

The CARDIFF ORATORY

ORATORY CHURCH of
SAINT ALBAN-on-the-MOORS



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<p>SUNDAY 26th January 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</p> <p>17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Cyril & Bridget George, RIP 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Jakub Michon, Int. 10:00 Mass: <i>Tom Connors, RIP</i> 11:15 Mass: Greg O'Connor, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>THURSDAY 30th January</p> <p><i>Bl. Sebastian Valfre, Oratorian</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Kevin O'Donnell, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 27th January <i>St. Angela Merici</i></p> <p>07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Dc'd Paclawski, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Kevin O'Donnell, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 31st January <i>St. John Bosco</i></p> <p>07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Janusz Danilowicz, 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>TUESDAY 28th January <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i></p> <p>07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Ann McConkey, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 1st February <i>Our Lady's Saturday</i></p> <p>08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Peter Wilkinson, RIP</p> <p>16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Terry & Hazel O'Brien, RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 29th January</p> <p>07:30 Mass: Holy Souls /<i>Pro Populo</i></p> <p>18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions 19:00 Mass: Patty Corley, RIP</p>	<p>SUNDAY 2nd February The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass)</p> <p>08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 Mass: Sally Hiles, RIP 11:15 Mass: Camilla Way, Int. 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.

Rosa Tannorella, Andrew Cassidy, Julian, William, John O'Donoghue, Elizabeth Williams, Veronica Williams, Gary Britton, Clare Schwartz, 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, 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, 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 **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. There are vacancies in the lamps for February 2025

- **Blessed Sacrament:** Teresa & Tony Mead
- **Sacred Heart Chapel:** Anthony Cady, RIP
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Fam.
- **The Lady Chapel:** Vocations to the Oratory
- **Chantry of Our Lady:** Patrick Curran, RIP
- **Our Lady of Pieta Chapel:** Tom Connors, RIP
- **Our Lady of Walsingham** David Woolf, Int
- **Shrine of St Joseph:** Phyllis & Michael, Int.
- **Shrine of St Alban:** Fr Alexander, B'day

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.



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)



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of

MRS. SALLY HILES, RIP

It was with much sadness that we learnt of the death of Sally Hiles. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



The 2025 Diary Dates

22nd Feb, 29th March, 26th April, 31st May

at 6:30pm

in St Alban's Hall

In aid of the Restoration Fund

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH LIVING HISTORY



As part of the Living History Project the Oratory wishes to digitise photographs of events associated with the St Alban's Parish (Weddings, Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Jubilees etc.), Pantomimes, School, Sports, Marching Band and Sodalities. It only takes a few moments to make an electronic copy of the original photograph. Many peoples' names will be lost after your time, as you will be able to identify the people and the event. History isn't just about world stage events, it life on the ground also...

CALLING ALL OLD COPPERS

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. Thank you to the Parishioner who last Sunday gave an whiskey bottle full of 5ps. It contained £53.10!

BROTHER ILLTYD'S WRITES...

Last week I returned to Toronto to finish my final semester of seminary. It is incredible to think that I have completed five years of study with the Toronto Fathers. Classes have restarted and it is back to St. Thomas Aquinas and the Code of Canon Law. This semester will be different to the others as I am also carrying out my Diaconal Ministry at Mass and being of service to the Oratory. I will be put on the preaching rota at the end of January so hopefully the Canadians understand the Welsh accent. This week is also a culture shock as there is a polar vortex hitting Ontario. The temperature has been -20° and it feels even colder. We have been warned to wrap up warm and not spend too long outside as one might catch frostbite. However, due to my studies I am staying put inside in the warmth of the library doing my reading for class.

Bath Trip



Re-scheduled Bath Coach Trip is on Saturday 10th May, 2025. Leaving the church at 9.30am; leaving Bath at 5pm. Please speak to Tina or Ann. There are currently 6 places available if anyone would like a spring trip (£25pp/ return).



ST ALBAN'S PARISH MASS LINE:

029 2267 0924
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## "A 2025 INITIATIVE"

**LATEST NEWS: Restoration Work**  
"Parish Stewardship: *Our Task*"

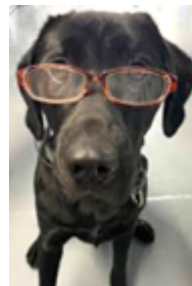
This week saw the introduction of CCTV cameras into the Parish Hall complex. The entrance areas, the lobby, hall, bar and the new choir room are all secured by the system. Its introduction supports the Oratory's commitment to managing and promoting a culture of Safeguarding for all visitors. The cost of its upgrade was £2,005.00. Weather permitting, the tiling work over the old music room will begin. The Organ is due its annual service and the lightening conductors on the top of the church are also due to be surveyed. There are various ways in which we can all support the Parish's *2025 Restoration Fundraising*. Thank you to the parishioner who wrote and donated £100 in memory of her late mother who had been a very active parishioner during her lifetime.

## DID YOU KNOW?

2nd February. *The Presentation of the Lord*, also known as the Purification of Our Lady Hypapante (Υπαπαντή) in the Greeks and Candlemas by the British is observed on the fortieth day after the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It recalls the day when Our Redeemer was carried by Our Lady and St Joseph into the Temple.

## Books Woof I Have

Read by Pippo



This week, I have been reading '*Henry VIII: The Decline & Fall of a Tyrant*', by Robert Hutchinson.

Published in 2019, this is a relatively recent addition to the innumerable books written about Henry. For that reason, it has the benefit of being able to draw upon modern medical opinions; and, perhaps reflecting the modern fascination with personalities, it takes an almost forensic look at the man himself, not merely the monarch.

As familiar as we may be with the big events of Henry's reign, the devil is in the detail. Hutchinson charts Henry's declining health and the medical conditions from which he almost certainly suffered. From this, it is easier to understand how, racked with pain and weighing in at a massive 28 stone, Henry became a paranoid and psychotic monster, the stench of whom pervaded his palaces. It is difficult to think of another time in British history when quite so much power lay in the hands of one man. Never before, and never again, did the monarch achieve such heights (or depths!) of totalitarian despotism. In such circumstances, the health of the monarch and the health of the nation became, more than ever, indistinguishable from one another. I found

this book very interesting and it justly deserves the acclaim it received when it was published.



## THE CARDIFF ORATORY

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



The Fathers & Brothers gather in the church to pray the Holy Rosary for your intentions

Mon-Friday at 5:30pm

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SPUC's White Flower Appeal will take place this weekend at St Alban's. It will be the second collection at the Sunday Masses

ASH WEDNESDAY



Last year's palm crosses and branches can now be returned to the church to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday (5th March). Please leave any palms at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pity.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC



NB: Adults: If you are a Catholic who hasn't made their First Holy Communion, or are not a Catholic or not Baptised and would like to become a Catholic so as to make their First Holy Communion, please see Fr Sebastian. The Oratory custom of "one to one" conversations for preparing for the Sacraments means that everything is at the pace of you the enquirer and questions and discussion moves at your own pace. Growing in the Catholic Faith is not a *fixed date process* but a journey of discovery..



St Alban pray for the Parish.

Please consider joining or renewing your subscription for *St Alban's Parish 200 Club*

The Two Hundred Club supports the Parish Restoration Fund with a monthly draw for First, Second, and Third Place cash prizes. For the low fee of £1 per month, you can join the club, support the Parish, and have a chance to win!

Please cut out the slip below and enclose it with your membership fee. You can join for as few or as many months as you like, up to 12 months at a time.

Questions? Email
admin@cardifforatory.co.uk.

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Name: _____

Please tick one box:

I am renewing my 200 Club Membership

Membership is £1 per month (maximum 12 months).

Telephone: _____

I am a *NEW* 200 Club Member

I am enclosing £_____

Please cut out this slip and enclose it with your Membership Fee.