## SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m. 6 p.m. 11 a.m. 5 p.m.	St Felix St Alban's St. Alban's St. Alban's	Peggy, Tom, Da Sean White, R. People of the P Stations of the	I.P. arish	lsh.	3rd Sunday of Lent
Monday	9.30 a.m. 1.30 p.m.	St. Alban's St. Alban's	Sean White, R. Adoration	I.P.		
Tuesday	6 p.m.	St. Alban's			The Annu	nciation of the Lord
Wednesday		No Mass today				
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix				
Friday	12 noon	St. Alban's				
Next week's Masses and intentions:						
Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	David Addis, R.I.P People of the Parish		4th <b>Sunday of Lent</b>	
	6 p.m.	St Alban's				
	11 a.m.	St. Alban's				
Collection	CAFOD	St. Alban;s	£214.81	St. Felix	£50.00	

Counters: This week; D. Gane & M. Vidler Next week; L. Griffin & T. Hitchings

Meetings this week:

U.C.M. Monday at 2 p.m. in the Presbytery (after Adoration from 1.30p.m.)

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

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

## Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross this Sunday at 5 p.m. in St. Alban's. Why no make it part of your Lenten journey?

Please pray for the soul of David Addis, Sheila's husband, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

<u>Lenten Station Mass</u> This year's Deanery Lenten Station Mass will take place at St. Patrick's Church, Newport, on <u>Tuesday</u>, 8<sup>th</sup> <u>April 2025</u>, beginning at <u>7:00pm</u>. The address of St. Patrick's is 151 Cromwell Rd Newport NP19 0HS. Archbishop Mark will be the main celebrant.

## Bible for the Bemused

Our Lady of Peace Parish, Newbridge will be hosting a three week Bible Zoom course starting 22<sup>nd</sup> March aimed at young adults (18-35) but anyone who is interested in the course can join! For further information email <a href="mailto:newbridge@rcadc.org">newbridge@rcadc.org</a>

The Outside Crucifixion Scene, which is a prominent feature of our church, is in need our repair as the cross is rotting around the base. It will cost £500 to take it down and £2,500 to replace it. In view of the amount of work that is needed on the buildings, it has been suggested that the cross be taken down (which has to be done for safety reasons) and put in storage until we have the funds to replace it.

Are you planning to get married in the next year? Gwent Centre are holding a **Marriage Preparation Day** on:Saturday 17th May 2025 Time: 10am-4pm Venue: St Helen's Parish Centre, Caerphilly Booking via <a href="https://www.marriagecare.org.uk">www.marriagecare.org.uk</a>

<u>The Catholic Post:</u> copies of this month's papers (March) 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.

<u>Lives worth Living</u>: There are postcards at the back of the Church to say Yes to our Hospices and No to assisted suicide. If you would like to sign one please leave it in the basket at the back of the Church and Lorraine will send them all off together to the Prime Minister.

**Eastern Valley Foodbank**: The collection of food will be at all Masses this weekend in both St. Alban's and St. Felix communities, but if you feel that would rather give a cash donation then this can be put in the an envelope marked for this purpose and placed in the offertory basket

<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.

**<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.