

# SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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## This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Eileen Atwell (Well being)	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St Alban's		
	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls	Our Lady of Lourdes
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	School Mass	
	12 noon	St. Alban's	Mass for the Sick, Elderly and Infirm	
Wednesday		No Mass today		
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix	Nora Packwood, R.I.P.	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Special Intention	

## Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix		6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time
	6 p.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	
	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	Holy Souls	

## Counters:

**This week;** L. Peters and T. Hitchings

**Next week;** D. Gane & M. Vidler

## Meetings this week:

U.C.M. Monday Adoration from 1.30 Meeting at 2 p.m.  
Faith Exploration: Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery  
Preparation for First Holy Communion Friday at 4.30p.m. in the Sacristy.

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 next Friday 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 Tuesday, 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. May she rest in peace. Her funeral service will be at Arthur Peake's chapel at 12 noon followed by burial at St. Cadoc's Trevethin at 1 p.m.

**Adoration:** Beginning this week, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every other Monday from 1.30p.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Alban's, starting with the Rosary. All are welcome. There is a book of Intentions in front of Our Lady's Altar for any concerns any parishioners might have. Please put them in the book and they will be included in the prayers at Adoration.

**Visit of the Relics of Bl Carlo Acutis** The Relics of Bl Carlo Acutis, who will be canonised in Rome on 27<sup>th</sup> April, will visit the Archdiocese from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February. The Relics will visit St David's Cathedral on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and Belmont Abbey on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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/>.

**The Catholic Post:** copies of this month's papers (February) 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. Alban's 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.

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.

## 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. If you would like to attend, please sign up through link:

<https://forms.gle/6bD2kM3hfQv2sFjC9> or scan QR code on poster by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025.

Please contact Fr Martin Donnelly on [olgpplanelli@btinternet.com](mailto:olgpplanelli@btinternet.com) or Deacon Christian Mahoney on [youth@rcadc.org](mailto:youth@rcadc.org) 07764515864 if you require further details.

**Fr. Peter McClaren** is the Roman Catholic Chaplain 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

**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.