

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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No. 915

This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Shirley Wall (Rees), R.I.P.	(2 nd Sunday of Easter)
	6 p.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Marian Nash, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Souls in Purgatory	(St Mark)
			Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11 a.m.	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Lesley-Anne (Well-being)	
Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	St Alban's	Rosary	
	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Rosemary Dawkins (Well-being)	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Felix	Davied Bath (Well-being)	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Dawkins family intentions	(St Catherine of Siena)

Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Theresa McCulloch (Well-being)	(3 rd Sunday of Easter)
	6 p.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Nuala Stuart, R.I.P.	

Living with Covid-19: as we await safetytoolbox.co.uk (our health and safety provider) to be updated by the parish our protocols remain the same:

- 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: **First Holy Communion:** Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Sacristy.

Easter Offering: Thank you for your contributions to this collection last weekend; they are most appreciated.

Holy Places Collection: Thank you for your response to this collection - £179.02 – which contributes towards the upkeep of the Christian sites in the Holy Land.

CAFOD: A further £13 was received last weekend: can any further donations be brought in this weekend please?

Counters: **This week:** L. Peters & T. Hitchings **Next week:** A. Jenkins & T. Hitchings

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage: The Family Life Commission are inviting any couple who wish to celebrate their marriage, whether it's a milestone anniversary, a significant anniversary for specific life experiences (e.g. first child, first-time empty-nesters, following a particular challenge in their relationship, or any private significance) or simply to give thanks, to join them at 12 noon on Saturday 14th May in Saint David's Cathedral. If you wish to attend please let Canon David know by midday on Tuesday.

Torchlight Procession at Belmont Abbey will take place at 9 p.m. on Wednesday 11th May. All welcome to attend.

Ordination to the Priesthood: Deacon Elliot Hanson will be ordained at midday on Saturday 16th July in Saint David's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to do so, and would like to travel to Cardiff on a coach from the parish, please put your name on the form at the back of the Church and pay Treena a deposit of £5 per person. Total cost is anticipated to be £10.

Hospital Chaplaincy: Please note the following information when anyone from our community is admitted to hospital: If you are aware of routine procedures which will require your stay in hospital, and would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or the Sick please contact Canon David so that appropriate arrangements can be made before your admission to hospital. At the present time it may not be possible to offer this ministry in hospital for planned procedures. In the case of emergency admissions, **the onus is entirely on the patient and/or family member** to note the following directives:

- In the case of Neville Hall, please ask staff to contact Father Carney, or you may do so directly on 01873 851051.
- In the case of the Royal Gwent or the Grange, please ask staff to contact the on-call Catholic Chaplain.
- In the case of Panteg Hospital, please ask staff to contact Canon David.