

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	David Addis, R.I.P..	4th Sunday of Lent
	6 p.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	
	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	Magdalene McDonald, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's	Fr. Bill Curran, R.I.P.	
Tuesday	9.30 a/m/	St. Alban's	Dave Young, R.I.P.	
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..	5 th Sunday of Lent
	6 p.m.	St Alban's		
	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	

Counters:

This week; L. Griffin & T. Hitchings **Next week;** Lisa & A. Whiting

Meetings this week:

Faith Exploration Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Presbytery
First Communion Class Friday at 4.30 p.m. in the Padre Pio School

First Communion Children will be making their First Confession on Saturday next at 11 a.m. in St. Alban's. Please pray for them and for their families as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion in June.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday (17 April): Pontypool 7.00pm Mass of the Lords Supper
Good Friday (18 April): Pontypool 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday (19 April): Pontypool 8 pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday (20 April): Pontypool 11am Easter Morning Mass
Blaenavon 11am Easter Morning Mass (Fr Peter McClaren will say this Mass)

Please pray for the soul of David Addis, Sheila's husband, who died recently. May he rest in peace. David's funeral service will be at St. Felix Church on Monday 14th of April at 11 a.m.

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

The Outside Crucifixion Scene. The cross is in urgent need of repair and after discussion with various parishioners it has been decided to try and raise funds to replace the Cross as soon as possible. I thank the two people who have already offered a donation and hope that others will feel that they would like to contribute

Church Cleaning for Easter will be on Saturday 12th of April from 10a.m. There is quite a lot of work to be done and we would like to have as many as possible to help. Many hands make light work.!

If you don't fancy church cleaning,- we also need help to tidy up the church grounds and get rid of some rubbish.

Flowers for our Churches for Easter: Donations to ensure our churches are beautiful would be very welcome and can be given to Priscilla or Margaret Vidler or put in the collection in a clearly marked envelope.

Assisted suicide bill We have been sent the following by the Bishops' Conference: The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on 25th April. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>. Also, to let you know, Right to Life is distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject. A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Your weekly collection envelopes: Gift Aid Scheme envelopes (with your names on them) are available at the back of the Church if you are in the scheme: If you are not already part of this scheme to further support our parish, please consider joining. All that is required is that you pay income tax of the amount equivalent to your weekly offering, sign a declaration and use a given box of envelopes for your collection. If you do pay tax and gift aid your donation the parish can claim back 25p in the £1 at no extra cost to you. Contact Canon Paul for a form.

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 an envelope marked for this purpose and placed in the offertory basket.

I would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day on this Mothering Sunday.