

The CARDIFF ORATORY

ORATORY CHURCH of
SAINT ALBAN-on-the-MOORS



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<p>SUNDAY 12th January The Baptism of the Lord 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Terry & Hazel O'Brien, RIP 08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i>/Vincent McDonagh, RIP 10:00 Mass: Janet Forkan, RIP 11:15 Mass: Peter Barrow, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>THURSDAY 16th January <i>St. Joseph Vaz Oratorian/Apostle of Sri Lanka</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Dc'd Friends, Benefactors, & Priests 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Anna Plachta, Int. 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 13th January <i>St. Hilary</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Richard, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Theresa Collins, B'day 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 17th January <i>St. Anthony of Egypt</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>TUESDAY 14th January 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Nittoria Ianni, RIP 08:30 Oratory Morning Spiritual Exercises 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 18th January <i>Our Lady's Saturday</i> 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls 16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Robert Carr, RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 15th January 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Dc'd members of Danilowicz family 18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions 19:00 Mass: Margarita Bauza Alzamora, RIP</p>	<p>SUNDAY 19th January 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP 11:15 Mass: John Kane, 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.

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, 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 **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:** John Houlston, Int.
- **Sacred Heart Chapel:** Rev. Bro Iltyd M.
- **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:** Angelika Spiteri, RIP
- **Our Lady of Walsingham** David Woolf, Int
 - **Shrine of St Joseph:** Bro Joseph M. Int.
- **Shrine of St Alban:** Fettah-Dooley Family, 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.



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of
Mr. Bobby Taylor RIP

Requiem Mass: 11am Friday 17th January 2025

Please keep the family in your prayers.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help

CHRISTMAS FOOD PARCELS FOR PARISH FAMILIES IN NEED

A very big "Thank you" from all the families and individuals in need who received Christmas food hampers through your generosity. There was much joy and excitement when the 60 hampers were distributed. God reward you.



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



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)



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.



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

Mr. Geoff York, RIP

It was with much sadness that we learnt during the week of the death of Mr York. Please keep Mrs Woodward our School's Headmistress and her sister in your prayers on the death of their Father.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help

Fr Alexander's 60th Birthday Party

On Saturday 25th January 2025 at 6:30pm we will celebrate Fr Alexander's 60th Birthday in the Parish Hall. With so many talented cooks in the Parish and with parishioners from the four corners of the earth, we've decided to have a "Bring & Share Supper". A list will be placed in the porch to include what you're bringing. Would you please state what you will be preparing ie., savoury, sweet, hot, cold.... etc. It will be a wonderful way for us to thank Fr Alexander for all he does in the Parish. Thank you.



ST ALBAN'S PARISH MASS

LINE:

029 2267 0924



FROM REV. BRO. ILLTYD M.

I would firstly like to thank all the parishioners of St. Alban's for the prayers and support you have given me from the time the Oratory arrived in the Parish until present. It was a privilege to be Ordained in this historic place surrounded by friends and family. Thank you also for the many gifts that I have received over the Christmas period. I return to Toronto this week, from the cold to the even colder. I am finishing my final semester of Theology where I will be studying; the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass, Johannine Literature, and more Canon law. I will sit my final exams in May which will include the comprehensive exams which covers everything I have learnt in Theology. After that I will return to the Parish for good to help the Fathers and Brothers in their service to the Church and maybe even play a game of rugby or two!!

Please keep me in your prayers as you are in mine.
Rev. Bro. Illtyd M.

"A 2025 INITIATIVE"



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

There are various ways in which we can all support the Parish's *2025 Restoration Fundraising*. Mr Bill Jonker has once again exhibited his artistic gifts by creating beautifully hand painted glass and kiln fired roundals. They are individually designed and hand painted on re-purposed glass. You can see them in the repository cabinet in the church porch. Each roundal takes many hours of meticulous workmanship by Bill and is also a work of devotion. Bill is donating his time, the raw materials (with a stand) and the chance to own one of these pieces for £25.00 each. They would make a unique present as each one is signed.





Books **W**oof I **H**ave **R**ead

by Pippo

After reading *'Marlborough: His Life & Times'*, I was interested to read more about the life and reign of Queen Anne. So, this week I have been reading *'Queen Anne: The Politics of Passion'*, by Lady Anne Somerset. I enjoy reading

Somerset's books because she is very good at entertaining as well as informing her readers. On the very first page of this book, she tells how Queen Anne's father, the future King James II, came to marry her mother, Anne Hyde, when he discovered that she was pregnant with Anne's elder sister (the future Queen Mary II). Somerset then quotes the diarist, Samuel Pepys, who, clearly despairing of any man taking such a rash step, observed that, *'he that doth get a wench with child and marries her afterward: it is as if a man should shit in is hat and then clap it upon his head.'* The reign of Queen Anne was one of the most significant periods in British history, both at home and abroad. Most notably, it witnessed the formal union of Scotland with England & Wales, and the emergence of Britain as a leading power following the Duke of Marlborough's stunning victories over Louis XIV's France. Yet, as I noted last week, it is a period in history which most people tend to overlook.

Anne herself is traditionally viewed as weak and easily-led by her favourites, but that is to do her a disservice. Anne had a very clear sense of duty and, like most of the Stuarts, she was stubborn and single-minded. In that sense, she was neither weak nor easily-led. Indeed, it was almost impossible to get her to do anything she did not want to do. Unfortunately, Anne was not very shrewd and made many errors of judgment, especially in her dealings with individuals. Ultimately, this deprived her of the invaluable help and support which would otherwise have been made available to her by loyal and able courtiers. John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, was one such example. Having rendered her unequal service, Anne abandoned him, ostensibly because she had fallen out with his wife. Perhaps Anne's biggest failing, however, albeit not one for which she can be blamed, was her failure to provide for the succession. Consequently, when she died in 1714, the Crown passed to her relations in Hanover. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and recommend it to anyone with an interest in history.

The Fathers and Brothers of the Oratory take this opportunity to express their sincere gratitude to all of you who donated to the Christmas Offering this year. Your generosity was overwhelming, and the Oratorians would like to convey their sincere thanks. As is well known, the Christmas Offering helps to fund the needs of the Oratorians: the majority of the funds go to the Priest Training Fund, for the future Priests of St. Alban's; some goes for those small items which the Oratorians would not otherwise be able to afford without your kindness. Please be assured of our daily prayers. May God reward you!

Hidden from
the entire
world, the
heavenly
Jerusalem
had descended
to earth.

Saint Edith Stein



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ST ALBAN'S PARISH, CARDIFF

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

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God bless your generosity. Fr Sebastian M.

ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL NEWS!



The School's *Mini Disciples* presented Fr Alexander M. with a keepsake this week to thank the Oratorians for their dedication to community service. We witness daily their commitment to living out their faith through service to others and making such a remarkable impact within our community.

PRAYER TO ST PHILIP NERI



Look down from Heaven, Holy Father, from the loftiness of that mountain to the lowliness of this valley; from that harbour of quietness and tranquillity to this calamitous sea. And now that the darkness of this world hinders no more those benignant eyes of thine from looking clearly into all things, look down and visit, O most diligent keeper, this vineyard which thy right hand planted with so much labour, anxiety and peril. To thee then we fly; from thee we seek for aid; to thee we give our whole selves unreservedly. Thee we adopt as our Patron and Defender; undertake the cause of our Salvation, protect thy clients. To thee we appeal as our Leader; rule thine army fighting against the assaults of the Devil. To thee, kindest of Pilots, we give up the rudder of our lives; steer this little ship of thine, and, placed as thou art on high, keep us off all the rocks of evil desires, that with thee for our pilot and guide, we may safely come to the port of eternal bliss. Amen.



Before Christmas the children visited St Alban's Home, next to the Parish Church to sing Carols with the residents who thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

A big THANK YOU to Whitchurch Builders Supplies for their incredibly generous donation of grit to our school! It really helps to keep everyone safe during this icy weather.

Your kindness is much appreciated! #sacps @WBS_Cardiff @CardiffSchools. If you or your company can support our school, please get in touch!



Little Brothers of the Oratory
St Philip the Founder of the Oratory understood how important it is for men to be supported in their spiritual life. The Little Brothers supports Catholic men to live a virtuous

life in the world. They have access to regular individual Spiritual Direction with one of the Fathers. They may borrow books from the Oratory Father's Library. They are encouraged to attend Mass regularly and pray the rosary daily.



Calling All Old Coppers..

I am most grateful to those Parishioners who have been collecting old coppers and 5ps for **The St Alban's Restoration Fund**. These donations go to the Restoration Fund.



**16th January.
St. Joseph Vaz, Priest &
Oratorian.**

At Kandy on the island of Ceylon in the Indian Ocean, Fr Joseph Vaz of the Congregation of the Oratory, who with admirable eagerness in laborious travels through the mission camps, tirelessly confirmed in the faith the Catholics who were spread abroad and in hiding, and

who zealously preached the Gospel of Salvation. Known as the "Apostle of Ceylon," Father Vaz entered Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) during the Dutch occupation, when Calvinism was the official religion.

He travelled throughout the island offering Mass and administering the sacraments to groups of Catholics in hiding.

Later in his mission, he found shelter in the Kandyan Kingdom where he was able to work freely. At the time of his death in 1711, Fr. Vaz managed to rebuild the Catholic Church on the island. On 21st January 1995, he was Beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in Colombo. He was Canonised by Pope Francis on 14th January 2015. The Cardiff Oratory has a relic of this extraordinary priest's habit.



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

Mon-Friday at 5:30pm



Ladies Little Oratory is a sorority to encourage Catholic women to live a virtuous life in the world. They have access to regular individual Spiritual Direction with one of

the Fathers. They may borrow books from the Oratory Father's Library. They are encouraged to attend Mass regularly and pray the holy rosary daily.



St Alban pray for the Parish.

Time to renew your Annual Membership in the 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.

**SAINT ALBAN-on-the-MOORS PARISH
200 CLUB**

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.

Parent Power Hour!

Please join us for any, or all, of our workshops for parents during the month of January 2025. Each hour will be led by a Specialist Teacher or Professional who will provide lots of information, advice and tips for parents. This is an informal event, in a relaxed setting with tea, coffee & biscuits! ALL are welcome!

Friday 10 th January 2pm - 3pm	Tuesday 14 th January 2pm - 3pm	Friday 17 th January 2pm - 3pm	Tuesday 21 st January 2pm - 3pm	Friday 24 th January 2pm - 3pm
How to support your child with their learning	How to support and manage your child's emotions and behaviours	How to support your child's speech, language and communication skills	How to support your child's learning and developmental needs	How to support your child's social interactions and communication
				
Helen Wilkinson - Learning Support	Jane Miles - Emotional Health and Wellbeing	Sarah Dowell - Speech and Communication	Fiona Proffitt - Educational Psychologist	Cath Lazar - Autism Spectrum Specialist



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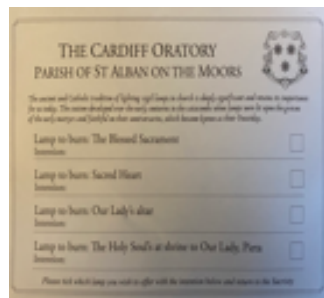


Parents & Grandparents please nurture your children and grandchildren to understand the importance of receiving Baptism and making their First Holy Communion.



SPUC's White Flower Appeal will take place at St Alban's on Sunday 25/26th January 2025.

It will be the second collection at the Sunday Masses



Vigil Lamp Envelopes
A new supply of vigil lamp envelopes for those wishing to dedicate lamps for their loved ones and own intentions has arrived.

Finally...

We spray the fields and scatter
The poison on the ground
So that no wicked wild flowers
Upon our farm be found.
We like whatever helps us
To line our purse with pence;
The twenty-four-hour broiler-house
And neat electric fence.

All concrete sheds around us
And Jaguars in the yard,
The telly lounge and deep-freeze
Are ours from working hard.

We fire the fields for harvest,
The hedges swell the flame,
The oak trees and the cottages
From which our fathers came.
We give no compensation,
The earth is ours today,
And if we lose on arable,
The bungalows will pay.

All concrete sheds around us
And Jaguars in the yard
The telly lounge and deep freeze
Are ours from working hard.

by Sir John Betjeman



Please return your Red Boxes for *Missio* as soon as possible to Tin and John as they need to send off the 2024 donations.

There are some 200,000 *Missio* Red Boxes in 167 countries around the world, providing funds for Catholic missionary work through the Mill Hill Fathers. Every penny saved in your Red Box goes straight to a project establishing and developing a Catholic presence where need has been identified.

For more information, please speak to Tina or John.