

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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No. 861

This week's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	10.15 a.m.	St Alban's	Colin Bath, R.I.P.	(Easter Sunday)
	11.30 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Eucharistic Adoration until 11 a.m.	
Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	St Alban's	Rosary	

Next Sunday'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.	

The public celebration of Mass in Saint Alban's:

A very blessed and grace-filled Easter to you all! It's been lovely to celebrate the Triduum with a congregation this year! Again, I express my thanks to our Stewards who have been so committed to ensuring that we have been able to remain open during the most recent lockdown, and have provided the extra cover during Holy Week. Your feedback has been that the efforts of all of us have been most appreciated.

Although there has been some easing of restrictions, as far as the Church is concerned our protocols remain in place for the foreseeable future when coming to Mass.

At the present time, 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.

There is currently very limited availability for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses, as follows:

Holy Saturday		1 'bubble'	7 individual seats				
Easter Sunday	10.15	Full		11.30 a.m.	0 'bubbles'	4 seats	

If you wish to reserve one of these place, please contact Canon David ASAP; remaining places will be offered on a first come first served basis.

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 gradually protect more of our community, and finally for a sense of responsibility for one another, on the part of all people in Wales, especially over the holiday period.

Collection last Sunday: St Alban's: Plate: £118.50 Gift Aid: £280.00

Easter Offering Envelopes: are at the back of the Church. The Easter Collection is your offering to your Parish Priest and forms an essential part of his income.

Your weekly collection envelopes: These begin from Sunday 11th April 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 11th April), 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 11th April.

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

"Spread the Gospel": Between now and June you are invited to follow a 7-session course produced by the lay-led Evangelisation team of our diocese called "Spread the Gospel", via Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 21 April. Learn about the dream of Jesus for our Church. Details to follow soon.

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.