

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 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Maggie & Christy Keane, RIP 08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 Mass: Peter Maunder, RIP 11:15 Mass: Josie Turner, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>THURSDAY 19th December <i>O Radix Jesse</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/David Reid, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Joan & Ron Alderman, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 16th December 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Dc'd Paclawski, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Gerald & Faye Simpson, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 20th December <i>O Clavis David</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Ewa Glowacka, B'day 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 9:30 Mass: Thomas O'Regan, Int./Uyiosa Uhunoma-Aimien, B'day 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>TUESDAY 17th December <i>O Sapientia</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Fr. Lech Lachowicz, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Edna Murray, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 21st December <i>O Oriens</i> 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Maciej Glowacki, B'day 16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): <i>Pro Populo</i></p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 18th December <i>O Adonai</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Anthony O'Keefe, RIP 18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions 19:00 Mass: Hayden Cotter, RIP</p>	<p>SUNDAY 22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent <i>O Rex Gentium</i> 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Ewa Glowacka, B'day 10:00 Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP 11:15 Mass: T. & E. Ianni & Marco Principe, 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.

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:** Catherine McKenna, Int.
- **Sacred Heart Chapel:** Priestly Vocations
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Fam.
 - **The Lady Chapel:** Benedito Family
 - **Chantry of Our Lady:** Patrick Curran, RIP
- **Our Lady of Pieta Chapel:** Angelika Spiteri, RIP
 - **Our Lady of Walsingham** David Woolf, Int
- **Shrine of St Joseph:** Dom Sebastian Wolff, RIP
 - **Shrine of St Antony:** Homeless
 - **Shrine of St Alban:** Refugees

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.



FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS ST ALBAN'S CHURCH.

THIS FRIDAY 20th

December, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

in the presence of His Grace The Archbishop of Cardiff and the Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff
Mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Hall afterwards

PATER NOSTER, 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. **Amen.**



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)



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.



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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 24th December

4:30pm Carols

5:00pm Vigil Mass for Christmas

12:00 Midnight Mass for Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25th December

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:15am Mass

4:30pm Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

ST STEPHEN'S DAY (Boxing Day)

Wednesday 26th December

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

St JOHN'S DAY

Wednesday 27th December

8:00am Mass

*12:00 noon Ordination of Bro Illyd M.

CHRISTMAS FOOD PARCELS FOR PARISH FAMILIES IN NEED

COULD WE ALL PLEASE HAVE ONE LAST "BIG PUSH" FOR ITEMS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FOOD PARCELS.

Parcels will be assembled on Saturday 21st Dec.

Thank you to all those who have donated so far.

LATEST NEWS: Restoration Work

"Parish Stewardship: *Our Task*"

This week cheques were paid to cover the costs of the completed restoration works. There is now approximately £12,000 in the Restoration Fund. Thank you to a parishioner who recently sent a cheque for £100 for the Restoration Fund. God bless you

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.



Thank you to those who faithfully return their boxes monthly. Your coppers and silver coins are making all a difference to the Restoration Fund. Boxes are in the porch of the church.

BRO. JOSEPH WRITES...

"I have just finished my final exams this week, and thus have finished my first term of my third year of theological studies at Oxford. Some of the courses I have been taking include Canon Law, Theology of the Church, Catholic Social Teaching, and Latin. Some of the courses I'm scheduled to take next term include Apologetics, Theology of Salvation, Spirituality, and Moral Theology. When I'm away Monday to Friday, I stay at St Gregory and St Augustine's Parish in north Oxford with another student brother from America, and I commute into town for my lectures and tutorials. This week at St Gregory's I served a high Mass for the feast of Our Lady of Loreto. Thank you very much for all your prayers and support!"

ST ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD BORN BETWEEN 01 SEPTEMBER 2020 AND 31 AUGUST 2021.

Applications are now open for a school place in our

Reception Class starting in September 2025:

11th November 2024 Applications open

13th January 2025 Applications close

Applications for Admission to St Alban's Catholic Primary School:

We are always excited to welcome new children to our school community. If you know of any families who would like to be part of our community, you can pick up an application form from the school office, or use the following link to find the form on our school website:

<https://www.stalbansprm.cardiff.sch.uk/admissions/>

How to apply online in the portal:

Apply online by using the Council's online application service. Go to www.cardiff.gov.uk/primaryadmissions and

follow the instructions on screen. On the webpage is a useful 'help to apply' guide also. Help to apply

(cardiff.gov.uk) You can also call in to the school and the staff will be very happy to help you.



BRO ILLTYD'S WRITES...

"The time has finally arrived for exams. After thirteen weeks of classes it is now time to be tested on what I have learned. This week I have had three exams and two next week. I finish the final exam next Friday and fly home the next day. I am looking forward to returning to the Parish and to see you all. As I prepare for Ordination to the Diaconate I have been spending some time in study and prayer. As part of my preparations, and according to Canon Law, I made my Profession of Faith and took the Oath of Fidelity last Sunday. I made the Profession to the Rector of the Seminary with the rest of the Toronto community and fellow seminarians present. Every priest has to make this act when assuming an office in the Church, it is also made by those who are entering the Diaconate as being made ready for the service of the Church. I will be arriving back into Cardiff next Sunday afternoon so I hope to see you all over the Christmas Masses and celebrations. Please pray for me and the other seminarians as we face our final exams of this semester."

NB: Please do come to support Bro Illtyd M. on his Ordination day here at St Alban's Church on Friday 27th December, 2024 at 12:00 Noon.



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ST ALBAN'S PARISH, CARDIFF

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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.



Books **Woof I **H**ave **R**ead**

by Pippo

This week, I read 'Once A King' by Jane Marguerite Tippet. In a sense, this is a book about a book, in that it tells the story of how the Duke of Windsor (the former King

Edward VIII) came to write his memoirs, 'A King's Story', and certain associated articles, in the years after the Second World War. Tippet quotes heavily upon contemporaneous sources, such as private correspondence between members of the Duke's

publishing team, as well as the Duke's own notes. Such sources are undoubtedly insightful, and it is especially interesting to read what the Duke in particular had to say for himself; but the Duke's writings present the reader with two obvious difficulties.

First, the Duke was necessarily selective in terms of what he wanted to say and how he wanted to say it. Second, he wrote with the benefit of hindsight. In other words, he was able to present his words and actions in a way which was tailored (at least to some extent) to subsequent events.

In fairness, much the same can be said of anyone writing their memoirs (a fact which Tippet acknowledges from the very outset of the book), but one cannot help feeling that Tippet could have done more to scrutinize and challenge the sources from which she quotes. All in all, therefore, an interesting book, but one which is unlikely to be the last word on this controversial subject.

Thank you Minister!

As I related during the Parish notices on Sunday, I did write to Mr Stephen Doughty, MP., to thank him for opposing the parliamentary bill to introduce Euthanasia into the Country. As we know the Labour supported motion was passed with the backing and vote of the Prime Minister. However our own Labour MP opposed it. If you did write to him asking that he oppose it, I would encourage you to write to thank him for his vote. Catholics must not appear to forget their manners of "please" and "thank you".

