

The CARDIFF ORATORY

ORATORY CHURCH of
SAINT ALBAN-on-the-MOORS




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<p>SUNDAY 3rd November 31st Sunday of the Year 17:00 Mass: Ann McConkey, RIP Blessing of Columbarium 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 Today <u>Blessing of Graves: Western Cemetery (Ely) & Cathay's Cemetery.</u></p>	<p>THURSDAY 7th November <i>St. Willibrord</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Szczecz & Karpenia families, RIP 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>MONDAY 4th November <i>St. Charles Borromeo</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Halina Glowacka, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Gigi, Int. 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 8th November 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Mariangela & Raffaele Zurlo, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Helena Hyatt, Int. 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>TUESDAY 5th November 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Monika Glowacka, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Dc'd Members of O'Shea & Finegan families 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 9th November <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Fr Stanislaw Labuda, B'day 16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Terence Britton, RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 6th November 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/ Anthony O'Keefe, RIP 18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions 19:00 Mass: Dom Sebastian Wolff OSB, RIP</p>	<p>SUNDAY 10th November + REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY +  08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Mgr. John Maguire, RIP 10:00 Mass: November Novena Mass for Holy Souls **10:55 ACT OF REMEMBRANCE 11:15 Mass: Judge Patrick Curran QC, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>

PRAYER REQUESTED for the SICK

Julian, 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 CONFESSIONAL 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:** Maria & Tom Marshall, RIP
- **Sacred Heart Chapel:** Maureen & Ron Franks, RIP
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Fam.
 - **The Lady Chapel:** World peace
- **Chantry Chapel of Our Lady:** Tony Maunder, 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:** Mary Bridget Monaghan, RIP
 - **Shrine of St Alban:** Eileen Christine, RIP

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.



The Oratory has once again organised special candles for the Holy Souls during the Month of November: one for the cemetery to burn on the graves of our loved ones and another to burn in the Parish Church at the *Pieta Shrine*. If we cannot visit the cemetery in person 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.



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of
MRS PAULINE BENNETT, RIP



Tuesday 12 November, 2024

Requiem Mass: 11:00am at St Albans Catholic

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



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

Prayers for a Visit to a Cemetery

From Rituale Romanum: De Benedictionibus

Praise be to God our Father, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead. *R.* Blessed be God forever.

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father except through Me" (Jn. 14:6).

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father (*and the rest, until:*) And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil.

Let us pray. All-powerful God, whose mercy is never withheld from those who call upon you in hope, look kindly on your servant(s) (*N. or NN.*), who departed this life confessing your Name, and number him (them) among your saints for evermore. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. *R.* And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. *R.* Amen. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

Bro Illtyd writes from Seminary...

We have passed the halfway mark in the semester, with four out of eight papers completed. Since arriving into St. Philip's it has been a joy to get to know the other seminarians who are also studying for the Priesthood. The filial bond has grown as the banter in and out of the classroom has increased. It is evident that when a person is not in the class or at recreation, there is that void created from their absence.

This is the same with being back home in Cardiff. If one of the brethren is away, you do want them to return so that the community is completed once again. Sadly one of the Norbertines fractured their arm and had to go back California for the remainder of the term. We haven't forgotten him, so we created a cardboard cut-out so that it looks like he is attending class, a bit like what the Oratory Men's Group did for me on their St. Michael's Mt. Pilgrimage. To cheer up frater Juan Pablo, we took a class picture with his cut-out to show that he is missed in the class.

Returning to the academic side, I have a paper due Friday on comparing the views of St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas with regards to role of friendship in marriage.

Coffee Morning



**This 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.



"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.



CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY

Christmas cards, Crèche scenes, and other Catholic Christmas gifts are now available from the Repository.



LATEST NEWS:

~Restoration Work~

"Parish Stewardship: *Our* Task"

You will notice that the gates to the Columbarium Garden and the railings along Cameron Street have been painted. The natural stone area has also been laid and we are expecting the earth to be delivered during this week. The turf for the most easterly section will then be laid. Ash's the Stone Masons who have been appointed as the stone mason for the installation of the memorial plaques have advise me of the first three interments. I know it will give great conform to the families who have been patiently waiting for the columbarium to be ready to know that they may now proceed. You will also be pleased to know that the remedial works to insulate the attic space of the Oratory House has almost been completed this week. The laying of new grade materials has had a noticeable impact on the Father's and Brother's rooms. I am most deeply grateful to the family who have organised the funding of the attic insulation as well as organising the manufacture of higher grade double glazing windows to replace the existing broken and perished windows. This too will have a further impact on the insulation of the rooms and exclusion of noise. There was an enormous cost to these two projects and this specific donation has saved the Parish in excess of £80,000+ I would ask you please when the Gift Aid Forms are included in the Newsletter in Advent to please sign a St Alban's Parish Form enabling every £1 you donate from then on to become £1.25 for the Parish Restoration Fund.

MASS AND TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8TH DECEMBER

7PM

ST. ALBAN'S ON THE MOORS

CF24 2NT

Why not invite family and Catholic friends?



St Alban's Sewing & Crafting Group

Meet in St Alban's Hall.

December: 3rd & 17th

January: 7th & 21st

Contact Louise: 07817825 343



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 PLEASE



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PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

Diocesan Gift Aid Envelopes	£75.00
Parish Collection Loose	£ 121.90
Restoration Fund	£1,103.00
Quiz Night	£ 112.00
Christmas Raffle	£. 10.00
Direct Debits (Approx)	£. 180.00
	<u>£1,601.90</u>

Our Parish Bank Details:

Name: The Oratory of St Philip Neri at Cardiff

Account: 20222572

Sort Code: 52-21-06

NatWest Bank, Cardiff



The Archdiocesan Levy for St Alban's Parish
is £12,515:00 per annum

The Levy each quarter is £3,129.00

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



The Early Bird

catches the worm:

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you so much to those who collected a packet of Raffle Tickets last weekend. If they had run out by the time you got to them, please collect your Raffle tickets from the rear of the church this weekend. Thanks to a Parishioner all the remaining tickets are now "bagged" and ready to be sold. Tickets remain **£1 per book**. The sealed plastic pockets 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 am immensely grateful to Parishioners and Friends of the Oratory who have once again donate bottles for the Raffle Draw. God bless you!

St Alban's Parish Fundraising

The Parish Restoration Fund Account stands at **£45,426.90**. I would ask please that we all try to support the Parish Fund Raising events as advertised (Quiz Nights & Christmas Raffle, Bath Parish Trip). 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.

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.



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 **W**oof I **H**ave **R**ead by Pippo

This week, I have been reading '*Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week*' by Pope Benedict XVI, which is the sequel to the work I reviewed last week. As the name suggests, this book covers the Triumphal Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem at the start of Holy Week, and ends with the Resurrection.

That said, to help our understanding of what Resurrection means, the author goes on to consider many of the stories of the Risen Lord which took place during the forty days between Easter and the Ascension. After all, it was my means of these encounters that the Risen Lord chose to reveal Himself anew.

The fact that this book covers so short a period in time means that it is more able to deal with those events, their meanings and far-reaching consequences, in some considerable detail. This is no less than they require, of course, because so many events of immense significance unfolded during the course of Holy Week, and it is easy to overlook many of their subtleties.

Although the story is well-known, Pope Benedict manages to make it fresh by affording new insights and explaining many aspects of the story

which it would be easy for a lay reader to miss altogether. Both readable and rewarding, I thoroughly enjoyed this book from start to finish.

Young St Alban's Parishioners give us all a timely reminder of the origin of our country's tradition of "Halloween - All Hallows Eve"



(L-R: St Francis's wolf, St Francis of Assisi, St Stephen of Hungary, St Joan of Arc, St Philomena, Our Lady, St Patrick, and Adam as St Edmund Champion)

Young St Alban's Parishioners had their own Halloween Party which involved lots of dressing up, and fun food. They drew timely attention to the fact that "All Hallows Eve" is the vigil for the Great Catholic Feast of All Saints Day (the Old English "All Hallows" deriving from "to hallow" to make holy, as we pray in the Our Father "hallowed be Thy name." Now that these children have given us adults a very timely reminder of the importance of fanning the flame nor raking over the ashes. We have promised them that next year, the children supported by the Parish will have their own party in the St Alban's Hall. This is so much healthier than the secular cult around demons, devils and vampires that we have seen walking the streets.

Cat as Critic

by Juvenal (the Oratory cat)



The View from the Window

by R.S. Thomas

Like a painting it is set before one,
But less brittle, ageless; these colours
Are renewed daily with variations
Of light and distance that no painter
Achieves or suggests. Then there is movement,
Change, as slowly the cloud bruises
Are healed by sunlight, or snow caps
A black mood; but gold at evening
To cheer the heart. All through history
The great brush has not rested,
Nor the paint dried; yet what eye,
Looking coolly, or, as we now,
through the tears' lenses, ever saw
This work and it was not finished?

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI: On the Importance of Sunday Mass (Part I)

Dear Friends,

Yesterday evening we came together in the presence of the Sacred Host, in which Jesus becomes for us the bread that sustains and feeds us (cf. Jn 6: 35), and there we began our inner journey of adoration. In the Eucharist, adoration must become union. At the celebration of the Eucharist, we find ourselves in the "hour" of Jesus, to use the language of John's Gospel. Through the Eucharist this "hour" of Jesus becomes our own hour, his presence in our midst. Together with the disciples he celebrated the Passover of Israel, the memorial of God's liberating action that led Israel from slavery to freedom. Jesus follows the rites of Israel. He recites over the bread the prayer of praise

and blessing. But then something new happens. He thanks God not only for the great works of the past; he thanks him for his own exaltation, soon to be accomplished through the Cross and Resurrection, and he speaks to the disciples in words that sum up the whole of the Law and the Prophets: "This is my Body, given in sacrifice for you. This cup is the New Covenant in my Blood". He then distributes the bread and the cup, and instructs them to repeat his words and actions of that moment over and over again in his memory.

What is happening? How can Jesus distribute his Body and his Blood?

By making the bread into his Body and the wine into his Blood, he anticipates his death, he accepts it in his heart, and he transforms it into an action of love. What on the outside is simply brutal violence - the Crucifixion - from within becomes an act of total self-giving love. This is the substantial transformation which was accomplished at the Last Supper and was destined to set in motion a series of transformations leading ultimately to the transformation of the world when God will be all in all (cf. I Cor 15: 28).

In their hearts, people always and everywhere have somehow expected a change, a transformation of the world. Here now is the central act of transformation that alone can truly renew the world: violence is transformed into love, and death into life. Since this act transmutes death into love, death as such is already conquered from within, the Resurrection is already present in it. Death is, so to speak, mortally wounded, so that it can no longer have the last word.

To use an image well known to us today, this is like inducing nuclear fission in the very heart of being - the victory of love over hatred, the victory of love over death. Only this intimate explosion of good conquering evil can then trigger off the series of transformations that little by little will change the world. All other changes remain superficial and cannot save. For this reason we speak of redemption: what had to happen at the most intimate level has indeed happened, and we can enter into its dynamic. Jesus can distribute his Body, because he truly gives himself.

This first fundamental transformation of violence into love, of death into life, brings other changes in its wake. Bread and wine become his Body and Blood.

But it must not stop there; on the contrary, the process of transformation must now gather momentum. The Body and Blood of Christ are given to us so that we ourselves will be transformed in our turn. We are to become the Body of Christ, his own Flesh and Blood.

We all eat the one bread, and this means that we ourselves become one. In this way, adoration, as we said earlier, becomes union. God no longer simply

stands before us as the One who is totally Other. He is within us, and we are in him. His dynamic enters into us and then seeks to spread outwards to others until it fills the world, so that his love can truly become the dominant measure of the world.

I like to illustrate this new step urged upon us by the Last Supper by drawing out the different nuances of the word "adoration" in Greek and in Latin. The Greek word is *proskynesis*. It refers to the gesture of submission, the recognition of God as our true measure, supplying the norm that we choose to follow. It means that freedom is not simply about enjoying life in total autonomy, but rather about living by the measure of truth and goodness, so that we ourselves can become true and good. This gesture is necessary even if initially our yearning for freedom makes us inclined to resist it.

We can only fully accept it when we take the second step that the Last Supper proposes to us. The Latin word for adoration is *ad-oratio* - mouth to mouth contact, a kiss, an embrace, and hence, ultimately love. Submission becomes union, because he to whom we submit is Love. In this way submission acquires a meaning, because it does not impose anything on us from the outside, but liberates us deep within. (*to be continued*)

Salve, Regina

(This beautiful ancient hymn to Our Lady is prayed at the end of Mass on solemn occasions)

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
Vita, dulcedo et spes nostra salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

(English Translation)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To you do we cry, poor banished children of
Eve. To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears
Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of
mercy toward us, and after this exile show unto
us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

★ WHAT'S ON ★

at the CARDIFF ORATORY

Dates for 2024

Saturday 23 November 2024

SploTT "Mini Market" (11am-1pm)

(Purchase your table for £10:00)



30th November at 7:00pm **Quiz Night**

14th December at 7:00pm **Parish**

Christmas Quiz Night & Raffle Draw Social



Dates for 2025

TBC January 2025, Afternoon Tea

TBC February 2025 60's & 70's Dance Night &
Old SploTT Quiz

Sunday 16th March 2025 at 1:00pm St Patrick's
Day Lunch

Cabbage & Bacon, Guinness & Traditional
Music

TBC April 2025 "Open Mic Nite"

TBC April 2025, Whiskey Tasting Night

TBC May 2025 "Racing Night"

TBC May 2025, "Beer Tasting Night"