

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Michell & Bob Darer, R.I.P	17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish.	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Nuala Stuart, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's		Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Mary Millar, R.I.P.	
Wednesday		No Mass today		St. Ignatius of Loyola
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix		St. Alphonsus Mary, Ligouri
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	David Gane, R.I.P.	

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix		18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's		
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	

Collections last Sunday: St. Alban's: Plate: £127.36 Gift Aid: £140.00 and
St. Felix: Plate: £53.00 Gift Aid: £30.00

Counters: This week: L. & A. Whiting Next Week; D. Gane & M. Vidler

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

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

Today is World Day for Grandparents and the elderly.

In his message for today Pope Francis takes the theme "Do not cast me off in my old age" (Ps 71:9) which recalls the heartfelt plea to the Lord not to be left alone in old age. All too often, in fact, loneliness is a bitter companion in the lives of the elderly due to numerous contingent situations, such as the migration of children or the crisis of families, or due to the individualistic mentality that makes those who are advanced in years feel like a burden. It seems that everyone takes for granted that there is a time in life when one remains alone. It is a habit and a mentality to which, with resignation, even the elderly do not object. The Popes message can be found at (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/popes-message-to-grandparents-and-the-elderly-2024/>)

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary? Or at a significant stage in your marriage, e.g. new baby, illness, empty nesters, retirement, bereavement etc... *The Archdiocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage* is being celebrated for ALL married (and engaged) couples in *St David's Cathedral on Saturday 5th October at 12 noon*, and you are all invited; the widowed are also invited and will be included in the prayers of intercession. You might also consider having your anniversary date included in the Mass booklet and share photographs to form part of a reflective presentation. For more details, to share information and to express your wish to attend, please contact Joanne White via flc@rcadc.org; you can still be included even if you are unable to attend in person as the Mass will be livestreamed via the Cathedral website..

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.

Eastern Valley Foodbank: The collection of food will be next weekend in both Saint Alban's and Saint Felix communities, but if you feel that you would rather give a cash donation then this can be placed in an envelope marked for this purpose and placed in the offertory basket.

Forthcoming Events

Coffee Morning: Sunday 11th August after the 11 a.m. Mass in the Hall.

Afternoon Tea: Sunday 22nd September in the Hall. We have had this event before and it was very successful. Tickets will be available from the Church from 11th of August. Adults £10 - children £5.

Have you got any old photos of our church and hall? Wouldn't it be great to have display of them? It would be lovely to have a trip down memory lane. We would be grateful for any parishioners might have.