

# The CARDIFF ORATORY

ORATORY CHURCH of  
SAINT ALBAN-on-the-MOORS



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SANT ALBAN-ar-y-RHOSTIROEDD

*A Parish of the Archdiocese of Cardiff: Registered Charity N° 1177272*

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## CREDO IN UNUM DEUM

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| <p>SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> October<br/><b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b><br/>17:00 Mass: Sr Mary Wilfred IC, RIP<br/>08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Szymon Michon, B'day<br/>10:00 Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP<br/>11:15 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i><br/>16:00 Second Vespers &amp; Benediction</p>                     | <p>THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> October<br/><i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i><br/>07:30 Mass: Holy Souls<br/>08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises<br/>09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions<br/>09:30 Mass: Bridget McBy, Int.<br/>17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>         |
| <p>MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> October<br/><i>Pope St. Callistus I</i><br/>07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Ryszard Karpenia, RIP<br/>08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises<br/>09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions<br/>09:30 Mass: Mary Rogers, RIP<br/>17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p> | <p>FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> October<br/><i>St. Luke</i><br/>07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Mgr. John Maguire, RIP<br/>08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises<br/>09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions<br/>09:30 Mass: O'Brien Family, Int.<br/>17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p> |
| <p>TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> October<br/><i>St. Teresa of Avila</i><br/>07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Mary Edgar, Int.<br/>08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises<br/>09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions<br/>09:30 Mass: Gareth Vidler, RIP<br/>17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>    | <p>SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> October<br/><i>Our Lady's Saturday</i><br/>08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Friends, Benefactors, &amp; Priests, RIP<br/>~<br/>16:30 First Vespers<br/>17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Gareth Vidler, RIP</p>  |
| <p>WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> October<br/><i>St. Margaret Mary Alacoque</i><br/>07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Jadwiga Karpenia &amp; Teresa<br/>18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions<br/>19:00 Mass: Cyril &amp; Bridget George, RIP</p>   | <p>SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> October<br/><b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b><br/>08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i><br/>10:00 Mass: Andrew Eagle &amp; family<br/>11:15 Mass: Judge Patrick Curran QC, RIP<br/>16:00 Second Vespers &amp; Benediction</p>   |

### PRAYER REQUESTS for the SICK

*The Fathers and Brothers pray each day for those entered on this list.*

Martin Flynn, Darren, Summer Hutchinson, Jamie Jones, John Mongan, Johnnie Doherty, Patricia Yarwood, Teresa Jonker, Elizabeth Conway, Bernard Farrant, Summer Arnesen, Dianne, Laura, Jane, Lucy Iacobucci, Brooke, Mike, Hayden, Dave, Brook, Patrick Mongan, Dorotka Sookanadenchetty, Jason Benedito, Gareth Bowen, Ann Henry, Sarah, Claire Hawkey, Danielle Camilleri, Jane Morris, Jonathan Bowen, Anne Marie Bell, Karen, Maria Marshall, Jenny, Kingsley, Gareth Vaughan, Hannah Bird, Bernadette Horan, Mark, Michelle Price, Joseph Heron, Yvonne Murray, Patrick M., McGinley Family, Anna Maria & Carmella Tannorella, Rose Christina, Mark, Martin, Geoff, Billy Page, Alison, Kit Lewis, Phoebe, Paul, Ruth Pinder, Christian Babu, Olive Bowen, Paul Burns, Julie Cale, John Cowhey, Elle Fine, Sally Hiles, Jim & Doris Painter, Sharon Bradley, Nell Horan, James Hogg, Don James, Jennifer King, Shirley & Michael Kingston, E. Connors, Shelagh O'Donaghue, J. Pratt, J. Price, Beatrice Rajanayagam, Nia P-Jones, Elizabeth Sitole, Pamela, Daniel, Ellen Smith, Joseph Smith, Benjamin & Abigail Smith, Gareth & Ethan Woodberry, Shirley O'Leary, Jim Price, Bernard Mahoney, Margaret Tyler, Margaret O'Brien, Brenda Brooks.



## CARDIFF ORATORY CONFESSION TIMES

*Sundays: before & during all Masses | Weekdays: 9 am to 9:30 am*

Since the time of St. Philip Neri, the Fathers of the Oratory have made themselves available for Confessions during daily Mass, as well as during Sunday Masses. Outside of these set times, there is a CONFSSIONAL BELL positioned in between the two Confessional Boxes in the Church. Ring to alert a Father. If available he will respond.

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### VIGIL LAMPS

The ancient Catholic tradition of lighting vigil lamps in our churches and chapels is deeply significant and retains its importance for us today. If you would like to have one of the lamps burn for a loved one's anniversary or for some special intention or in thanksgiving please write the name on an envelope and drop it in the plate or the sacristy.

- **Blessed Sacrament:** Terry, Nellouise & children
- **Sacred Heart Chapel:** Charlie, Kathleen, Patrick & Children
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Fam.
  - **The Lady Chapel:** Pat Mongan, RIP
  - **Chantry Chapel of Our Lady:** For all the sick
- **The Pieta Chapel:** Judge Patrick Curran QC, RIP
- **Our Lady of Walsingham:** Michael Marquis of Lothian
  - **Shrine of St Joseph:** Private Intention
  - **Shrine of St Antony:** Lapsed of the Parish
  - **Shrine of St Alban:** St Alban's Club Members

*There are spaces in the diary for Candle Intentions. Reserving a vigil lamp is a beautiful way to remember your loved ones, living or deceased. For a donation of £4.50, to pay for the candle, your intention will be remembered by the whole Parish for one week.*



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of  
**MGR JOHN MAGUIRE , RIP**



Priest of the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia

*Jesus Mercy + Mary Help*



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of  
**FR BRIAN CUDDIHY, IC. , RIP**



*Jesus Mercy + Mary Help*



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of  
**MRS BARBARA HURLEY, RIP**



Requiem Mass at St Alban's

*Jesus Mercy + Mary Help*

### ST ALBAN'S 10:00am PARISH CHOIR

The 10am Parish Choir practices in the Parish Hall Sunday mornings at 9:00am. Why not join?  
If you've a voice, dust it off!





## LATEST NEWS:

~Restoration Work~

"Parish Stewardship: *Our* Task"

You will see from the pictures below the extent of the damage to the roof above the old music room. The exposed brick work and decomposition of the bricks and mortar have been repaired but I have instructed the engineers to carry out a thorough inspection of all the slates, brick work, masonry and lead work. The scaffolding is expensive and it make no financial sense while it is up, not to undertake a survey of the area. Once again, this work was not anticipated in the greater scheme of renovation/restoration, but it has no to be addressed.



(The water damage to the masonry is evident as well as the disintegration of the mortar. This will now need to be stripped back and examined, re-pointed and a new lining under the led work laid so as to make the area water tight.)



(The lining under the slates is insufficient. When installed it should have been higher up the wall to make the roof water tight. This needs to be remedied across this entire section of the roof.)



(W-E view of mortar disintegration)



(E-W view of the exposed area.)



(Temporary repair until the scaffolding extension required for the renovation of this whole section of roof is in place.)

**The restore St Alban's Memorial Garden  
Gates take pride of place on Cameron  
Street**





(All they need now is a lick of paint!)

## St Alban's Parish Fundraising



There is **£53,164.65** in the Restoration Fund Account. I would ask please that we all try to support the Parish Fund Raising events as advertised as well as reflect in our own personal giving the impact of inflation upon the day to day running costs of the Parish. God bless you.



### St ALBAN'S PARISH CHRISTMAS COACH TRIP TO BATH

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

*Only two places left!*

**Any profit made from this trip is for the  
Restoration Fund.**

(£25 return)



### Books **W**oof I **H**ave **R**ead

by Pippo

This week, I have been reading the second and concluding volume of '*Benedict XVI: A Life*', by Peter Seewald, which begins in the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council and concludes with Benedict's retirement following the end of his papacy on 28 February 2013.

This is a sympathetic, but not wholly uncritical account, of the late pope's life. However, what is truly heartbreaking is the way in which Benedict was persecuted relentlessly by politicians, journalists, and even by elements within the Catholic Church. On multiple occasions, individual sentences were taken from his speeches or conversations, twisted out of all recognition, and then turned into wholly misleading and sensational headlines which, far from representing the truth, frequently led the reader in the completely the wrong direction.

Moreover, once the storm broke, the same sorry crowd of critics emerged to jump on the proverbial bandwagon, and to try, with often breath-taking hypocrisy, to undermine the successor of Peter by whatever means they could.

Seewald recounts how many of Benedict's loudest (and most hypocritical) critics were theologians from his native Germany, most of whom were so obviously jealous of him. Yet, the great irony of their criticism was that these were men who lived and worked in a country where

the Church (and, indeed, Christianity in general) was in a state of collapse; and the very measures they were advocating would have represented the last nail in the Church's coffin (a fact which was more than adequately evidenced by the even greater collapse of the Protestant groups which had already adopted such so-called 'reforms').

In stark contrast to what was happening in Europe, in the countries which were contributing to the net growth of the Catholic Church which Benedict's papacy witnessed (not that one could readily believe such a statistic from reading European newspapers), Benedict was justly hailed as the guardian of the Catholic Faith and a true shepherd who never allowed people to forget that they abandon God at their peril.

### BOOK EARLY for MASS INTENTIONS for 2025

If you have a special family anniversary you wish to have Mass offered for in 2025 and want a Mass that day **please book early** to avoid disappointment. There are only 52 Sundays, vigils etc.

Brown Mass Intention envelopes are provided around the church.

Thank you.

## CONFRONTING THE CULTURE OF DEATH



St Alban's Parishioners donated an amazing £617:00 towards the SPUC 50th Sponsored Walk.

Thank you!

## St Alban's Sewing & Crafting Group



Meet in St Alban's Hall.

October: 1st & 15th;  
November: 5th & 19th  
December: 3rd & 17th  
January: 7th & 21st

Contact Louise:  
07817 825 343

## ST ALBAN'S PIETY STALL

The piety stall has new stock of statues, medals, scapulars, holy water bottles etc., Christmas cards will go on sale at the end of October. Please do support the piety stall. When you purchase something you are supporting the training of Priests for The Cardiff Oratory.



### Ladies of the Little Oratory

The Ladies of the Oratory are a sorority of practising Catholic laywomen (18+) supported by the Oratory Fathers to live a virtuous life

as daughters sisters, wives and mothers of families. Each woman is supported by a simple rule of life, occasional social events and spiritual direction. They may borrow books from the extensive Oratory Father's Library. They are encouraged to attend Mass regularly and Confession monthly and pray the rosary daily. They are also encouraged to give practical or spiritual assistance in the Oratory Parish when required. Please speak to Fr Sebastian for details.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MONDAY - FRIDAY

Mon-Fri 9:00 - 9:25 Wed. 6:00-6:55pm

"The Sacred Liturgy is not a festivity; it is not a meeting for the purpose of having a good time.



The liturgy is what makes the Thrice-Holy God present amongst us; The Liturgy is the Burning Bush; it is the alliance of God with man in Jesus Christ, Who has died and risen again. The grandeur of the Liturgy does not rest upon the fact that it offers an interesting entertainment, but in rendering tangible the totally *Other*, Whom we are not capable of summoning. The essential in the Liturgy is the Mystery, which is realized in the common ritual of the Church; all the rest diminishes it. Men experiment with it in lively fashion, and find themselves deceived, when the Mystery is transformed into distraction, when the chief actor in the liturgy is not the Living God, but the priest or the liturgical director."

(Pope Benedict XVI)

### A COUNTRY & WESTERN AFTERNOON TEA



### In Aid of the SAMBURU EYE CLINIC

On Sunday 27th October 3:00pm - 5:00pm  
at The Secret Shed, Beulah Rd., Rhiwbina  
CF14 6LT

In Memory of Eileen Christine

If you would like to join us then please use the link to EventBrite to book your place. You can choose tables or seats either in the coffee shop or tea gardens when booking. A table plan is provided and tables 1-9 are outside undercover and tables 10-15 are indoors in the coffee shop.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/country-western-musical-afternoon-tea-tickets-1039995002047?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

We hope to see you for afternoon tea, superb live music at a delightful venue in aid of the exceptional work carried out by the SamburuTrust at their eye clinic in Kenya. Kindest regards Alison, Helen & Fr Sebastian

Eye Surgeon Mr Dan Morris is a St Alban's parishioner and establishes field hospitals as well as the Clinic during his visits to Kenya. Tickets £25.





**SAMBURU TRUST**  
KENYA

The Samburu Trust was founded in 1992 to empower the Samburu people to protect, preserve and enhance their ancient way of life in Kenya. The trust works in six key areas: health, education, women, water, wildlife and security:

**Health**  
Over 25 years the Trust's eye project has eradicated Trachoma (the leading cause of blindness in the developing world) in our area of Northern Kenya. We use a combination of tribal treatments and modern medicine to save lives and improve outcomes.

**Education**  
Samburu children are assisted to attend schools, colleges and universities.

**Women**  
Samburu mamas are paid to create beaded products that are sold or commissioned by major brands.

**Water**  
The Trust's open water reservoirs provide water for humans and animals, sustaining the people and their environment.

**Wildlife**  
The Samburu are guardians of their land and we help them to protect both wild and domesticated animals with veterinary care and emergency rescues.

**Security**  
Our team of Samburu warriors are trained to protect wildlife and people. Equipped with mobile phones and motorbikes, they can respond quickly to any emergency.


**DONATE NOW**



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ST ALBAN'S PARISH, CARDIFF

**MONEY MATTERS**

**TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR**

**THE RESTORATION FUND**

LAST SUNDAY'S HEATING COLLECTION

**RAISED £1,063.45**

The Archdiocesan Levy for St Alban's is each *quarter* is £3,129.00

"God bless your generosity" Fr Sebastian M. PP.