

The CARDIFF ORATORY

ORATORY CHURCH of
SAINT ALBAN-on-the-MOORS



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| <p>SUNDAY 27th October 30th Sunday of the Year 17:00 Mass: Terry & Hazel O'Brien, RIP 08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 Mass: Keith Thomas, RIP 11:15 Mass: Wladyslaw & Kornel, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p> | <p>THURSDAY 31st October 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Gareth Vidler, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p> |
| <p>MONDAY 28th October <i>Sts. Simon & Jude</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Justyna Pawuk, Int. 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Anjina, Int. 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p> | <p>FRIDAY 1st November <i>All Saints Today is Holyday of Obligation</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Honorata Krupa, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Francis Harris **19:00 Mass: John C. Matthews, RIP</p> |
| <p>TUESDAY 29th October 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Maureen & Ron Franks, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p> | <p>SATURDAY 2nd November <i>All Souls Day</i> **7:30 Mass: Holy Souls: Parishioner/Benefactors, RIP 8:00 Mass: Holy Souls: Who died in the last 12 months 8:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Teresa Staron & Jan Michon, RIP **9:30 Mass: Holy Souls **10:00: Helen Hathaway, RIP **10:30 Holy Souls ** 11:00 Mass: Eileen Christine RIP **1:00 Mass: Ronald Gee, RIP 15:00 BLESSING OF GRAVES: THORNHILL Cemetery 16:30: Vespers for the Dead 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Ann McConkey, RIP</p> |
| <p>WEDNESDAY 30th October 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions 19:00 Mass: Keith Hooper, Int.</p> | <p>SUNDAY 3rd November 31st Sunday of the Year 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Pauline Hawkins, RIP 10:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 11:15 Mass: Prof. & Mrs. John Pathy, RIP *15:00 Blessing of Graves: Western Cemetery (Ely) & Cathay's Cemetery.</p> |

PRAYER REQUESTED for the SICK

Vita Guarno, Martin Flynn, Darren, Summer Hutchinson, Johnnie Doherty, Patricia Yarwood, Teresa Jonker, Elizabeth Conway, Bernard Farrant, Summer Arnesen, Dianne, Laura, Jane, Lucy Iacobucci, Brooke, Mike, Hayden, Dave, Patrick Mongan, Dorotka Sookanadenchetty, Jason Benedito, Gareth Bowen, Ann Henry, Sarah, Claire Hawkey, Danielle Camilleri, Jane Morris, Jonathan Bowen, Anne Marie Bell, Karen, Jenny, Kingsley, Gareth Vaughan, Hannah Bird, Bernadette Horan, Mark, 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, 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:** Maureen & Ron Franks, RIP
- **Sacred Heart Chapel:** Stephen & Edna Murray, RIP
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Fam.
 - **The Lady Chapel:** World peace
- **Chantry Chapel of Our Lady:** Peter Wilkinson, RIP
- **The Pieta Chapel:** Judge Patrick Curran QC, RIP
 - **Our Lady of Walsingham David Woolf**
 - **Shrine of St Joseph:** Mary Edgar, Int.
 - **Shrine of St Antony:** Lapsed of the Parish
 - **Shrine of St Alban:** Delyth Jewell, AM

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.



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

It is the long established custom of the Oratory to have special regard for the Holy Souls in Purgatory especially during the Month of November. This will be reflected in a number of ways during the Month:

- 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. (The Church grants a **Plenary Indulgence** during the Octave, 1-8 November, for those who visit a grave of a loved one within the Octave);

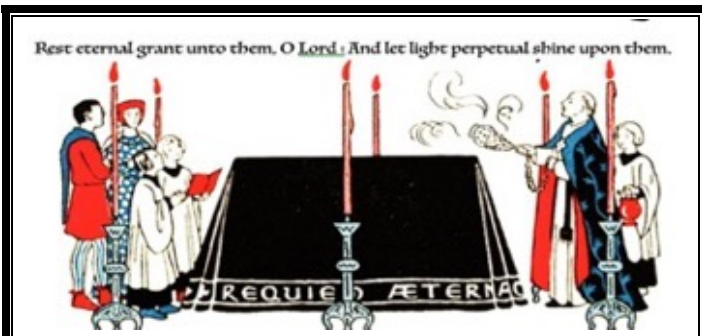
- 2) There will be a Requiem Mass for all **Benefactors of the Parish** (Parishioners, donors, priests and brothers) who have served here;

- 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 Illydians and Brothers.



Remember the
clocks go back
one hour tonight.



Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

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 when we go to Mass and pray the Holy Rosary or prayers for the Holy Souls.

Two kinds of special Votive Candles for the Holy Souls are now available: one sort for the cemetery to burn on the graves and another sort to burn in the Parish Church, especially before the Shrine of Our Lady of Pity, *Pieta*. If we physically cannot get to the cemetery to visit our loved ones, we may, in these circumstances, fulfil the conditions to obtain the November Holy Souls Indulgence in the Parish Church, when we go to Mass by praying the Holy Rosary or prayers for the Holy Souls.

* The Solemn Blessing of the Columbarium Garden adjacent to the St Alban's Church will take place after the first Annual Procession to the columbarium concluding the All Souls Day 5:00pm Mass. The Church grants a *plenary indulgence* for those who take part in such a procession with the purpose of praying for the dead. It is a corporal work of mercy to visit a cemetery/columbarium.



The **Annual Act of Remembrance** will begin at 11:55am in St Alban's Church on Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2024. The 10:00am Mass and 11:15am Mass will be Requiems



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
MRS PAULINE BENNETT, RIP



Tuesday 12 November, 202
Requiem Mass: 11:00am at St Albans Catholic
Jesus Mercy + Mary Help

Coffee Morning



**TUESDAY 5TH
NOVEMBER
11:00am in
St Alban's Hall
ALL WELCOME!**



MASS LINE: 029 2267 0924

St Alban's *Mass Line* is a dedicated telephone line connecting those without internet access to participate in Sunday Mass.

Bro Iltyd writes from Seminary...

This week at seminary has been one I will not forget for a long time. Last Saturday, the seminarians went out to Niagara Falls. It started with a 4 Km (2.5 miles in UK currency) hike along the Niagara gorge. The leaves are starting to change colour so it made the stunning views even more special. We had lunch on the rocks by a whirlpool. The walk was described to us beforehand as "leisurely" however it was a bit arduous at points as we had to scale boulders and not slip as we passed miniature waterfalls coming from the side of the gorge. We then went to a Carmelite monastery that is directly behind the falls. We prayed the Rosary and venerated the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux as it is her National Shrine. Within the monastery is a wine cellar in which some of us did try some of its produce. We then made our way down to the falls, which are always breath-taking. I am lucky to have seen them at night and now in the full light of day where 681,750 gallons per second over the Canadian Falls. We ventured even closer as we boarded the Hornblower which took us right into the mist. The ponchos provided did help to keep us from being soaked. Afterwards we headed to another local church to pray vespers and to partake in the Canadian delicacy of Swiss Chalet, a chicken and rib joint.

On Wednesday, I was asked to give a presentation to the St. Joseph's Youth Group at the Chaldean Cathedral. We have three seminarians from the Chaldean Church, an Eastern Catholic which uses Syriac in its liturgy and mostly located in the Middle East. The youth group is currently going through a series of talks given by the seminarians on Catholic Social Teaching, and I had the pleasure of covering the Church's Teaching on Bioethics. I covered such topics as IVF, stem cell research and organ donations.

On Friday, I completed my midterm assessment in Canon law. Next week I have to prepare a practice homily for the Solemnity of All Saints. We are approaching the halfway mark of the semester, even though I am enjoying the academic and social side of the seminary, I do miss being back in the Parish.

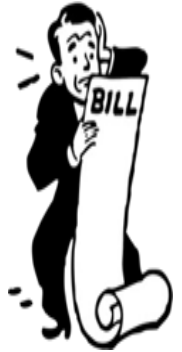


CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY NOW AVAILABLE

Christmas cards, Crèche scenes, and other Catholic Christmas gifts are now available from the Repository. See Bro. Joseph M. for more information

GOOD NEWS!

Our Insurance broker was able to find another insurance company that would give us the same cover for considerably less than the original quote mentioned last week. Our Insurance Premium for St Alban's Church, Oratory House and Parish Hall for 2024-2025 will be £8,292.34. This is an increase in the previous premium and is subject to a new survey.



LATEST NEWS:

~Restoration Work~



"Parish Stewardship: *Our Task*"

There is a saying "Work Smarter Not Harder". There should be a saying "Insulate More, Not Heat More". Through the generosity of benefactors the attics are being insulated to a very high grade. This along with the upgrading of double glazing for the Oratory House will result in the use of heating for the brethren's individual rooms will require less and maintain the warmth more. As you know, our rooms are the places where the Oratorian lives when not in church for the Sacraments, Oratorian prayers, in the Refectory for silent meals or engaged in pastoral work. The inclusion last year of insulating blinds in our rooms adds further to the efficient use of energy as well as lessening the intrusion of noise adjacent the properties and roads around the Oratory House.

The pictures below are of the immediate works required on the music room roof. As you will see, there are broken tiles and rotten guttering, as well as window frames that the engineer was

able to put his finger through! I would ask you please to consider signing a Gift Aid Form so that every £1 you donate becomes £1.25 we can renovate with. Please ask for a Gift Aid Form. *Fr Sebastian M*



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



The Early Bird

catches the worm:

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

Please collect your Raffle tickets from the rear of the church this weekend. They remain the same price, **£1 per book**. Sealed plastic packets hold ten books of tickets. All ticket stubs with the money to be **returned on or before 09 December**. Draw to take place on 14th December.

If you are paying for the 10 books of Raffle Tickets by cheque please make cheque payable to The Oratory of St Philip Neri at Cardiff. 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!



ST ALBAN'S PARISH, CARDIFF

MONEY MATTERS

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR

THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Our Parish Bank Details:

Name: The Oratory of St Philip Neri at Cardiff

Account: 20222572 **Sort Code:** 51-21-06

NatWest Bank, Cardiff

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



"Re-cycling"

Thank you to those who faithfully return their boxes monthly. Your coppers and silver coins are making all the difference to the Restoration

Fund. Boxes are in the porch of the church.



St Alban's Parish Fundraising

There is **£54,244.47** 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.



REMINDER TO PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

In the promotion and management of the culture of *Health and Safety* in an around St Alban's Church, I remind parents and grandparents that it is *your personal responsibility* to supervise your children, grandchildren while in church and on church property. Reasonable measures are undertaken to mitigate dangers, but nothing can replace adult supervision.

Thank you.
Fr Sebastian M., PP.

Hospital Chaplaincy: **Emergency Call Out**

The Health Board operates a 24/7 "On-Call" Rota for Emergency Call Outs when a Catholic priest is required to administer the Sacraments.

Please phone the Switchboard on telephone: **029 2074 7747** to request a call-out for a Catholic priest via pager. **REMEMBER TO GIVE:** Name of patient, the Hospital, & the Ward.

CHRISTMAS FOOD PARCELS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

The hamper basket will be placed under the Calvary beginning next weekend as we will be assembling Christmas

Hampers for Families in need attending our school and in the local community.

NOTHING PERISHABLE



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.



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Saturday 14 December, 2024 young people from across the Archdiocese are invited to participate in an *Advent Retreat* at St David's 6th Form College, Cardiff. The Archbishop will offer the Mass. Cardiff-Menevia Youth Leaders invite young people (12-19) for prayer, discussion, fun, food, music, cha. The event will be led by Fr. Matt Roche-Saunders

The Oratory will cover the cost of all young St Alban's parishioner who wish to attend this day. (The cost of the event is £10 (includes lunch and transport)

link: <https://forms.gle/a5cks4e3Jm8R7SRj6> or by scanning the QR Code on the poster.





Books Woof I Have Read

by Pippo

After reading Peter Seewald's excellent biography of Pope Benedict XVI recently, I decided that I wanted to read something written by the late Pope himself. After some consideration, I alighted upon *'Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration'*, the composition of which was a project clearly very close to its author's heart.

One of the things which struck me most forcefully about this book was how accessible (and, therefore, how readable) it was. The subject matter is both complicated and, in places, controversial (with different historians and theologians interpreting different events in different ways); but ideas and differences of opinion are presented clearly and in simple terms.

As I have pointed out previously, Pope Benedict was one of the greatest theologians of the twentieth century, but he had a tremendous gift for reaching ordinary souls and presenting the Faith in terms which everyone could understand. In the process, this book corrects common errors which have tended to undermine confidence in Sacred Scripture, and to present the life and teachings of Our Lord in terms which are crisp and clear. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that, as I read on, I felt as though I were being shepherded through this great narrative. This was an immensely rewarding read and, I think, a must for any Catholic. I cannot recommend it enough.



The School initiative "Mini Disciples" have led the School in praying the Rosary. Many Thanks to The Cardiff Oratory for the donations of Rosary beads and prayer cards. "In the prayer of the Rosary we turn to the Our Lady so that she may bring us ever closer to her son Our Lord Jesus Christ, so as to know Him and to love Him more and more"
Pope Francis.



ANNUAL LESSONS & CAROLS AT THE CARDIFF ORATORY

in the presence of His Grace the Archbishop of Cardiff

on Friday 20th December, 7:00 PM.



Saint Search

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