

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week'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.	
Monday	10 a.m.	St Alban's	Eucharistic Adoration until 11 a.m.	
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	Tara McCormack, R.I.P.	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Donor's intention	

Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	People of the Parish	(4 th Sunday of Easter)
	6 p.m.	St Alban's	Yvonne O'Connor's intentions	
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Dorothy Hoare, R.I.P.	

New Archbishop of Cardiff: last Wednesday Pope Francis named Bishop Mark O'Toole as the next Archbishop of Cardiff and Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Menevia. Archbishop-elect O'Toole has been the Bishop of Plymouth since 2013, and comes to us with a breadth of wisdom from that experience, having been previously a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster, Rector of Allen Hall Seminary amongst several other responsibilities. He also has a wealth of knowledge and understanding from having held positions within the Bishops' Conference for Evangelization and Discipleship.

Archbishop-elect Mark says: "I have much to learn and I know I can count on your patience and understanding. I ask especially for your prayers. When I first became Bishop, I chose the motto, 'Into your hands, Lord'. It is a prayer I have had cause to make many times in recent days. It is a prayer that I ask us all in Cardiff and Menevia, to make together today, and in the weeks and months ahead. For it is in the lord, as His missionary disciples, that we find our deepest identity. It is for Him that we set out afresh, to deepen our love of Him, and to bring others to Him. I commend myself, and all of us, to Mary, Immaculately Conceived, that she light the way for us to Her Son; we seek also, the intercession of St Joseph, St David, and all our local patron Saints, in making this new pilgrimage together."

I ask you to pray for Archbishop-elect Mark as we look forward to his installation on 20th June in Saint David's Cathedral, Cardiff.

Living with Covid-19: as we continue to emerge from the pandemic, and for the safety of the vulnerable among us, please continue to observe our protocols:

- to wear a facemask in our Churches, especially when singing;
- to maintain good hand hygiene, including the use of sanitiser as you enter and leave our Churches;
- 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 re-join 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 at 10 a.m. in the Sacristy.

Collection last Sunday:	St Alban's:	Plate:	£68.50	Gift Aid:	£302.00
	St Felix:	Plate:	£25.00	Gift Aid:	£80.00
	CAFOD / UKRAINE:		£220.00		

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

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.

Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This year's theme is "The Journey": all of us are invited to reflect on the path we follow towards holiness. In preparation, there will be a panel discussion on zoom on Thursday evening at 7.30 which may be of interest to anyone discerning their vocation. More information can be found at www.ukvocation.org/vocations-sunday. Also the office for vocation will be live streaming a Rosary for Vocations on their website next Sunday at 7.30 p.m.