

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.	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	
	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	Magdalene & Tom McDonald, R.I.P	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls	
Tuesday		No Mass today		
Wednesday		No Mass today		
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix.	Holy Souls	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Special Intention	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor

Next 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.	

Counters:

This week; D. Gane & M. Vidler **Next week;** Lyn Griffin & T. Hitchings

Meetings this week

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

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.

Union of Catholic Mothers Last Monday was an important date in the history of the U.C.M. in Pontypool. Dorothy Gane, who has been our President for many years, retired. She has worked hard and provided a mainstay for us over decades. We would like to thank her for all the sterling work that she has done and hope that she will continue to be with us from the 'back benches'. We welcome Kath Moody as our new President and wish her well in her new role.

Help Needed: The Crib is due to come down this Sunday after the 11a.m. Mass. We would be grateful if some parishioners would help to take it down and take to the Hall to be stored for another year.

Torchlight Procession

There will be a Torchlight Procession for peace in the world at Our Lady of Peace, Ashfield Road, Newbridge NP11 4RB on Thursday, 23rd January at 7.00pm. Preacher Fr Peter McClaran

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

100 Club: Would you like to take part in 2025? The cost is £1 per month which can be paid monthly or c £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 Please note that this will only go ahead if there is sufficient interest to make it viable.

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.