

The CARDIFF ORATORY

ORATORY CHURCH of SAINT ALBAN-on-the-MOORS




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 <p>SUNDAY 10th November + REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY + 8:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Mgr. John Maguire, RIP 10:00 Mass: Novena Mass for Holy Souls **10:55 ACT OF REMEMBRANCE 11:15 Mass: Judge Patrick Curran QC, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>THURSDAY 14th November</p> <p>7:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Fallen or Served Poland RIP 8:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 9:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 9:30 Mass: Maureen & Ron Franks, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 11th November</p> <p>7:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Zurlo & Ianni Families RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Sheila Scannell, Int 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 15th November <i>St Albert the Great</i></p> <p>7:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Teresa Russell, RIP 8:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 9:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Irene Matthews, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>TUESDAY 12th November</p> <p>7:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Aleksander Szczech RIP 8:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 9:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 9:30 Mass: Angelina, Int 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 16th November</p> <p>8:00 Mass: Holy Souls/ Francesca & Nicodema Ianni, Rosa, Raffaele Zurlo, RIP 16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Maggie and Christie Keane, RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 13th November</p> <p>7:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Richard, RIP 18:00 Rosary Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions 19:00 Mass: Cyril & Bridget George, RIP</p>	<p>SUNDAY 17th November</p> <p>8:00 Mass: Holy Souls/ Pro Populo 10:00 Mass: Joseph John Russell, RIP 11:15 Mass: David Reid, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>

PRAYERS REQUESTED for the SICK

The Fathers and Brothers remember all the sick and those who have care for them in their daily prayers and at Holy Mass.

Julian, 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:** Mr Francis Xavier, RIP
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Fam.
 - **The Lady Chapel:** Mrs Mary Xavier, RIP
- **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:** John Utting, RIP
- **Shrine of St Antony:** Francis C. Monaghan, RIP
 - **Shrine of St Alban:** Leslie J. Jones, 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.



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



Requiem Mass: Tuesday 12 November, 2024

11:00am at St Alban's Church

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of
MR. BRIAN GAGE, RIP

Requiem Mass Friday 22 November, 2024

11.00am at St Alban's Church

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help

The Oratory Fathers are covering the Sunday Masses at Chepstow and Caldicot Parishes this weekend. The Father will hear Confessions before and after Masses

St Alban's 100 Club Winner November

1st	No. 116	Mary Mort	£50
2nd	No. 65	Kirsty O'Leary	£25
3rd	No. 40	Mary Healy (RIP)	£15



"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.

★ SPLOTT MINI MARKET ★

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2024

OPEN 11:00AM - 1:00PM

**IN ST ALBAN'S HALL, SWINTON STREET
CF24 2NX**

TABLE HIRE £10



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*"

Progress has been made on the Columbarium and Father's Cemetery. 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.

St Vincent de Paul Society Collection

There will be a special collection taken up on the weekend of the 16th / 17th November for the work of the SVP.



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

MASS AND TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8TH DECEMBER

7PM

ST. ALBAN'S ON THE MOORS

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THE CARDIFF ORATORY ST ALBAN'S PARISH, CARDIFF

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

Diocesan Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 195.00
Restoration Fund	£ 635.30
Heating Fund	£ 356.60
Christmas Raffle	£ 100.00
Direct Debits (Approx)	£ 118.00
	<u>£1,404.90</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 Levy each quarter is £2,117.00

"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. Thank you most sincerely to those who have returned their sold tickets. 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 was launched on 3rd August 2019. It is through the constant efforts of parishioners, specific legacies and friends that the works have been undertaken. The account stands at **£45,783.50**. 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.



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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

As this Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, I decided to spend the week reading 'The Pity of War' by Niall Ferguson.

This is no ordinary book about the First World War. Far from presenting yet another account of the war, or retelling the usual 'series of unfortunate events' which led the world to catastrophe, Ferguson focuses upon a series of searching questions, such as 'Was war inevitable?', 'Why did men keep fighting?', and 'Why did men stop fighting?' In this way, the book is less concerned with what happened, perhaps, than it is with why it happened.

One of the things which soon becomes apparent as one reads this substantial work is the immense amount of research which went into it. The data is staggering, and almost every assertion made is backed up by detailed statistical analysis. Indeed, the chapter which deals with the economic cost of the war (a theme which is clearly very close to the author's heart) would be very hard going for anyone not possessed of a love of figures, and I would quite understand if many a reader decided to skip on to the next chapter.

Probably the most controversial aspect of the book is Ferguson's assertion that Britain should not have got involved in the First World War. He accepts that this would almost certainly have resulted in a German victory, but he argues that this would have been the lesser of two evils because it would have spared Britain the devastation (both human and economic) which followed, and it would have spared the world in general from both Communism and Nazism (the adverse effects of which are still being felt today).

This thesis is certainly an interesting one, but many will remain unconvinced that a German victory in the First World War would have been a tolerable outcome. Since we can never be sure what Europe would have looked like had this happened, or what it would have meant for Britain in the longer term, it is impossible to say that Britain would have been better off standing clear. I suspect there may have been better ways of stopping the rise of Hitler than handing victory to the Kaiser; but maybe that is the subject of another book.

Cat as Critic



by Juvenal (the Oratory cat)

Death, be not proud

John Donne

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,
And soonest our best men with thee do go,
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?
One short sleep past, we wake eternally
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.



**HOMILY: POPE BENEDICT XVI:
On the Importance of Sunday Mass
(Part II)**

Let us return once more to the Last Supper. The new element to emerge here was the deeper meaning given to Israel's ancient prayer of blessing, which from that point on became the word of transformation, enabling us to participate in the "hour" of Christ. Jesus did not instruct us to repeat the Passover meal, which in any

event, given that it is an anniversary, is not repeatable at will. He instructed us to enter into his "hour".

We enter into it through the sacred power of the words of consecration - a transformation brought about through the prayer of praise which places us in continuity with Israel and the whole of salvation history, and at the same time ushers in the new, to which the older prayer at its deepest level was pointing.

The new prayer - which the Church calls the "Eucharistic Prayer" - brings the Eucharist into being. It is the word of power which transforms the gifts of the earth in an entirely new way into God's gift of himself, and it draws us into this process of transformation. That is why we call this action "Eucharist", which is a translation of the Hebrew word *beracha* - thanksgiving, praise, blessing, and a transformation worked by the Lord: the presence of his "hour". Jesus' hour is the hour in which love triumphs. In other words: it is God who has triumphed, because he is Love.

Jesus' hour seeks to become our own hour and will indeed become so if we allow ourselves, through the celebration of the Eucharist, to be drawn into that process of transformation that the Lord intends to bring about. The Eucharist must become the centre of our lives.

If the Church tells us that the Eucharist is an essential part of Sunday, this is no mere positivism or thirst for power. On Easter morning, first the women and then the disciples had the grace of seeing the Lord. From that moment on, they knew that the first day of the week, Sunday, would be his day, the day of Christ the Lord. The day when creation began became the day when creation was renewed. Creation and redemption belong together. That is why Sunday is so important. It is good that today, in many cultures, Sunday is a free day, and is often combined with Saturday so as to constitute a "week-end" of free time. Yet this free time is empty if God is not present. (*to be continued*)

★ **WHAT'S ON** ★

at the **CARDIFF ORATORY**

Dates for 2024

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