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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday 4.30 p.m. St Felix Patrick Madden, R.I.P. 4th Sunday of Advent

6 p.m. St. Alban's People of the Parish.

Sunday 11 a.m. St. Alban's Private Intention.

Monday 9.30 a.m. St. Alban's Holy Souls

CHRISTMAS EVE

7.30 p.m. St. Alban's People of the Parish

CHRISTMAS DAY

11.a.m. St. Alban's Private Intention

11 a.m. St. Felix

Thursday 9.30 a.m. No Mass today. Friday 9.30 a.m. No Mass today

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday 4.30 p.m. St Felix Allan Probert, R.I.P. Holy Family

6 p.m. St. Alban's People of the Parish.

Sunday 11 a.m. St. Alban's Fr. Frank Hickman R.I.P.

NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS

Gift Aid £1451.50 Non-Gift Aid £616.41

<u>Counters</u>: This week: D. Gane & M. Vidler Next week; Lyn Griffin & T. Hitchings

<u>Christmas Prize Draw</u>: The Christmas draw raised £1156 towards Church Funds. There is a list of all the winners at the back of the Church. If you have not already collected your prize, please do so after the Masses this weekend. Thank you to all those who helped in any way.

<u>Church Cleaning</u> Thank you to the 7 ladies who gave their time to make sure that our church is beautiful for Christmas. Thank you also to those ladies who will be doing the flowers on Monday. They always do such a good job. It is very much appreciated.

<u>Help Needed:</u> We would like to set the Crib up on Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass. We would welcome the help of some strong men to take it from the Hall into the Church.

<u>Christmas Offering Envelopes</u>: are at the back of the Church. The Christmas Collection is your offering to the Priest and forms an essential part of his income.

100 Club: Would you like to take part in 2025? The cost is £1 per month which can be paid monthly or £12 for the year. The Prize is £25 per month. If you are interested please put your contribution together with your name in an envelope and give it to Treena or leave it in the Sacristy before the 19th of January.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Parishioners and Visitors a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

May the Blessings of Christmas remain with you throughout the New Year.

With Prayers and Best Wishes

Canon Paul

Jubilee year of Hope

Next Sunday the Feast of the Holy Family (29th December), Cathedrals around the world will inaugurate the Jubilee Year of Hope. In our Archdiocese, Archbishop Mark will inaugurate the Jubilee celebrations at the 11:00am Mass at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff.

"In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope." *Pope Francis,*

Crib Offerings

Archbishop Mark has asked that this year's Crib Offerings go towards the following causes:

Abroad: Aid to the Holy Land, through the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre and Friends of the Holy Land Home: Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese.