

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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No. 913

This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Cath Friel & family intentions	(Palm Sunday)
	6 p.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Special intention (AB)	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	James Doyle, R.I.P.	
			Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11 a.m.	
Tuesday	11.30 a.m.	Cathedral	Mass of the Chrism	
Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	St Alban's	Rosary	
	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Mary & Ivor Powell, R.I.P.	

The Easter Triduum:

Thursday	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Mass of the Lord's Supper; Stephen Curtis, R.I.P. Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10 p.m.
Friday	3 p.m.	St Alban's	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	7 p.m.	St Felix	Maria Desolata; We walk with Our Lady as she walks away from the tomb reflecting on the day
Saturday	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Easter Vigil; Romeo & Maria Fulgoni, R.I.P.

Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	Colin Bath, R.I.P.	(Easter Sunday)
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	

Living with Covid-19: although the number of infections appears to be levelling off, we still believe that a prudent approach is justified as Coronavirus has clearly not gone away. Therefore:

- you are strongly encouraged to wear a facemask in our Churches, especially when singing;
- you are asked to maintain good hand hygiene, including the use of sanitiser as you enter and leave our Churches;
- you are requested to follow the guidance of our Stewards at the distribution of Holy Communion;
- if you wish to have a little more distance between yourself and other people, to pick up a 'please leave a space' card from the back of our Churches to place on the pew beside you, remembering to return it to the back of the Church after Mass.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, although it will not be a legal requirement to self-isolate if you test positive for Covid-19, I strongly urge you to follow Public Health Wales advice which is to isolate for at least five full days if you do test positive for Covid-19.

If at the present time, you still feel unable to rejoin the parish community for Sunday Mass (or weekday Mass when there are fewer people present), and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Canon David so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: St Alban's on Wednesday from 6.30 – 6.55 p.m. and by arrangement with Canon David.

Meetings this week: First Communion Parents: Padre Pio School on Sunday at 5 p.m.

Collection last Sunday: **St Alban's:** Plate: £177.00 Gift Aid: £781.00
St Felix: Plate: £21.00 Gift Aid: £130.00

CAFOD: £180.00 The collection will remain open until Easter.

Counters: **This week:** D. Gane & M. Vidler **Next week:** M. Stagg & L. Griffin

Your financial support for our parish: Thank you to those who have reviewed their contributions further to the publication of our recent expenditure. Without doubt, we have some very generous parishioners, but as we move into a new financial year, it is important that each one of us reflect on the amount of our weekly offering: have you reviewed your contribution recently?

If you already belong to the **Gift Aid Scheme** please collect your box of envelopes from the Sacristy. 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 the tax on your weekly offering, sign a declaration and use a given box of envelopes for your collection or make your contributions by standing order. Please talk to Canon David if you can further support our parish in this way.

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 ask Canon David for a box from the Sacristy.

Church cleaning for Easter: 10 a.m. on Wednesday 13th April in Saint Alban's. The more helpers the less time it will take!

Church flowers for Easter: we would welcome donations so that our Church can be decorated for Easter. Please place your offering in an envelope in the collection basket.

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