

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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No. 886

This week's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	10.15 a.m.	St Alban's	E Ann Steigerwald, R.I.P.	(26 th Sunday in ordinary time)
	11.15 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Ernest & Margaret McEwan, R.I.P.	(St Vincent de Paul)
			Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11 a.m.	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Bernard Ling, R.I.P.	
Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	St Alban's	Rosary	
	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Monsignor Kevin Hale's intentions	(Archangels)
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	John Mevey, R.I.P.	(St Jerome)
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Johny & Shini's intentions	(St Therese of Lisieux)
Saturday	10 a.m.	St Felix	Anne McGhee, R.I.P.	(Guardian Angels)

Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	10.15 a.m.	St Alban's	Fr Tom Jordan, R.I.P.	(27 th Sunday in ordinary time)
	11.15 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	

World Day of Migrants & Refugees: today is the 107th Day of WDMR. This year's theme is "Towards an ever wider we". It is a call to ensure that "after all this, we will think no longer in terms of them and those but only us". (Fratelli Tutti no 35). The Pope's full message can be found by following this link: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papafrancesco_20210503_world-migrants-day-2021.html

The public celebration of Mass in our Churches: Thank you for your continued co-operation with our protocols. I'm not repeating them as I hope by now they are well known! However, if you have a query please consult the notice on the Church door or ask one of our Stewards.

HOWEVER, please remember that it is mandatory from the Welsh Government that facemasks are to be worn by everyone over 11 years of age unless they have a medical exemption.

Lateral Flow Tests: In light of the local data, a reminder of the recommendation from the diocesan Health & Safety consultants that parishioners should use a lateral flow test a couple of times a week in order to protect themselves and our communities. These are available free of charge by searching for lateral flow tests online and following the link to www.gov.uk for ordering coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow tests. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Currently by arrangement with Canon David.

Children's First Holy Communion 2022: Would parents please collect the letter and form from Canon David and return the form to him no later than Sunday 17th October.

Cardiff Martyrs: The recently verified relics of Saints John Lloyd and Philip Evans will be brought to Wales from their home at Stonyhurst in Lancashire between 18th – 25th October. During this time there will be several events to commemorate these important witnesses to our faith. Look out for further details.

Collection last Sunday: St Alban's: Plate: £96.62 Gift Aid: £165.00

Counters: This week: Lynn Peters & T. Hitchings Next week: An Jenkins & T Hitchings

Meetings this week: UCM: Tuesday after Mass in the Parish Hall.

CAFOD say that their local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. Next Friday is Family Fast Day and your offering can be placed in a special envelope for this purpose from the back of the Church.

The Threat of Assisted Suicide: A Second Reading of the Assisted Dying Bill is expected in the House of Lords. The Bishops' Conference has made an urgent appeal for the faithful to write to peers, particularly if they have stories they are able to share, to give voice to the concerns and fears of disabled people and to offer personal stories of those with medical expertise in end-of-life care. I share with you Miro Griffiths' story which can be found on the Diocese of Shrewsbury website by following the link: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/news/wirral-disability-rightsexpert-urges-catholics-to-heed-bishops-call-to-urgently-oppose-assisted-suicide-bill>

Car parking: We all realise that we have limited facilities and that people want to park as close as possible to the Church or Presbytery. However, please remember the legalities involved and be mindful of others, including the safety of your Parish Priest!

Of particular concern is access and egress to the Presbytery driveway. Increasingly in recent times, neighbours are parking exceptionally close to the edge of the driveway, often in tall vehicles with darkened windows, making the use of the driveway a hazard to the safety of your Parish Priest and other road users. I would ask parishioners to be mindful of this too, as it can give rise to neighbours saying that if others can park in such a way then why can't they. Thank you for your co-operation.