

The CARDIFF ORATORY

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



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

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<p>SUNDAY 1st December 1st Sunday of Advent 17:00 Mass: Terry & Hazel O'Brien, RIP 8:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Jozef Dolhan, RIP 10:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 11:15 Mass: Judge Patrick Curran, QC, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>THURSDAY 5th December 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Barbara & Alexander Szczech 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Sara, Int. 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 2nd December 7:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Paclawski family, RIP 8:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 9:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 9:30 Mass: John Harris, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 6th December <i>St. Nicholas (Santa Claus)</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Zbigniew Glowacki, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>TUESDAY 3rd December <i>St. Francis Xavier</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Zurlo family, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Pat Kiiver & Phyllis Clark, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 7th December <i>Our Lady's Saturday</i> 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Stanislawa Klaput, B'day 16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Mary B. Monaghan, RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 4th December <i>St. John of Damascus</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Anthony O'Keefe, RIP 18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions 19:00 Mass: Giovanna Sperandeo, RIP</p>	<p>SUNDAY 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Terese Aghedo, B'day 10:00 Mass: John Scanlon, RIP 11:15 Mass: Mariangela & Raffaele Zurlo, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>

PRAYERS REQUESTED for the SICK

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

John O'Donoghue, Elizabeth Williams, Veronica Williams, Gary Britton, Clare Schwartz, Julian, Martin Flynn, Darren, Summer Hutchinson, Johnnie Doherty, Patricia Yarwood, Teresa Jonker, Elizabeth Conway, Summer Arnesen, Dianne, Laura, Jane, Lucy Iacobucci, Brooke, Mike, Hayden, Dave, Patrick Mongan, Doroška 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'Donoghue, 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:** Girlie Xavier
- **Sacred Heart Chapel:** Consecration: O'Brien Fam.
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Fam.
 - **The Lady Chapel:** All Family & Friends
 - **Chantry of Our Lady:** Margaret Taylor
- **Our Lady of Pieta Chapel:** Angelika Spiteri, RIP
- **Our Lady of Walsingham** David Woolf, Int
 - **Shrine of St Joseph:** St Alban's School
 - **Shrine of St Antony:** John Houlston, Int.
 - **Shrine of St Alban:** Tony Coffey, 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.

BRO. ILLTYD WRITES...

The month of November has changed the climate here in Canada. The leaves have mostly fallen and the temperature is starting to drop. Thankfully, I am being kept inside in the warmth of the seminary library finishing my papers for the semester. I have completed essays on; Marriage, the theological virtue of hope, the use of speech in the book of Sirach, and the Church's understanding of the priesthood as defined by Pope Benedict XVI. I have one more Canon Law case study to complete then I am finished with assignments for this semester.

I have managed to get out a few times. At the start of the month I visited my Aunty Gladys' grave in Bradford, nearly 40 miles outside Toronto. I prayed and then laid some flowers on behalf of my grandmother and the rest of the family. I have also started to embrace Canadian culture by attending my first ever Ice Hockey game watching the Toronto Marlies. I am grateful to Fr David Roche for going with me to explain the rules. The atmosphere is completely different to watching Newport County down Rodney Parade.

This week is the final week of classes as we start to prepare for the examination period. I will have five exams in the coming weeks, two written and three oral. Please keep me in your prayers as I undergo these tests.

St Alban's Parish

~ EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ~

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



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of CARDIFF
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Youth Retreat 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.
link: <https://forms.gle/a5cks4e3Jm8R7SRj6>



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 Hamper Raffle

Tickets will be available for £1 from this weekend to win the Christmas Hamper. It will run for the 4 Sundays of Advent.



CHRISTMAS FOOD PARCELS FOR PARISH FAMILIES IN NEED

The Oratory Parish will be assembling Christmas Hampers for Families in need at our School and in the local community. Parcels will be assembled on Saturday 21st Dec.

COULD WE ALL PLEASE BRING ITEMS FOR THE FOOD PARCELS

Thank you for all donations, so far.



The Father and Brothers of the Cardiff Oratory

Invite *All Parishioners and Friends*

to the Ordination to the Diaconate of

Brother Illtyd M Williams

by the Most Reverend Mark O'Toole,
Metropolitan Archbishop of Cardiff-Menevia

in the Parish Church of St Alban on the Moors,
Swinton Street, Splott, CF24 2NX

on Friday 27th December, 2024 at 12:00 Noon

and afterwards to light refreshments in the
adjacent Parish Hall.



LATEST NEWS:

~Restoration Work~

"Parish Stewardship: *Our Task*"

The renovation of the store room in the Parish Hall is almost complete. This room will now accommodate the cassocks and cottas for the two choirs as well as their sheet music. The redundant gas boiler was removed by an engineer, the walls have been painted, a new floor laid, heating and humidity control installed. Once the CCTV has been installed into the hall and the music room it will be in operation. CCTV is required to support the Oratory's commitment to maintain the highest standards of Safeguarding. Recently there was a property survey undertaken to assess the introduction of smoke and fire alarms for the whole property as required by the new Insurers. Lastly, it is hoped that work to replace the rotten wood and broken slates above the old music room will begin this week. Part of the restoration work will be to place a layer of insulation under the new lining in now accommodate the under the slates.

MASS AND TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9TH DECEMBER

7PM

ST. ALBAN'S ON THE MOORS

CF24 2NT



"Love of the Mass reflects our love for Jesus Christ."
St. John of the Cross

"The Blessed Sacrament is the food of the soul; without it, the soul dies."

St. Teresa of Calcutta



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ST ALBAN'S PARISH, CARDIFF

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

Gift Aid.	£80.00
Parish	£248.50
Raffle	£148.00
Restoration	£666.20

Our Parish Bank Details:

Name: The Oratory of St Philip Neri at Cardiff

Account: 20222572 **Sort Code:** 52-21-06

NatWest Bank, Cardiff

God bless your generosity. Fr Sebastian M.

Indeed, it would make an excellent gift for anyone who has an interest in royalty generally or the late Queen specifically.

**ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LESSONS
& CAROLS AT THE ORATORY
CHURCH OF
ST ALBAN'S ON THE MOORS.**

Combining both Parish choirs



Books Woof I Have Read

by Pippo



This week, I have been reading 'A Voyage Around The Queen', by Craig Brown, which was published only a few months ago. It tells the story of our late Queen through the eyes of those who encountered her at every stage of her long life. In that sense, it is a highly anecdotal work. Indeed, the task of researching it – and marshalling the resulting material –

must have been considerable. One of the things which I found most interesting about this book was how almost everyone who met Queen Elizabeth II (at least when they met her on the first few occasions) found the experience somewhat overwhelming. Indeed, an almost universal characteristic of these meetings seems to have been that the individual concerned was able to recollect little or nothing of what the Queen had said. All they were able to recall was what they themselves had said (possibly because of the level of concentration this had demanded).

Nor was it just ordinary folk who seem to have experienced this intense pressure. Even people who were themselves incredibly famous – and sometimes very powerful – found this tiny (just over 5' 4") old lady incredibly intimidating. One suspects it was because, invariably, these people were parvenus who had suddenly found themselves coming face to face with the genuine article; but, whatever the reason, the results were frequently very amusing (for the reader, if not always for the unfortunate subject of the story).

This is a witty, amusing and insightful book which I would recommend to anyone looking to be diverted.

in the presence of His Grace The
Archbishop of Cardiff

and the Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff
on Friday 20th December, 7:00 PM

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the
Parish Hall.

