

The CARDIFF ORATORY

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



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ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, Tues, Thurs & Friday (9.00- 9.30)

Wednesday 6:00pm

(Confessions during these times)

<p>SUNDAY 16th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Sebastiana & Antonio Moncada, RIP 8:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 Mass: Constance A. Matthews, RIP 11:15 Mass: Wladyslaw & Kornel, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>THURSDAY 20th February 7:30 Mass: Holy Souls 9:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 9:30 Mass: Dc'd Hollow Family & Catherine Britton, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 17th February 7:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Paul & John, RIP 9:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 9:30 Mass: Anthony Mandal, Int. 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 21st February <i>St. Peter Damian</i> 7:30 Mass: Holy Souls 9:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 9:30 Mass: Gerald & Faye Simpson, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>TUESDAY 18th February 7:30 Mass: Holy Souls 9:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 9:30 Mass: Francis Eccles, RIP *11:00 Requiem Mass: Sally Hiles, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 22nd February <i>The Chair of St. Peter</i> 8:00 Mass: Holy Souls 16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Salvatore Moncada, RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 19th February 7:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Anna Paclawska, Int. 18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions 19:00 Mass: Dom Sebastian Wolff OSB, RIP</p>	<p>SUNDAY 23rd February 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Dora Wolz, RIP 10:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 11:15 Mass: John D. Curran, 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.

Anne, Joseph Hurley, Daniel, Sarah Caswell, Mary May Cassidy, Rosa Tannorella, 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:** Annie Riley
- **Sacred Heart:** John, Irene, Constance & Veronica Matthews
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Fam.
 - **The Lady Chapel:** Mary (Barbara) Fury, RIP
 - **Chantry of Our Lady:** Patrick Curran, RIP
- **Our Lady of Pieta Chapel:** Maria & Tom Marshall, RIP
 - **Our Lady of Walsingham** David Woolf, Int
 - **Shrine of St Joseph:** Oratorian Vocations
 - **Shrine of St Alban:** Paul Martin O'Hara

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.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS



O **J**esus, **E**ternal **P**riest, keep Thy priests within the shelter of Thy Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Thy Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Thy Precious Blood. Keep pure and unworldly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the Priesthood. Let Thy Holy Love surround them from the world's contagion. Bless their labours in this Parish with abundant fruit, and may the

souls to whom they serve be their joy and consolation here and their everlasting crown hereafter. **A**men.



*ST ALBAN'S PARISH
MASS TELEPHONE LINE:
029 2267 0924*



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of
MRS. PHILOMENA "SALLY" HILES, RIP

Requiem Mass: Tuesday 18th February at 11.00am

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



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

MISS MARY FURY, RIP

Details to follow

Please remember her brother and sisters in your prayers

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help

The 2025 Diary Dates

NEXT SATURDAY 22nd Feb,
at 6:30pm in St Alban's Hall
In aid of the Restoration Fund



Tea & Coffee after Sunday 10.00am

Mass

It is open to everyone for a quick cuppa, a biscuit and a catch up!





RACE NIGHT



FRIDAY 28th MARCH @7PM



"MOVE YOUR BLOOMING HORRRSE...!"

This event is for adults 18+ held in St Alban's Hall

ENTRY TICKETS £3



Organised in support of the
Parish Restoration Fund



CALLING ALL OLD COPPERS

Thank you to those who faithfully return their boxes monthly. Your coppers and silver coins are making a difference to the Restoration Fund. Boxes are in the porch of the church Last Sunday £32.08

"A 2025 INITIATIVE"

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



The men have been on the church roof all week and have made v good progress. They removed the perished felt, rotten battens and broken tiles. They have also introduced a layer of insulation which can only be an improvement.



A crane arrived which could extend 100 foot in height and the solitary broken tile on the apex was repaired. Another casualty of the recent storm was identified, but this tile is on

the opposite of the church on the ambulatory level of the roof. This will hopefully be repaired this week. There are various ways in which we can all support the Parish's *2025 Restoration Fundraising*. Thank you to the Parishioner who donated £300 in a Gift Aid envelope towards the repair of the church roof.

SPLOTT'S MINI MARKET

10.00am - 1.00pm

SATURDAY 1ST MARCH

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St ALBAN'S HALL, SWINTON ST.

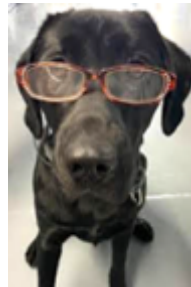
Tables £10 each

Email: frsebastian@cardifforatory.co.uk



Books **W**oof **I** Have **R**ead

by Pippo



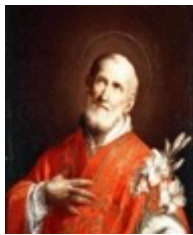
This week, I read '*William Pitt the Younger: A Biography*', by William Hague. As a political giant of the reign of King George III, I had read rather a lot about Pitt last week when I read Andrew Roberts's biography of the king. That whetted my

appetite to learn more about this remarkable individual. Pitt was born in 1759, the second son of William Pitt, later 1st Earl of Chatham (known to history as 'the Elder Pitt'), who was to be prime minister from 1766 to 1768. Pitt the Younger was even more exceptional than his famous father. He secured a place at Cambridge University one month before his 14th birthday; he entered the House of Commons at the age of 21; he soon secured a reputation as a brilliant parliamentary orator; and he became prime minister for the first time in December 1783, when he was just 24 years old. Pitt went on to become Britain's second longest serving prime minister (after Sir Robert Walpole). Indeed, he might have been the longest serving had he not died prematurely at the age of just 46.

During the almost 18 years he was prime minister (which was broken by an interval of just over 3 years), Pitt presided over the creation of the United Kingdom (by the union of Ireland to Great Britain in 1801), a large part of the Napoleonic Wars (including the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805), and several constitutional crises (such as that occasioned by the king's first bout of incapacity in 1788, an event immortalised by the 1994 film '*The Madness of King George*', in which Pitt was played by the actor Julian Wadham).

I must say that I enjoyed this book immensely. Hague is clearly sympathetic to his subject and does justice to Pitt's place in history. Moreover, in addition to his generally sound historical analysis, he brings the keen political insights of a seasoned politician. My one criticism would be that Hague is far too dismissive of George III, whom he clearly misjudges. Then again, Hague wrote this book before Andrew Roberts published his biography of the king,

so he had not the advantage of reading that excellent work as part of his research.



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.

And, somewhere near, the grey North Sea;
Then further gentle undulations
With lonelier and less frequent stations,
Till in the dimmest place of all
The train slows down into a crawl
And stops in silence.....Where is this?
Dear Mary Wilson, this is Diss.

Hospital Chaplaincy EMERGENCY CALL-OUT
The Health Board operates a 24/7 "On-Call" Rota for Emergency Call Outs when a Catholic priest is required to administer the Holy Sacraments. Please phone the Switchboard on telephone: **029 2074 7747** to request a call-out for a Catholic priest via pager. **REMEMBER TO GIVE:** Name of patient, the Hospital, & the Ward. The on-call Catholic priests are very conscientious.



The Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society has a new secretary

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is a parish organisation that assists with those who have material needs. While anyone can help them in their work, there are also meetings, which emphasise not only the work, but also the spiritual aspect of corporal works of mercy which they perform. New members are always welcome. Mrs Maggie Suller was recently appointed as secretary of the St Alban's Parish Conference. Fr Sebastian M. welcomes this appointment.



ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC

If you are a Catholic but didn't make your First Holy Communion or Confirmation, or are not a Catholic or not Baptised and would like to become a Catholic please see Fr Sebastian M. to begin the journey.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN Annual Student Conference 21-23 February@ Yarnfield Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire *There are 6 free places for young people (18-30) of this Parish Phone Paul Botto: 02920 405942*



"A Mind's Journey to Diss"
by Sir John Betjeman

Dear Mary, Yes, it will be bliss
To go with you by train to Diss,
Your walking shoes upon your feet;
We'll meet, my sweet, at Liverpool Street.
That levellers we may be reckoned
Perhaps we'd better travel second;
Or, lest reporters on us burst,
Perhaps we'd better travel first.
Above the chimney-pots we'll go
Through Stepney, Stratford-atte-Bow
And out to where the Essex marsh
Is filled with houses new and harsh
Till, Witham pass'd, the landscape yields
On left and right to widening fields,
Flint church-towers sparkling in the light,
Black beams and weather-boarding white,
Cricket-bat willows silvery green
And elmy hills with brooks between,
Maltings and saltings, stack and quay

St Alban pray for the Parish.

Please consider joining or renewing your subscription for **St Alban's Parish 200 Club** £1 per month. You can join for as few or as many months as you like.



Name: _____

I am renewing my 200 Club

Membership

Membership is £1 per month

I am a *NEW* 200 Club Member

I am enclosing £_____

Please cut out this slip and enclose it with your Membership Fee in an envelope or hand in to one of the Oratorians. Thank you.