

SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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This 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	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St. Alban's		St. Patrick, Bishop
Tuesday	6 p.m.	St. Alban's		
Wednesday		No Mass today		St. Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St. Felix	David Addis, R.I.P.	
Friday	12 noon	St. Alban's	.	

Next week's Masses and intentions:

Saturday	4.30 p.m.	St Felix	Peggy, Tom, David & Eva Walsh.	3rd Sunday of Lent
	6 p.m.	St Alban's	Sean White, R.I.P.	
	11 a.m.	St. Alban's	People of the Parish	

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

100 Club: The Winner for March is No. 10 – D. Gane Congratulations!

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

Stations of the Cross

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday was 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 this weekend for any donations you may wish to make.

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

Torchlight Procession A Torchlight Procession will take place at Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge NP11 4RB on Thursday 20th March at 7pm. Canon Brian Gray will be preaching on the topic of Peace in our World. You might not be able to attend in person but you can be there in spirit by lighting a candle at 7pm and praying for peace. And if you would like to send through a petition by email to newbridge@rcadc.org (with Petition in the subject line), it will be added to the petition box in the chapel.

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.

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 www.marriagecare.org.uk

A Marriage Preparation day is a one-day workshop for groups of up to 10 couples. People from all different ages and backgrounds attend and everyone is welcome. The programme looks at developing and maintaining happy relationships, avoiding some of the pitfalls and supporting you to build the best possible future together. We explore the themes that we know are important in successful relationships; such as communication, commitment, & handling conflict and change. The day is interactive and provides opportunities to talk to each other on these important issues. The focus for the day is about talking and listening to each other, nobody is ever put on the spot.

The Catholic Post: 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. Alban's or in the basket provided at St. Felix.

Lives worth Living: 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.