## SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Patrick Gallagher, R.I.P.	11th Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	Higgins Family Intentions	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	_	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Ann Smith, R.I.P.	
Wednesday		No Mass today	•	
Thursday	7 p.m.	St. Alban's		
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Ellen Hitchings, R.I.P.	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday 4.30 p.m. St Felix Patrick Gallagher, R.I.P. 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time 6 p.m. St. Alban's People of the Parish

Sunday 11 a.m. St Alban's

Collections last Sunday: St. Alban's: Plate: £129.94 Gift Aid: £100.00 St. Felix: Plate: £85.00 Gift Aid: £48.00

Counters: This week: D. Gane & M. Vidler Next Week; L. Peters & T. Hitchings

**Confessions.** Canon Paul will also hear Confession on request after Masses

<u>Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism</u>: The second of two meetings will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 5p.m. in the Presbytery.

<u>First Communion</u>: Congratulations to Olivia, who will receive her First Holy Communion at the 11 a.m. Mass today. There will be tea/coffee in the Hall afterwards. Please come in an celebrate with Olivia and her family. Keep them in your prayers.

<u>Deanery Mass</u>: Canon Paul will be installed as Parish Priest at this Mass on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June (the feast of St. Alban) at 7 p.m. There will be light refreshments in the Hall afterwards. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Holy Communion at home:** If you are sick or housebound or know of anybody who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Canon Paul so that arrangements can be made.

<u>Author Talk</u>: "Dead Reckoning" (Internment, Deportation of Italo-Welsh, Arandora Star) Friday 21st June 7pm-8.30pm FREE event. Venue: SMA Parish Church Hall, Cardiff, CF11 9BX

In 1940, Italian and German 'enemy aliens' in the UK were being sent to Canadian camps, but their ship, the SS Arandora Star, was torpedoed by a Uboat. Over 800 were drowned. This new book tells fictional human stories behind a terrible injustice of war.

Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of St John Kemble. This year's Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August. 10.15 Walk from Monmouth to Welsh Newton; 3.00pm Rosary and Prayers at Welsh Newton 4.15 Benediction in St Mary's Monmouth Further details on the notice board.

Archbishop Mark is inviting faithful from both Cardiff and Menevia Dioceses to join him on a day **pilgrimage to the Shrine of St David** in West Wales and to St Non's Retreat Centre. Coach travel has been arranged with departure from Cardiff and a pickup stop at Bridgend (Sarn Services). The cost of travel will be £25 per person

<u>The Catholic Post:</u> copies of this month's papers (June) are available at the back of the Church. A donation of £1 is suggested and can be placed in the Church donations slot in the wall box in the porch of St. Albans or in the basked provided at St. Felix.

<u>General Election:</u> As you will know, the Prime Minister has called a General Election for 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024. A webpage has been created on the Bishops' Conference website with information about the issues important to Catholics: <a href="https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/">https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/</a>

Usk Open Gardens: Enjoy a great day out – around 20 gardens to visit, Saturday and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June