

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Holy Souls	33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	Dianne Banner, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls	
Wednesday	12.30 p.m.	St. Alban's	Funeral Mass for Joan Tritarelli	
Thursday	No Mass today		The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Friday	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	Funeral Mass for Rosemary Dawkins	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	People of the Parish	Feast of Christ the King
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	John Ashton, 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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Rosemary Dawkins, Joan Tritarelli** and **Patrick Madden** who died lately. May they rest in peace. Joan Tritarelli's funeral will be on Wednesday at 12.30 p.m. (her body will be brought into the Church on Tuesday at 4 p.m); Rosemary Dawkins' funeral will be on Friday and Patrick Madden's funeral will be on Tuesday 26th November at 11 a.m. in Blaenavon.

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. We have received the cash prizes – Thank you but we still need donations of other prizes which will be gratefully received and may be brought to the Sacristy.

Parish Council - We are looking to re-establish the Parish Advisory Council, which plays an important part in assisting the Parish Community in discerning the needs and priorities of the parish and give advice on major decisions which affect the life and well being of the Parish. We are looking 10 members of the parish to serve on the council and would be grateful if you would nominate a parishioner who would be willing to serve the parish in this way. The person nominated should give their permission for their name to be put forward. Forms are at the back of the Church. **Forms should be returned by Sunday 24th of November.**

Assisted Suicide Bill Lord Alton has sent a letter to Churches in which he says: I am getting in touch regarding the upcoming vote on Kim Leadbetter's assisted suicide bill on Friday the 29th of November.

Our nation stands on the brink of a major change in how we treat human life, particularly the lives of the most vulnerable. If this radical proposal to introduce assisted suicide passes thousands of vulnerable lives will be at risk over the coming years.

Mounting evidence from the small number of places around the world that have legalised assisted suicide shows that these laws are incremental, that safeguards do not work, and that the changed law can have devastating consequences.

It is therefore vital that this assisted suicide bill is defeated on Friday the 29th of November.

Not Dead Yet UK, a network of people who have disabilities who oppose assisted suicide has produced postcards which can be sent to MPs urging them to oppose the bill on the 29th of November. These are available at the back of the church.

Parishioners Ideas to help support the Development of our Parish Community. we would like to extend community events and to help subsidise costs we are considering making an application to the National Lottery Fund for all Wales. Please take a letter from the back of the Church for more information. Please complete the form and return it as soon as you can..

Padre Pio Mini Vinnies would like to thank those who sent Thank you Cards for receiving their 'Harvest Gifts',

The Catholic Post: copies of this month's papers (November) are 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 basket provided at St. Felix.

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.

Saint Vincent De Paul (SVP) Fundraising Quiz and Tombola night The SVP conference in Abergavenny is planning a fundraising Quiz and Tombola night in Usk Catholic Church hall on Friday 29th November starting at 7.30pm. The funds that are raised from this event will be donated to a family who attend the Catholic School in Ebbw Vale. Tragically the mother of a family of 6 has recently passed away and the family is struggling for immediate expenses...Entry into the quiz will cost £5 and if anyone is able to donate prizes to the Tombola that would be most welcome. For those who do attend please bring your own Alcoholic Beverages and Snacks, Tea and Coffee will be provided.