

# The CARDIFF ORATORY

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



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SANT ALBAN-*ar-y-RHOSTIROEDD*

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

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<p>SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> December <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 17:00 Mass: Mary B. Monaghan, RIP 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Terese Aghedo, B'day 10:00 Mass: John Scanlon, RIP 11:15 Mass: Mariangela &amp; Raffaele Zurlo, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers &amp; Benediction</p>	<p>THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Ianni family, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions 09:30 Mass: Angela Thomas, RIP 17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> December <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 7:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Catherine McKenna, Int. 8:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 9:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions 9:30 Mass: Maureen &amp; Jolly Aghedo, Anniv. <b>19:00 Mass &amp; Torchlight Procession: Hayden Cotter, RIP</b></p>	<p>FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> December <i>St. Lucy</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Richard, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions 09:30 Mass: Dc'd Members of the Thomas family, RIP 17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> December <i>St. John Roberts</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/E., RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions 09:30 Mass: Antonio Moncada, RIP 17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> December <i>Our Lady's Saturday</i> 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Bogumila Dolhan, B'day  16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (Vigil): Maggie &amp; Christy Keane, RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> December <i>Pope St. Damasus I</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Irene Matthews, RIP  18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions 19:00 Mass: Veronica I. Matthews, RIP</p>	<p>SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> December <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 Mass: Peter Maunder, RIP 11:15 Mass: Josie Turner, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers &amp; 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.

William, 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:** Consecration: O'Brien Fam.
  - **Sacred Heart Chapel:** Nelle Corr, RIP
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Fam.
  - **The Lady Chapel:** Mary McCabe
  - **Chantry of Our Lady:** Colum McKenna, RIP
- **Our Lady of Pieta Chapel:** Angelika Spiteri, RIP
  - **Our Lady of Walsingham** David Woolf, Int
    - **Shrine of St Joseph:** Bro Illtyd's Int
    - **Shrine of St Antony:** Bro Joseph's Int
- **Shrine of St Alban:** Bro Francis Xavier's, 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.*

*During Advent the **O**ur **F**ather will be sung in Latin at the 10.00am Mass. The Archbishop sings the Pater during more solemn Masses recalling that we are the Catholic Church whose language continues to be Latin. I want the Parish to be able to sing it well for 27th December.*

**P**ATER **N**OSTER, qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie, et dimitte nobis debita nostra sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem, sed libera nos a malo. **A**men.



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Mr. Martin Roy Jones, RIP**

Requiem Mass: 11am Tuesday 17th December, 2024  
Please keep Lorraine and family in your prayers.

*Jesus Mercy + Mary Help*

## DAILY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT at St Alban's Church

Monday, Tues, Thurs & Friday  
(9.00)  
Wednesday 6:00pm

(Confessions during times of Adoration)



## CUSTOMS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER

One of the characteristics of the sons of St Philip Neri is their great personal and fraternal devotion to Our Lady under her title "Mother of the Oratory".

On Monday 9th December at 7:00pm St Alban's Parish will celebrate the beautiful Solemnity of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception with Holy Mass and a torchlight procession. Such processions were commonplace in parishes in Britain, Cardiff had its famous Corpus Christi Procession, and they remain popular on the continent). The procession will make its way from the church, along Swinton Street, right along Railway Street, right down Cameron St., right on Carlyle Street, returning to the church. If its pouring with rain the Fatima Statue will be processed in the church. Special processional Marian candles have been purchased and will be available on the night. The Oratory Fathers will also be available during the Mass for those wishing to make their Advent Confessions ready for Christmas. Let us all make a real effort to show our love for Christ's dear Mother by joining in this act of reverence and devotion.



Please keep the Brothers in your prayers as they begin their Christmas examinations. This marks the halfway point of Bro Illtyd's final year and the halfway point of Bro Joseph's Theological studies.  
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**Christmas Poinsettias to decorate St Alban's Church.**



If you would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate the High Altar in memory of a loved one, or as a gift please would you bring your poinsettia plant to church on the weekend of Sunday 21/22 December or during that week.

**The GUILD BOOK SHOP:**



*New Catholic books are updated on the website weekly. It is an apostolate of the Cardiff Oratory to support our Priest Training Fund.*



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.

**CHURCH PORCH: Christmas Hamper Raffle**

Cloakroom 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.

## MASS AND TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9TH DECEMBER

7PM

ST. ALBAN'S ON THE MOORS

CF24 2NT



"The Mass is the perpetual  
sacrifice of Christ."

St. Augustine

"The food of the Blessed  
Sacrament is eternal life."

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

## Books Woof I Have Read

by Pippo



This week, I read three books by George Orwell: *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, *The Road to Wigan Pier*, and *Down & Out In Paris & London*. What can I say? I don't get out as much as I'd like! Published in 1937, *The Road to*

*Wigan Pier* is a fascinating work. The first part comprises an account of Orwell's investigations (conducted during 1936) into living conditions among the working people of Yorkshire and Lancashire. The second part of the book is autobiographical, in that Orwell focuses upon his own upper-middle class upbringing, and the development of his social conscience.

One of the interesting things about Orwell is that, although he was a self-confessed socialist, he approached his subject in a very intelligent, rationale and carefully-reasoned manner. He was neither a class rebel nor a class warrior. He does not preach to or otherwise lecture his reader. Rather, he focuses upon his concerns for social justice and how working people can be helped to help themselves.

Of course, reading the book now (almost 90 years later), it takes on the added significance of being historically important. When Orwell wrote it, he was interested only in the living conditions of working people; but now, at the close of 2024, it provides us with a detailed insight into the life of those people during the Great Depression. In that respect, it provides some insight both into how far we have and how much more we still need to do.

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



Combining both Parish choirs

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.

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### PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

Gift Aid.	£110.00
Parish	£419.45
Church Heating Fund	£393.70
Raffle tickets	£230.00
Restoration (5p boxes)	£ 24.15

### 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.

### CALLING ALL RED MISSIO BOXES!

Would Missio red box owners please empty their box and bring the money to the church in a sturdy envelope/bag, and pass them on to either Tina Mullane or John Houlston, or contact John on 07982417435 if you need it collected.

We need to complete the annual return for 2024.