

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This 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	Ellen Hitchings R.I.P.	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	John Ashton, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Jennifer Touhig, R.I.P.	
Tuesday	11 a.m.	St. Felix	Funeral Mass for Patrick Madden	
Wednesday	No Mass today			
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix	Holy Souls	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls	

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Patrick Madden R.I.P.	1st Sunday of Advent
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	John Kehoe, R.I.P.	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	

Meetings this week

U.C.M. Tuesday 10 a.m. in the Presbytery
Faith Exploration Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery

Counters:

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

Confessions.

Canon Paul will hear Confession on request after Masses

Family Mass:

Children from Padre Pio will be taking part at the 11 a.m. Mass next Sunday. There will be coffee/tea and cakes and a table top sale (stocking fillers, craft, cakes, books) in the Hall afterwards. Do come in and support the Parish

Please pray

for the repose of the soul of **Patrick Madden** who died lately. May he rest in peace. Patrick Madden's funeral will be on Tuesday 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. Tickets sales seem to be slow, please do what you can to sell more tickets.

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 this Sunday.**

Advent Day for Families

The Archdiocesan Advent Adventure is back!; The Family Life Commission are delighted to invite families to the 'Triple A' family fun event Saturday November 30th, hosted by Fr Michael Doyle, Parish Priest of St David's Cathedral, Cardiff. It will take place in the *Mostyn Room, next door to the Cathedral on Charles Street*, from 2pm, concluding with the Vigil Mass in the Cathedral at 5.30pm. This FREE afternoon of Advent and Christmas based activities will have something for all ages and generations, including light afternoon refreshments. It is open to anyone, so bring the whole family! All are Welcome! For further details visit the events page of the archdiocesan website or contact flc@rcadc.org

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.

Eastern Valley Foodbank:

The collection of food will be this 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

Walk with Me

– A Journey of Prayer for Advent Booklets are available from the Repository Price £1.