

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Allan Probert (Wellbeing)	29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	Graham Thomas, R.I.P.	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Special Intention (JD)	
Tuesday	No Mass today			
Wednesday	No Mass today			
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix	Bert & Marion Llewellyn (Birthday)	
Friday	No Mass today			

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Mike & Mary Phillips (Anniversary)	30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St Alban's	Jennifer Touhig, R.I.P.	

Meetings this week

Faith Exploration

Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery

Counters:

This week: L. & A Whiting

Next Week; D. Gane & M. Vidler

Confessions.

Canon Paul will hear Confession on request after Masses

Today is World Mission Sunday:

The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 0207821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible. If you would like to have a red box at home to put small change in please see Margaret Vidler.

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mgr. John Maguire and Fr Brian Cuddihy who have died recently. The funeral for Fr. Brian Cuddihy will take place in St Patrick's Newport on Thursday at 11.30am. The funeral for Mgr John Maguire will take place in St Mary's Cardiff on Friday 25th October at 11.00am. May they rest in Peace.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosemary Dawkins who died on Friday and for those who mourn for her. May she rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW: Raffle tickets will be on sale at the back of the Church from this weekend. Please take a couple of books and try to sell them to family and friends. This is our main annual fund raiser for the Parish and we hope that all parishioners will help as much as they can. Donations of prizes, including cash of £100, £50 and £25 will be gratefully received and may be brought to the Sacristy.

November Dead List: November is the month when we especially pray for our deceased. Most of our Masses during November will be offered for the Holy Souls. Please pick up an envelope at the back of the Church for the names of your dead loved ones and return it with a donation as soon as possible.

Coffee Morning: There will be a coffee morning in the Hall after the 11 a.m. Mass next Sunday. Please join us for a tea/coffee/cake and a chat.

Padre Pio School: Would you like your child to join our reception class 2025? Please email susan.lewis@torfaen.gov.uk to request an application form (or call in to the school office). The closing date for applications is 9 January 2025 (parent/guardians will be notified of the result of their application on 16 April). Please join us for a Tour and Q&A Session on Thursday 24 October, 9.15am in the school hall

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.

Get equipped - likely vote on assisted suicide in Parliament before Christmas Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?* where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. **Watch for free online** (you do not need a TV licence): righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead