SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday 4.30 p.m. St Felix People of the Parish **1st Sunday of Lent** 6 p.m. St Alban's

11 a.m. St. Alban's Thanksgiving

Monday 9.30 a.m. St. Alban's Tuesday 6 p.m. St. Alban's Wednesday No Mass today

Thursday No Mass in Blaenavon today 7 p.m. St. David's Deanery Mass

Friday 12 noon St. Alban's .

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday 4.30 p.m. St Felix Ted Walsh, R.I.P. **2nd Sunday of Lent**

6 p.m. St Alban's

11 a.m. St. Alban's People of the Parish 5 p.m. St. Alban's Stations of the Cross

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

Meetings this week:

Faith Exploration No meeting this week

First Communion Class Friday at 4.30 p.m. in the Padre Pio School

We have started the <u>Offertory Procession</u> at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, There is a list at the back of the Church for volunteers. Please sign if you can help and we will make a rota.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross on Sunday next 16th of March at 5 p.m. in St. Alban's. Why not make it part of your Lenten journey?

Deanery Mass

There will be a Deanery Mass for the Jubilee Year at St. David's Church, Cwmbran (NP44 1TT) on Thursday, 13th March 2025, beginning at 7:00pm.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday is CAFOD Family Fast Day. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

There will be a second collection at the Mass next weekend for any donations you may wish to make.

Pope Francis' message for Lent 2025: 'Let us journey together in hope'

The Holy See's Bulletin has published Pope Francis' message for Lent 2025, entitled 'Let us journey together in hope'. You can find the message on the website of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at the following link: https://www.humandevelopment.va/en/news/2025/guaresima-2025-messaggio-di-papa-francesco.html

Day of Reconciliation

A Day of Reconciliation will be held at Belmont Abbey on Saturday 15 March. Led by Dom Alexander Kenyon (Prior of Belmont) the day will run from 10am – 3.15 and include spiritual talks, confessions and Mass. The cost is £40 per person including lunch. For further information please contact Andrew Grant at andrewgrantDL@gmail.com

<u>Holy Communion at home</u>: 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.

Walk with me Booklets for Lent

These booklets are a prayer and scripture journey for the Lenten Season. Copies are available at the back of the Church, price £1 a copy.

<u>Book of Intentions:</u> If you have a special intention or concern please put it in the book in front of Our Ladies Altar and it will be prayed for at adoration.

<u>The Catholic Post</u>: copies of this month's papers 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 basked provided at St. Felix.