

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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No. 862

This week's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	10.15 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	(2 nd Sunday of Easter)
	11.15 a.m.	St Alban's	Mr & Mrs Madden, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Vincent Harrison, R.I.P.	
			Eucharistic Adoration until 11 a.m.	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Ron Lee, R.I.P.	
Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	St Alban's	Rosary	
	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Margaret McDonnell, R.I.P.	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Peter Yipp, R.I.P.	
Friday	10.45 a.m.	St Alban's	Requiem Mass for Janet Ross	

Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	10.15 a.m.	St Alban's	Tara McCormack, R.I.P.	(3 rd Sunday of Easter)
	11.15 a.m.	St Alban's	Tommie Robinson, R.I.P.	

The public celebration of Mass in Saint Alban's:

Thank you for the positive feedback about the Easter celebrations this year; a little affirmation goes a long way!

Although the past few days have seen some changes announced by the Government regarding the expected dates of restrictions being lifted further in Wales, none of these at the present time apply to the Church. Therefore, our protocols have to remain in place for the time being when coming to Mass.

Can I remind you that Holy Communion can only be received in the hand? In approaching the priest, hands should be placed, flat, one on top of the other, and while still before the priest, the communicant should place the Sacred Host in their mouth. This is important as it removes hand to hand contact between the Priest and the Parishioner. Parishioners must not return to their place with the Blessed Sacrament still in their hands.

Let us continue to pray for all those who are affected by the virus in any way, but especially for those who have died, those who are currently sick and for those who care for them, whether that is at home, in hospital or another care institution. Likewise, for all those whose emotional well-being is affected by the current situation, and that the vaccine roll out will continue and protect more of our community.

Easter Offering: thank you for your generosity last weekend; if you haven't yet been able to contribute as yet, but wish to do so, please pick up an envelope from the back of the Church and place it in the collection basket.

Your weekly collection envelopes: These begin this weekend and are now available from Canon David.

Gift Aid Scheme: If you are not already part of this scheme to further support our parish, please consider joining. All that is required is that you pay income tax of the amount equivalent to your weekly offering, sign a declaration and use a given box of envelopes for your collection (pink envelopes beginning today), or make your contributions by standing order.

Planned Giving Scheme: Many people appreciate having a set of envelopes as it helps them to keep track of their regular contribution to our parish. If you wish to have a set of envelopes but cannot join the Gift Aid Scheme please use a box of yellow envelopes beginning today.

Please pick up your box from Canon David. Thank you for your regular contributions to support our community.

"The God Who Speaks": A Year of the Word – Scripture Study. With the programme of events being disrupted due to Covid 19, the talks which had been planned in the Archdiocese are set to resume online with **Fr. Tim McGrath giving a talk on "Encountering Jesus as the Messiah in Matthew's Gospel"** on Saturday, April 24th from 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. The full programme of talks can be found on the website <https://rcadc.org/events>

Talks accessible on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82409256453?pwd=YktlYnQvWjNzQjI5L0xnZkFsaHNYUT09> or by using the following **Meeting ID: 824 0925 6453 and Passcode: 633303**

Alternatively, the talks will appear on YouTube. Please go to the [ACES YouTube channel](#)

Hospital Chaplaincy: Please note the following information when anyone from our community is admitted to hospital:

If you are aware of routine procedures which will require your stay in hospital, and would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or the Sick please contact Canon David so that appropriate arrangements can be made before your admission to hospital. At the present time it may not be possible to offer this ministry in hospital for planned procedures.

In the case of emergency admissions, **the onus is entirely on the patient and/or family member** to note the following directives:

- In the case of Neville Hall, please ask staff to contact Father Carney, or you may do so directly on 01873 851051.
- In the case of the Royal Gwent, please ask staff to contact the on-call Catholic Chaplain.
- In the case of the Grange Hospital, and being one of our own parishioners, please contact Canon David.