

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

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| 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. | |
| Monday | 9.30 a.m. | St. Alban's | Private Intention | St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr |
| Tuesday | 9.30 a.m. | St. Alban's | | |
| Wednesday | | No Mass today | | St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr |
| Thursday | | No Mass today | | St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs |
| Friday | 9.30 a.m. | St. Alban's | | |

Next week's Masses and intentions:

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| Saturday | 4.30 p.m. | St Felix | Eileen Atwell (Well being) | 5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time |
| | 6 p.m. | St Alban's | | |
| | 11 a.m. | St. Alban's | People of the Parish | |

Counters: This week; L. & A. Whiting Next week; L. Peters and T. Hitchings

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

Today is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day. The Mass begins with blessing of candles

We have started 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.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin on Friday 14th February at 4.30 p.m. in the Sacristy. 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. 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

Visit of the Relics of Bl Carlo Acutis The Relics of Bl Carlo Acutis, who will be canonised in Rome on 27th April, will visit the Archdiocese from Friday 14th to Monday 17th February. The Relics will visit St David's Cathedral on Friday 14th February and Belmont Abbey on Saturday 15th February. The full itinerary can be found on the notice board and also on the internet: <https://rcadc.org/blessed-carlo-acutis-a-saint-for-the-digital-age-relic-to-visit-cardiff-menevia/>.

CymFed Flame Congress Cardiff-Menevia Youth will be joining 10,000 others at Wembley Arena on 15th March 2025 for the CYMFed FLAME Congress! We've secured a limited number of seats at just £31 per person, which includes transportation (please bring your own packed lunch). Seats will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and are only fully confirmed upon payment of the ticket price (you will receive an email with payment details once you have booked). The event is open to young people from Year 9 (typically 14 years old) to university age.

The day will be filled with:

- Inspiring speakers from around the world
- Award-winning musicians
- Representatives from various organizations

The event will conclude with Adoration led by most of the Bishops of England and Wales.

If you would like to attend, please sign up through link: <https://forms.gle/6bD2kM3hfQv2sFjC9> or scan QR code on poster by Friday 21st February 2025.

Please contact Fr Martin Donnelly on olqpllanelli@btinternet.com or Deacon Christian Mahoney on youth@rcadc.org 07764515864 if you require further details.

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

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.