

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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No. 887

This week'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	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Sheena Graham, R.I.P.	(St Francis of Assisi)
			Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11 a.m.	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	David Gane, R.I.P.	
Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	St Alban's	Rosary	
	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Brian & Monica McEwan's intentions	(St Bruno)
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	E Ann Steigerwald, R.I.P.	(Our Lady of the Rosary)
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Johny intentions	
Saturday	10 a.m.	St Felix	Veronica Rolph & Priscilla Harris' intentions	

Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	10.15 a.m.	St Alban's	Con Reardon, R.I.P.	(28 th Sunday in ordinary time)
	11.15 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	

The public celebration of Mass in our Churches: it remains mandatory from the Welsh Government that facemasks are to be worn by everyone over 11 years of age unless they have a medical exemption. Similarly, we have to maintain ventilation in our buildings, and so as we approach the cooler seasons please remember to wrap up with an extra layer as our Churches are going to be cooler than we would like them to be. Thank you in anticipation of your continued co-operation with our protocols. If you have a query please consult the notice on the Church door or ask one of our Stewards.

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.

The sick and housebound of our parish: If you are not able to join with the parish community at this time, and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please either contact Canon David yourself, or ask a member of your family to do so.

Cardiff Martyrs: Unfortunately, the visit of the relics of Saints John Lloyd and Philip Evans has had to be postponed due to Covid-19. Let's seek their intercession for the protection of all in our community.

Collection last Sunday:

St Alban's:	Plate: £125.60	Gift Aid: £325.00
St Felix:	Plate: £36.20	Gift Aid: £155.00
Home Mission Sunday:	£60.00	

Counters: **This week:** An Jenkins & T Hitchings **Next week:** Lisa & Andrew Whiting

Meetings this week: **Parish Advisory Council:** Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Financial support for our parish: Thank you for your support in recent months, whether this has been by way of offertory collection, standing orders or via the donate button / Virgin giving on the website. Regular giving is the financial bedrock of our parish. Unfortunately, the Virgin giving option is to be discontinued in November, and it would be most appreciated if those who have been giving in this way could set up a standing order on a four weekly basis through their bank. Unfortunately, after I published the bank details on the newsletter last time, someone used them to set up a magazine subscription! So please ask Canon David for the details you will need to set up a standing order.

How long ago did you set up a standing order in favour of our parish or Kano? Some people will have set up their instructions with their bank using an old sort code – 20 18 15 – and this has continued to work, but it will shortly become obsolete, and will need to be set up using the new sort code which is 20 18 23. The account number remains the same. If you are affected by this, please confirm to Canon David that you have made the necessary changes.

The re-introduction of the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass: we anticipate that this will happen from the beginning of Advent. It gives us all much to reflect on, from the priority we give to our faith and joining our fellow parishioners for the celebration of Mass, to the practicalities of how this will be possible. It is not simply a case of reverting to how things were before the pandemic, but rather an issue which may call for us to implement a revised schedule of Mass times. If you have any observations to make, both for us as the parish of Saint Alban's, but also as a parish of the Archdiocese of Cardiff, please let Canon David know before Thursday's meeting of the Parish Advisory Council.

CAFOD say that their local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. Last Friday was Family Fast Day and your offering can be placed in a special envelope for this purpose available at the back of the Church. Please place it in the collection basket along with your offertory collection.