

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

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| Saturday | 4.30 p.m. | St Felix | People of the Parish. | 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time |
| | 6 p.m. | St. Alban's | Special Intention (K.M.) | |
| Sunday | 11 a.m. | St Alban's | Richard White, R.I.P. | |
| Monday | 9.30 a.m. | St. Alban's | | |
| Tuesday | 9.30 a.m. | St. Alban's | | St Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church |
| Wednesday | | No Mass today | | |
| Thursday | 9.30 a.m. | St. Felix | | |
| Friday | 9.30 a.m. | St. Alban's | | |

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Counters: **This week:** D. Gane, & M. Vidler **Next Week:** L. Griffin & T. Hitchings

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

Meetings next week: **U.C.M.** Tuesday after the 9.30 a.m. Mass in the Presbytery
Faith Exploration: Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery

Congratulations to William Scandrett & Adira Scandrett who will be baptised next Saturday at the 4.30 p.m. Mass in Blaenavon. Please keep them and their family in your prayers

Congratulations to Edith and Don Rogers who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary today (Saturday 31st August). Wishing them many more happy years together.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Hathaway, who sadly died during the week.

Please also remember Des O'Keefe, who also died recently, his funeral will take place in St Davis Lewis on Friday 13th September at 11.30am

SPUC Cardiff & Districts 50th Annual Sponsored Walk will take place on 15th Sept. Lorraine & Mansell Howells will be taking part. If anyone would like to participate please contact Lorraine. There are sponsor forms at the back of the church for anyone who would like to support the cause.

Ecumenical Vespers at Tintern Abbey: Archbishop Mark will preach at a Sung Ecumenical Vespers, praying for peace, with the monks of Belmont leading the singing, on Sunday 8th September at 3pm at Tintern Abbey. Please find attached a poster, which will also be sent round to parishes.

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 today. 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.

New Lectionary Formation Days The Liturgy Commission has arranged two days of information, preparation, and training for Clergy, Ministers of the Word, and interested parishioners in preparation for the advent of the new lectionary. (1) **On Saturday 5th October** Father John Hemer MHM, Scripture Lecturer at Allen Hall, will lead a day in the Parish Centre at Our Lady and Saint Michael, **Abergavenny**. And (2) **On Saturday 19th October** Father Javier Ruiz-Ortiz, Dean of Studies in Allen Hall, will lead a day in the Parish Centre at Saint Mary, **Bridgend**. Each day will run from 10.30 to 3pm. Tea and coffee will be available as people gather 10 – 10.30am, and during the lunch break – please bring your own packed lunch.

All those wishing to attend must register by contacting Kirsty Vater (Kirsty.vater@rcadc.org), specifying which day and venue they wish to attend. Those without access to email can register by contacting Fr Laurence by phone on 029 2037 9031.

Father James from the Belmont Abbey shop would like to inform you about the resources available in the shop. See Notice at the back of the Church.

The Pope's Intentions from September to the Feast of Christ the King we are asked to pray for 'The Spread of the Gospel; Students and Teachers; The Fruits of Human Work' The reverent use of creation; Justice and peace in the world Teachers the Fruits of hUman work

SPUC (SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD) - CAMPAIGN MEETING –

A meeting on Friday 13th September at 7pm in St. Michaels Centre on Pen-Y-Pound, attended by Katherine Hampton from SPUC, to try to develop a SPUC/LIFE group in our local area. All welcome

The information given on newsletters lately does not now represent the true income from collections as many are now giving by Direct Debit. In future the information about collections will be given on a monthly basis.

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| Collections last Sunday: | St. Alban's: | Plate: | £128.50 | Gift Aid: | £135.50 |
| | | | £142.75 | | £170.00 |
| | | | £154.29 | | £260.00 |
| | St. Felix: | Plate: | £56.00 | Gift Aid: | £170.00 |
| | | | £40.00 | | £60.00 |
| | | | £23.00 | | £120.00 |

Total Collection paid by Direct Debit for the Month of June:

Gift Aid : £652.00 **Non Gift Aid:** £215.00

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..

Do you need childcare provision for a nursery-age child (3-4 years old)? We're exploring the possibility of opening a nursery class and want to establish if there is sufficient demand. The Local Authority won't fund nursery education in our school and so we are working with Willow Tree, a childcare provider, to offer nursery placements to children who will join our Reception Class the following year. There is a fee for using the childcare provision but, where eligible, fees can be paid with childcare vouchers.

To register your interest or to ask questions about the nursery provision and childcare vouchers, please contact Hannah at Willow Tree - email: wilLOWtreeNurserywMbran@outlook.com or call: 07949285597 Please see the poster at the back of the Church.

Pilgrimage to Rome: As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, Archbishop Mark will be leading a joint Cardiff/Menevia pilgrimage to Rome Price: £1,030 per person sharing a twin room on a half board basis. Single rooms are available at a supplement of £70. Price includes return airfare with baggage, accommodation as detailed in the itinerary, transport services in Italy as per itinerary, gratuities and all entrance fees. Further details on the notice board. Booking forms available in the sacristy,