

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Veronica Rolf, R.I.P.	15 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish.	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Terry Vidler, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Holy Souls	St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's		
Wednesday		No Mass today		
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix	.	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Fr. James Boyle, R.I.P.	

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	People of the Parish	16 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	Tina Dunne McCullen & Joseph Shannon, R.I.P.	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Barbara Szlasa, R.I.P..	

Collections last Sunday:

St. Alban's:	Plate: £150.50	Gift Aid:	£170.00
St. Felix:	Plate: £40.00	Gift Aid:	£90.00

Counters: This week: L. Griffin & T. Hitchings Next Week; L. Peters & T. Hitchings

Meetings This Week: Faith Exploration: Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery

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

100 Club: the winner for July is Number 15 – A. Hitchings Congratulations!

RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Frank Slater who died recently. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 17th July at 11am at Belmont Abbey Church, followed by burial in the grounds of the Abbey. His body will be received into the church on Tuesday 16th at 4pm. May he rest in Peace

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. **Today is Sea Sunday** It's when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate at church; by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by testing SEA to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously

Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Penrhys: Sunday 18th August. Pilgrim Mass of the Assumption of Our Lady 3.00 pm at the foot of the statue

Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of St John Kemble. This year's Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 18th 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.

Summer Retreat Following on from the success of last year's pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Portugal, we as the Cardiff and Menevia Youth Council are offering our young people the opportunity for some days away in St David's in Pembrokeshire in July. It is open to 14- to 18-year-olds (Year 9 to 13 pupils) and it is hoped it will be a more accessible opportunity, closer to home, and for a different group of young people. It will be a time of prayer, reflection and fun in a fantastic part of the world that is on our doorstep. We will be joined by His Grace, Archbishop Mark, for a few nights. All adult leaders will be DBS checked. The cost will be no more than £250, for four nights away, staying at St David's Bunkhouses. This includes all coach travel and all meals. There is no central fundraising effort for this event, but parishes are welcome to support their young people if they wish.

We have received a letter from the diocese of Arizona to inform us that an old parishioner, Michael Murray, has become a Permanent Deacon. Some parishioners may remember him and his family.

EISTEDDFOD GENEDLAETHOL CYMRU RHONDDA CYNON TAF 2024 NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES Each year, Mass in Welsh is celebrated at the location of the National Eisteddfod. All are invited to be present, at St Dyfrig's Church, Broadway, Trefforest, CF37 1DB on Thursday, 8th August, at 18.00. Light refreshment after the celebration, to which you are warmly invited to join us. There shall be bilingual booklets available. Bishop Emeritus Edwin Regan, Wrexham, will be the chief celebrant; Rev. Fr Gildas Parry, *O.Praem.* will be the preacher. Eisteddfod-goers from all parts of Wales and beyond will join with parishioners and guests for the celebration.