***SAINT ALBAN’S PARISH***

Chapel of Ease: Sacred Heart and St Felix

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**This week’s Masses and intentions:**

Saturday 4.30 p.m. St Felix Desmond and Pat Mannion R.I.P. **3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

 6 p.m. St Alban’s Joan Johanna Flaherty, R.I.P.

11 a.m. St. Alban’s People of the Parish

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

Tuesday 9.30 a.m. St. Alban’s S**t. Thomas Aquines,Priest, Doctor**

Wednesday No Mass today

Thursday No Mass today

Friday 9.30 a.m. St. Alban’sSpecial Intention **St. John Bosco, Priest**

**Next week’s Masses and intentions:**

Saturday 4.30 p.m. St Felix Holy Souls **Presentation of the Lord**

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

11 a.m. St. Alban’s Nuala Stuart, R.I.P..

**Counters: This week;** Lyn Griffin & T. Hitchings **Next week**; Lyn Peters /T. Hitchings

**Meetings this week**  U.C.M. Monday at 1.45 p.m. in the Church

 Faith Exploration: Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery.

**100 Club** The winner for January is no 14 – Lyn Peters- Congratulations! If you would like to join the 100 Club its not too late - See Treena Hitchings.

**Next Sunday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, also known as Candlemas Day. The Mass begins with blessing of candles. If you have candles for use at home and would like them blessed, please bring them along

There will be no Mass in Blaenavon on Thursday as Canon Paul has a funeral in Usk.

We will reintroduce the **Offertory Procession** at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, starting this weekend. There is a list at the back of the Church for volunteers. Please sign if you can help and we will make a rota.

**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.

**Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** will begin on Friday 14th February at 4.30 p.m. in the Sacristy. First Reconciliation will be on Saturday 5th of April at 11 a.m. and First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 22nd of June at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Alban’s. There are lists of the dates of the lessons at the back of the Church which can be picked up after any of the Masses during the week. It is also necessary that a form which will give us the information we need be completed (before the first lesson – so that we have enough resources). If you have not already filled in one of these forms, they are also available at the back of the Church.

**As part of the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage of Hope** we will have a Mass on Feb 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, for the sick, elderly and infirm of the Parish at 12 noon at St. Alban’s. All are welcome! If you would like to come and have difficulty with transport, please contact T. Hitchings to see if we can help. There will be a light buffet in the Hall afterwards.

**Please pray** for the soul of **Prunella Doris Williams** who died recently and for those who mourn for her. May she rest in peace

**Thank you** to all those who helped to dismantle the Crib last Sunday. Your help is very much appreciated.

**Jubilee year of Hope**

Please pick up a Prayer Card from the back of the Church and use it as part of your daily prayers.

There are a limited number of booklets for the jubilee in the repository for sale at £1.50 each. We can order more if there is a demand

**Fr. Peter McClaren** is the 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