

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Patrick Madden R.I.P.	1 st 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	
Monday			No Mass today	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Margaret Salter, R.I.P	St. Francis, Xavier. Priest
Wednesday			No Mass today	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix	Tony McCulloch, R.I.P.	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls	
			Followed by Adoration until 10.30 a.m.	

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	John Perry, R.I.P.	2 nd Sunday of Advent
	6 p.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	
Sunday	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	Bridget and Andy Collins Intentions	

Counters: This week: L. Griffin & T. Hitchings Next Week: L Peters & 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 today. 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**

Canon Paul will be attending a Meeting of Canons on Monday morning followed by Mass in the Cathedral so there will be no Mass in St. Alban's on Monday this week.

Advent Preparation for Christmas

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Alban's on Friday mornings during Advent. To be still in the presence of the Lord is an oasis of peace and prayer during this busy period. Why not make it part of your preparation for Christmas?

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. **Only two weeks to go!** Tickets sales seem to be slow, please do what you can to sell more tickets.

Church Hall: We are in the process of installing a new electric cooker in the Hall. The cooker has been provided by the U.C.M. in the hope that we can again do some catering for events in the Parish

Holy Communion at home: If you are sick or housebound or know of anybody who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Canon Paul so that arrangements can be made

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.

Flowers for our Churches for Christmas. Thank you to those ladies who do the flowers and work so hard throughout the year to make sure that our churches look beautiful. They always make a special effort for Christmas and Easter. Donations for flowers are always welcome but especially at these special times.

Repository: There are Catholic Diaries, Cards, Calendars etc available. Why not take a look?

Fr. Peter McClaren has been appointed as Roman Catholic Chaplin of the Grange Hospital. If you or a family member are in the Grange and would like to receive the sacrament of Eucharist and/or Confession please contact him on 07561 469 343

The Catholic Post: copies of this month's papers (December) 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.