

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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No. 914

This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Easter Vigil; Romeo & Maria Fulgoni, R.I.P. (Easter Sunday)
Sunday	9 a.m.	St Felix	Colin Bath, R.I.P.
	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Donor's intentions Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11 a.m.
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Anne Steigerwald, R.I.P.
Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	St Alban's	Rosary
	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Felix	Darryl Halden (well-being)
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Catherine Doyle, R.I.P.

Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Shirley Wall (Rees), R.I.P.
	6 p.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Marian Nash, R.I.P. (2 nd Sunday of Easter)

Living with Covid-19: in the last few days we've heard the results of the latest three-weekly review from the Welsh Government, where it was stated that over the past month we have experienced a spike in infections, large numbers of people falling ill and a surge in hospital admissions. Personally, based on the number of people I know who have been ill over recent weeks, I cannot deny the reality of this assessment, and fully support the exhortation for us to continue to adopt a gradual and cautious approach to moving beyond the restrictions of the past two years. 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 is not 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: U.C.M. Tuesday after Mass in the Sacristy.

Collection last Sunday: **St Alban's:** Plate: £105.62 Gift Aid: £331.00
St Felix: Plate: £70.00 Gift Aid: £27.00
CAFOD: £130.00 Can any further donations be brought in by next weekend please?

Counters: **This week:** M. Stagg & L. Griffin **Next week:** L. Peters & T. Hitchings

100 Club: The winner for April is No. 77 M. Stagg. Congratulations! It's not too late to join if you haven't already done so!

Your financial support for our parish: Thank you to those who have reviewed their contributions recently; it is much appreciated! There are still some **Gift Aid Scheme** envelopes in the Sacristy for collection. If you are not already part of this scheme to further support our parish, please consider joining. Please talk to Canon David if you can support our parish in this way. There are also envelopes available in the Sacristy for the **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. Finally, if you haven't reviewed your financial contributions recently, please do consider doing so, as our community depends on the regular and generous donations of every parishioner.

Church cleaning for Easter: thank you to the 4 ladies who came to clean St Alban's for Easter; (with their consent) they were aged 72, 74, 78 and 83. We said 'the more helpers the less time it will take!', but I think this level of response is deeply worrying.

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.

Padre Pio School support for Kano: during Lent our pupils raised £1021.50; well done! We'll liaise with Father Alex to identify the next village we will support; watch this space for updates!