertorelli, R.I.P.	

### Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	10.15 a.m.	St Alban's	Jennifer Touhig, R.I.P.	(30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time)
	11.15 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	

<b>Collection last Sunday:</b>	<b>St Alban's:</b>	<b>Plate:</b>	£239.96	<b>Gift Aid:</b>	£551.00
	<b>Direct payment to bank in September:</b>		£358.00		
	<b>Prisoners' Sunday Collection:</b>		£10.00	<b>CAFOD:</b>	£22.00

**A.P.F.:** Margaret Vidler asks that your Red Mission boxes are brought to the Sacristy over the next few weeks. Thank you!

**PACT – Prison Advice and Care Trust:** the Catholic charity that provides support to prisoners, people with convictions and their families through a range of family, court, helpline and prison and community based services. Their vision is of a society in which justice is understood as a process of restoration and healing, and where the innate dignity and worth of every human being is valued. If you would like to support their work please ask for an envelope from the back of the Church and return it with your collection.

**World Mission Sunday:** Today is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people – "Here I am, send me!" Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

**Repository:** There is a beautiful variety of Christmas items for sale, including Advent Calendars, Christmas cards, nativity sets, gift bags etc., all at very reasonable prices – much cheaper than in the shops! A lovely gift for someone is a Mass Bouquet, and there are some stunning cards for this purpose on display.

There is also a wide selection of cards for all occasions: on the stand there is a range of cards for birthdays, birth and baptism of children, engagements, weddings and anniversaries, in addition to Christmas cards. On the shelves there are Mass Bouquet cards for various occasions, sympathy and anniversary of death Mass cards, get well and thanksgiving cards. Why not take a look!

**November Dead List:** November is the month when we especially pray for our deceased. Most of our Masses during November will be offered for the Holy Souls. Please pick up an envelope at the back of the Church for the names of your dead loved ones and return it with a donation as soon as possible.