

*The* **CARDIFF  
ORATORY**

ORATORY CHURCH of  
SAINT ALBAN-*on-the-MOORS*



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CAERDYDD**

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SANT ALBAN-*ar-y-RHOSTIROEDD*

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**+ Sunday 20th October 2024 +**



On Tuesday of this week word came that His Grace, the Archbishop will celebrate the Diaconate Ordination Mass for Bro Illtyd M. on Friday 27th December at 12 noon here at the Oratory. A man must be ordained to the Order of Deacon before he can be ordained to the Order of Priest. I take this opportunity to thank Archbishop O'Toole unreservedly and to ask you the faithful of this Parish to now pray especially for Bro Illtyd M as he prepares for this extremely important moment on his journey to the Sacred Priesthood.

On Wednesday of this week it was confirmed by our solicitor that the transfer of ownership had taken place of the Oratory House, St Alban's Church and St Alban's Parish Hall from the Rosminian Trust to the Cardiff Oratory Trust. The properties are now owned for the permanent mission of the Cardiff Oratory here in St Alban's Parish. I wish to record the Oratorian community's profound gratitude to His Grace, the Archbishop for enabling the transfer of the properties to take place, thus ensuring the canonical stability required of an Oratory in this pastoral mission. I wish also to record our the immense gratitude to the Vicar General, Fr Brian Gray who has been so supportive of the process. Without the immense generosity of a family of the Parish this purchase from the Rosminians of the Oratory House for £200,000:00 and also their legal costs would not have been possible. The Oratory and Parishioners owe these benefactors an enormous debt of gratitude in securing the property permanently for the future well-being of St Alban's Parish. It is in profound gratitude to Almighty God for His great mercy

shown to us, the solicitude of the Archbishop and Fr Brian and for the sacrifices made to bring this moment about that the great hymn *Te Deum* will be sung this Sunday at 11:00am.

## Te Deum

(English translation)

**W**e praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.

The godly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

**T**hou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.

**O** Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee; and we worship Thy Name, ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

<p>SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> October  <b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>  17:00 Mass: Gareth Vidler, RIP  08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i>  10:00 Mass: Andrew Eagle &amp; family  11:15 Mass: Judge Patrick Curran QC, RIP  16:00 Second Vespers &amp; Benediction</p>	<p>THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> October  <i>St. Antony Mary Claret</i>  07:30 Mass: Holy Souls  08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises  09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions  09:30 Mass: Andrea Hooper-Carr, Conv.  17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October  07:30 Mass: Holy Souls  08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises  09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions  09:30 Mass: Norman Hooper, RIP  17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> October  07:30 Mass: Holy Souls  08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises  09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions  09:30 Mass: In Thanksgiving  17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> October  <i>Pope St. John Paul II</i>  07:30 Mass: Holy Souls  08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises  09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions  09:30 Mass: Lilian Hooper  17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> October  <i>Our Lady's Saturday</i>  08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/E., RIP  16:30 First Vespers  17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Terry &amp; Hazel O'Brien, RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> October  07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Anthony O'Keefe, RIP  18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions  19:00 Mass: Gigi, Int.</p>	<p>SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> October  <b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>  08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i>  10:00 Mass: Keith Thomas, RIP  11:15 Mass: Wladyslaw &amp; Kornel, RIP  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.*

Vita Guarno, 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.

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**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:** Richard, Caroline & children & grandchildren
- **Sacred Heart Chapel:** For health and happiness (donor's intentions)
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Fam.
  - **The Lady Chapel:** World peace
  - **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:** Lyn Grant
  - **Shrine of St Antony:** Lapsed of the Parish
  - **Shrine of St Alban:** Jen Livingston, Int.

*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  
**MRS BARBARA HURLEY, RIP**



Mass: 30 October at 12 noon  
at St Alban's Church  
*Jesus Mercy + Mary Help*



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



Priest of the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia  
Requiem Mass: Friday 25 October 11:00am  
St Mary of the Angels, Canton.  
*Jesus Mercy + Mary Help*



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of  
**FR RAY MATUS**

*Priest and founding Provost of the Manchester Oratory*



Requiem Mass: 23 October 2024 at noon in the  
Manchester Oratory

*Our Lady Queen of the Oratory, pray for his soul*



**NEXT**  
**SATURDAY**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**AT 7:00PM**  
in St Alban's Hall  
Bar, Refreshments

## Bro Illtyd writes from Seminary...

This week at seminary has been different to most. On Monday we celebrated Thanksgiving, the Canadian National Holiday, the community had a *dies non* (a quiet day) whereas the theology seminarians had their class as normal. I was the server at the formal dinner, which was the standard thanksgiving meal of Turkey with mash and vegetables, and the pudding was pumpkin pie. You may ask the Fathers in Cardiff about my two previous attempts at making this seasonal pudding, the one we had in Toronto was much nicer. (*Editor: They were in-edible!*)

On Wednesday we had the opening Mass of the *Quarant'Ore*. Even though I am in Toronto, participating in the forty hours is that link between the oratories as we follow St. Philip's example in spending time with Our Lord exposed for Adoration. This weekend, the seminary is visiting Niagara Falls. It will be an experience that I will not forget as we will go on the Hornblower (formerly the Maid of the Mist, they had to change the name because the American's copyrighted the name). My grandmother has warned me to not get too wet but thankfully they provide ponchos. I will send pictures next week. This week has allowed me time to reflect on the blessings the Lord has given me to bring me to where I am today.

I have to thank you the Parishioners for your prayers and support you have given me since arriving to St. Alban's and for the continued support. I did keep you all in my prayers during the *Forty Hours* and the Parish is always in my daily prayers and rosaries.



### LATEST NEWS:

~Restoration Work~

"Parish Stewardship: *Our Task*"

The refurbishment of the old insulation in the tower of the church is now complete. It is hoped that the loss of heat through the "chimney effect" of the disintegrated insulation in the tower will be noticeable this winter (but do not put on the Hawaii shirts for Mass quite yet..)



Disintegrated insulation has been replaced with materials that allow the building to breathe as well as insulate.

The Insurance company informed me on Friday afternoon that the insurance premium for St Alban's Church, Oratory House and Parish Hall for 2024-2025 will be £13,000.00. This is a considerable increase in the premium and seems to result from concerns as to the absence of an integrated smoke and fire alarm system for the church, house and hall. It is the first time such an expectation has been required, but as we know legislation is changing all the time.



*The Early Bird*

*catches the worm:*

### PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

The Christmas Raffle tickets will be available from next weekend. Each year Parishioners have "hit the ground running" in collecting and returning Raffle tickets from the rear of the church. All Raffle money raised this year will go towards the payment of the Insurance Premium.

I would be immensely grateful to Parishioners and Friends of the Oratory if they would once again donate bottles and other suitable prizes for the Raffle Draw. God bless you!

### "Re-cycling"

Please pick up a re-cycle box for silver coins for the Restoration Fund. They are in the porch of the church.





## 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 (this week alone: Quiz Night & Christmas Raffle, Bath Parish Trip). Could we please reflect upon the impact of inflation upon our own housekeeping "day to day" running costs and multiply that for the running costs of the Parish. The weekly Parish Giving in 2024-2025 needs to increase by *£400 a week* to maintain our present desired course of Catholic Mission, church building repairs/renovations, utilities and diocesan Levy. I will say more about the management of expectations having met with the Parish Finance Council. In all things we entrust ourselves to Divine Providence.



### 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)

## Coffee Morning



TUESDAY 5TH  
NOVEMBER  
in

St Alban's Hall

ALL WELCOME!



## St Alban's Sewing & Crafting Group

Meet in St Alban's Hall.  
November: 5th & 19th  
December: 3rd & 17th  
January: 7th & 21st

Contact Louise: 07817825 343

## Rectors of the Parish Church of St. Alban's on the Moors, Cardiff

1899 - 1901 Fr. Hayde  
1901 - 1902 Fr. Nolan  
1902 - 1919 Fr. Palmer  
1919 - 1921 Fr. Nadale  
1921 - 1931 Fr. Mason  
1931 - 1945 Fr. Ottway  
1945 - 1953 Fr. Grimshaw  
1953 - 1961 Fr. Walker  
1961 - 1964 Fr. Horgan  
1964 - 1968 Fr. Haley  
1969 - 1973 Fr. Brennan  
1973 - 1977 Fr. Troop  
1977 - 1982 Fr. Scanlan  
1982 - 1985 Fr. Cody  
1985 - 1989 Fr. Bunting  
1989 - 1993 Fr. Eedy  
1993 - 1998 Fr. Eugene Monaghan  
1998 - 2004 Fr. Michael Hare  
2005 - 2007 Fr. Graham. Venn  
2007 - 2009 Fr. P. Shayo  
2009 - 2011 Fr. Christopher Fuse  
2011 - 2012 Fr. Tom Thomas  
2013 - 2015 Fr. Saji Dominic  
2015 - 2019 Fr Philip Scanlan  
2019- Fr Sebastian M.



## Books Woof I Have Read

by Pippo

Monday, 21 October 2024, is Trafalgar Day, and will mark the 219<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the great sea battle which took place off the coast of Cape Trafalgar in 1805. So, this week, I thought I would read 'Trafalgar: An Eye-Witness History', by Tom Pocock, which is a skilfully-edited compilation of letters, diary entries and other primary sources written by those involved in the battle on both sides. The Battle of Trafalgar was one of the most important engagements in British history. Indeed, according to his biographer, Ian Ker, seeing the candles which people had placed in their windows on the eve of the battle in solidarity with the nation's sailors was the earliest memory of the four-year-old John Henry Newman.

As every schoolboy knows, Trafalgar ended Napoleon's dream of invading Britain. However, it also forced Napoleon to resort to a policy of trying to blockade Britain (known as

the Continental System), which created tension between Napoleon and his allies (especially Russia, which relied upon trade with Britain). Eventually, that led to a showdown between Napoleon and the Russian Tsar, Alexander I, and resulted both in the disastrous French retreat from Moscow in the winter of 1812 and, ultimately, the end of Napoleon's career.

The many documents assembled in this book provide fascinating insights into every aspect of the battle, from Nelson's own genius down to the many hardships and immense bravery of the ordinary men, who continued fighting in the most horrendous of conditions.

The book also provides one with a clear understanding of how Nelson won the battle. He had only 27 ships of the line, compared to the combined French & Spanish force of 33. However, Nelson knew that he had the better gunners and that, if he could engage the enemy in close-quarter fighting (known as 'pell-mell'), he would have the advantage.

To achieve this, Nelson abandoned the conventional method of fighting a sea battle, with each line of ships sailing alongside one another firing broadsides. Instead, he split his fleet into two lines and then approached the enemy at a right angle, intersecting the enemy line at points which were roughly one-third and two-thirds along (a tactic which became known as 'breaking the line').

This revolutionary idea left the leading British ships (*HMS Victory* and *HMS Royal Sovereign*) extremely vulnerable on the long and slow approach toward the enemy; but, once they encountered the enemy fleet, the advantage swung in their favour. The front third of the enemy fleet was left sailing away from the battle and was effectively neutralised. Meanwhile, the British ships cutting through the remaining enemy line were able to fire from both sides simultaneously: one side into the stern of the ship on their port side and one into the bow of the ship on their starboard side. Such devastating broadsides, fired at relatively close quarters, 'raked' the entire enemy ship from one end to the other, and did incredible damage.

One by one, the enemy ships surrendered. Eventually, at 5:45 pm, the French ship *Achille* exploded, taking 480 souls with her. That ended the battle. By then, however, Nelson was already dead, having been struck by a musket ball earlier in the afternoon, but he did live long enough to learn that the battle was won. As he lay dying,

Britain's greatest admiral was heard to murmur, "Thank God I have done my duty." It was a tribute to him – and all who have laid down their lives for their country – that he made the supreme sacrifice so willingly. This splendid book is a fitting memorial to their heroism.



**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.

**THE ECUMENICAL ROSARY SOCIETY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

284<sup>TH</sup> ROSARY SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE  
at 2.30 pm  
*This* FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024  
at ST ALBAN'S CHURCH



**NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS THE ORATORY'S NOVEMBER CUSTOMARY**

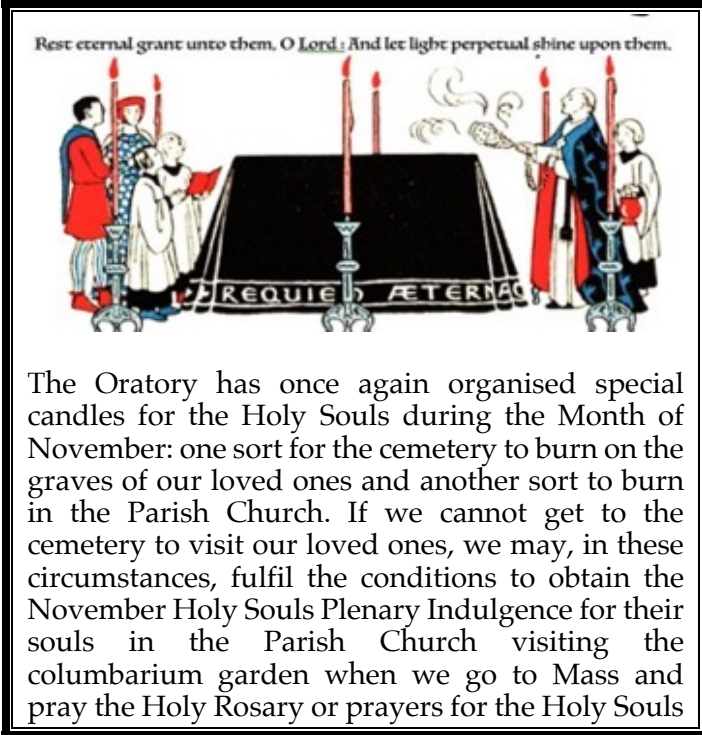
- 1) The Fathers will visit the main cemeteries of the City in the first week of November to **bless the graves** of your loved ones. (Holy Mother Church grants a **Plenary Indulgence** during the Octave 1-8 November for those who visit a grave of a loved one within the Octave);
- 2) There will be a Sung Requiem Mass for all **Benefactors of the Parish** (Parishioners, donors, priests and brothers) who have served here;
- 3) There will be a Requiem Mass for **all who have died** during the last year;
- 4) There will be a Requiem Mass for **all alumni** of St Alban's School, Old Illtydians



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Mon-Fri 9:00 - 9:25 Wed.  
6:00-6:55pm / First Friday 7:00-  
8:00pm



The Oratory has once again organised special candles for the Holy Souls during the Month of November: one sort for the cemetery to burn on the graves of our loved ones and another sort to burn in the Parish Church. If we cannot get to the cemetery to visit our loved ones, we may, in these circumstances, fulfil the conditions to obtain the November Holy Souls Plenary Indulgence for their souls in the Parish Church visiting the columbarium garden when we go to Mass and pray the Holy Rosary or prayers for the Holy Souls

## 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

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. **Tickets £25.**



## ST ALBAN'S RUGBY CLUB RACE NIGHT 15TH NOV

**RACE NIGHT**

Please join us for an exciting Race Night to raise funds for our Bowls Club

Raffle tickets available on the evening.

Entrance fee £2.

Sponsors Needed please contact Paul Guerin

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
7.30pm  
St Albans Rugby Club

## OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

Unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose **assisted suicide**

Attempts are being made in parliament to legalise assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying. This would undermine the sanctity and dignity of human life.

*Act Now!*

SCAN ME

Use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code to visit the Bishops' Conference website.

There you will find resources to help you contact your MP, read the reasons why we oppose assisted suicide, explore FAQs, and more.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales  
39 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1BQ