

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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No. 918

This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Eithne McNeela's intentions	(5 th Sunday of Easter)
	6 p.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Anne Steigerwald, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Anne Thorne, R.I.P.	
			Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11 a.m.	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Veronica Nicholls' intentions	
Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	St Alban's	Rosary	
	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Mr & Mrs A Reeves' intentions	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Felix	Theresa Shorey's intentions	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Maureen Mervin's intentions	

Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Brother Richard Moran's intentions	(6 th Sunday of Easter)
	6 p.m.	St Alban's	Maureen Morris' intentions	
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	

Holy Communion at home: If at the present time, you 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.

Archbishop Emeritus George Stack celebrates his Golden Jubilee of Sacred Priesthood on Saturday 21st May. Please thank God for his ministry as a Priest and Bishop, and for a much-earned retirement! *Ad multos annos!*

Please continue to pray for **Archbishop-Elect Mark O'Toole** as prepares for his installation in our Cathedral on 20th June.

Annual Collection for the Priests' Training Fund: thank you to those who put their contribution in the Parish Offertory last weekend, but unfortunately the retiring collection was not taken at any of the Masses. Therefore, we will take a retiring collection this weekend. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of our churches. Alternatively, you may donate online by visiting: www.rcadc.org

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 Children:** Monday at 5 p.m. in St Alban's Sacristy.
U.C.M.: Tuesday after Mass in St Alban's Sacristy.

Collection last Sunday: **St Alban's:** Plate: £58.60 Gift Aid: £216.00
St Felix: Plate: £24.60 Gift Aid: £200.00

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

The Annual Welsh National Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan will take place from 1.30 p.m. this Sunday, and will be led by Bishop Peter Brignall of Wrexham. All welcome.

Water borehole for Refawa: The survey found water at a depth of 75 metres near to the existing open well in the village, and the drilling has been completed. The pump and collection points should be installed during the coming week. Father Alex says that one parishioner said that 'this is real life for the community now that they will soon have clean water'. It just goes to show what a small regular contribution of £5 or £10 a month can do to transform the lives of up to 4,000 people! If you would like to donate towards the work we do in Kano either by a single donation or a standing order please speak to Canon David.

Knights of St Columba have produced a new recruitment video recently. This encapsulates exactly what the Knights of St Columba are all about. For further information, please use this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvqkVtIKUek>

They have also established a working partnership with the Catholic Student Network across England and Wales, in the hope of working more with our young people who have an interest in the Catholic faith and a genuine love of Jesus Christ. We hope to have built a solid relationship with the CSN. To read more about the work of the CSN, here is the link to their website - <https://www.catholicstudentnetwork.co.uk>

Repository: there are a wide variety of cards for many occasions; please do have a look and support our Repository.

World Meeting of Families was instituted by Pope St John Paul II in 1994. This year will be the 10th meeting and will take place between 22 – 26 June on the theme of **Family Love: A Vocation and a Path to Holiness**. Each meeting begins with a Congress that invites married couples, families, pastors, theologians, and professionals with expertise on a variety of issues that affect family life together for workshops, talks, and discussions surrounding the theme, which it is hoped can be accessed online. For further details, please use this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wmof22>