

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

Saint Alban's Church and Presbytery
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No. 883

This week's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	10.15 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	(23 rd Sunday in ordinary time)
	11.15 a.m.	St Alban's	Priscilla Harris (recovery from illness)	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Rosary	
			Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11 a.m.	
Tuesday	There will be no Mass today			
Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	St Alban's	Rosary	
	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Ward family intentions	(Nativity of Our Lady)
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Ernest & Margaret McEwan, R.I.P.	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	George MGhee, R.I.P.	

Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	10.15 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	(24 th Sunday in ordinary time)
	11.15 a.m.	St Alban's	Intentions of Fr Dominic Howarth	

The arrangements for the public celebration of Mass in Saint Alban's:

I understand that some people are finding our protocols frustrating, but I believe that we have to act for the common good, and therefore, as the local responsible person, I feel compelled to retain our current measures until further notice. These include mandatory face masks for everyone over 12 years of age, unless an individual has a medical exemption; a 1 metre social distance; gathering of information for track and trace purposes; sanitisation on entering the Church, socially distanced seating arrangements, a prescribed manner of how to approach for Holy Communion and how to exit the Church at the end of Mass in an orderly fashion.

While booking a place for Sunday Mass is not mandatory, you may wish to reserve your place in advance; this will help ensure that you can attend your Mass of choice, and will facilitate a more efficient entrance at the door of the Church. Your co-operation with our Stewards will be most appreciated.

If you wish to reserve your place I would be grateful if you could do so during the following times: 7 – 8 p.m. on a Sunday, 11.15 a.m. – 1.15 p.m. on a Monday and 9.30 – 10.30 a.m. on a Saturday. If Canon David is not available please leave a voicemail or send an email.

Saint Felix Church, Blaenavon:

It was encouraging to see a good turnout last Saturday to thoroughly clean our Church. Please be mindful of the protocols for Saint Felix when coming to Mass which were circulated last weekend. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation with our Stewards.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Currently by arrangement with Canon David.

Children's First Holy Communion 2022: If your child is currently in Year 3 or above, do you wish them to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive the Eucharist next year. If so, there is a parents' meeting on 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 22nd September in the Presbytery.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.): If you would like to know more about the Catholic Faith without the commitment of necessarily becoming a Catholic, or if you are a Catholic and would like to know more about your faith – then this course could be for you. Like to know more? Come along to the Presbytery after Mass on Wednesday 15th September.

Parish Visitors: Thank you to those who came along to the meeting last Wednesday. There remains more work to be done before progress can be made.

Collection last Sunday: St Alban's: Plate: £105.00 Gift Aid: £285.00

Counters: This week: Lisa & Andrew Whiting Next week: Margaret Vidler & Dorothy Gane

Church cleaners: Saint Alban's: L Peters, T Hitchings & A Bath

Mass Readers: There are rotas available at the back of the Church for collection. If you cannot fulfil what you have been allocated, please make arrangements to swap with someone else on the rota.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: Lorraine and Mansell Howells are once again taking part in the Annual S.P.U.C. Sponsored Walk on Sunday 5th September. They would appreciate it if parishioners would sponsor them. Any sponsorship money can be placed in an envelope marked for this purpose in the parish collection.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies: This will be offered via Zoom this year. There will be an introductory evening on Tuesday 14th September. Further details from ccrs@rcadc.org

An invitation from Belmont Abbey – The Mirror of the Psalms: Saturday 18th September from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the spiritual riches of the psalms with Fr Brendan Thomas OSB. Further details from Fr Augustine on 01432 374750 or contact him on retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk

Pope's Prayer intention for September: that we will all make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.