

The CARDIFF ORATORY

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



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ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING LENT

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

Wednesday 6:00pm (Confessions during these times)

<p>SUNDAY 16th March 2nd Sunday of Lent 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Pattie Wheeler, RIP 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/John George Whitfield, RIP 10:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i>/ Andrew Thomas, Int. 11:15 Mass: Judge Patrick Curran QC, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>THURSDAY 20th March 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Geraldine Reese, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 17th March <i>St. Patrick</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Pat Jennings, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 21st March - <i>Day of Abstinence</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Dc'd Friends, Benefactors, Priests 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Giovanni Aghedo, B'day **10:00 & 19:00 - Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>TUESDAY 18th March <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Ron Gee, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 22nd March <i>Our Lady's Saturday</i> 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Mariangela & Raffaele Zurlo, RIP 16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Maria Ellis, RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 19th March St. Joseph's Day 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions 19:00 Mass: Phyllis Houlston, RIP</p>	<p>SUNDAY 23rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Halina Budnik, B'day 10:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 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.

Ian J. Williams, Neil B. 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 Jacobucci, 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

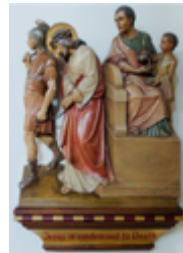
envelope and drop it in the plate or the sacristy. There are vacancies in the lamps for February 2025

- **Blessed Sacrament:** Judge Patrick Curran QC, RIP
- **Sacred Heart:** Gerladine, Francis & Pamela Eccles, RIP
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Fam.
 - **The Lady Chapel:** Eileen Hougardy, RIP
 - **Chantry of Our Lady:** Clare Hurford, RIP
- **Our Lady of Pieta Chapel:** Jinny Johnson, RIP
- **Our Lady of Walsingham** David Woolf, Int
- **Shrine of St Joseph:** Patrick & Eveleen Eccles, RIP
 - **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.

Every Jubilee Holy Year has works of charity, repentance, confession, penance and absolution of sin at its very heart. Pope Francis reasserted this fundamental Catholic doctrine when he opined:

Forgiveness makes possible a brighter future, which enables us to look at the past with different eyes, now more serene, albeit still bearing the trace of past tears. In this Jubilee Year, may no one be deprived of the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness and consolation. (*Spes non confundit n.23*)



LENT '2025

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church every Friday in Lent immediately after the 9:30am Mass and at 7:00pm in the evening. Every parishioner should try to make the Stations at least once during Lent.



A JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF REDEMPTION: A TIME FOR HEALING.

Next Sunday there will be the opportunity for Parishioners to receive the *Sacrament of the*

Anointing of the Sick. As is the Oratory custom, this takes place during Mass. Those wishing to receive the Sacrament should stand or indicate to the priest their wish to do so. The housebound of the Parish who have not received the Sacrament within the last month will be visited.



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

MRS. GERALDINE ROSE REES, RIP

Requiem Mass: Wednesday 2nd April at 11.00am
Please pray for her family.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



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

MR. ANTONIO O'SULLIVAN RIP

Requiem Mass: Wednesday 19th March at 10.30am

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



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

MR. MICHAEL COFFEY, RIP

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of
MRS. MARY LILIAN IRENE THOMAS, RIP

Requiem Mass: Monday 31st March at 11.00am

Please remember her family in your prayers

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of
MRS. JANET THOMAS, RIP

Please remember her family in your prayers. Janet was a most remarkable lady who was unwavering in her dedication to the protection of human life.

"May the Angels Lead you to Paradise!"

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



haven't completed the form or have lost it, there are more forms at the back of the church for you to commit to the Parish. **20% +**

It's simple. In order to increase *your own* individual weekly giving to the Parish without having to give a penny more, I ask every adult Parishioner to sign up to the Weekly Giving Envelopes or Online Planned Giving. The Oratory as a registered charity can claim 20%+ on all such planned giving, and there are no administration costs to eat into that sum. Planned Giving is confidential and governed by the laws on data protection. All that is required is that the person whose name is on the box is a tax payer.

Fr Sebastian M will be happy to answer any individual questions you may have and ensure your envelopes are ready for your personal stewardship giving. From Sunday 6th April *your* first and second collection envelope giving will increase Parish funds by **20%+** By committing yourself today to planned giving you appreciate that the life of the Oratory Parish of St Alban's is *our shared task* of stewardship.

St John Henry Newman said: "Give back some of God's gifts to God, that you may safely enjoy the rest." In signing up, you will greatly assist your Parish Priest and remove from him the burden and anxiety of being confronted with increasing expenditure and static giving. God bless you.



RACE NIGHT



FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

7:00 PM START

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH HALL

This event is only for persons 18+

Entry £3

Organised in aid of the Parish Restoration Fund

A FEW TICKETS LEFT!



"A 2025 INITIATIVE"

LATEST NEWS: Restoration Work

"Parish Stewardship: *Our Task*"

The restoration works moved on this week with the laying of the stone bases for the siting of the railings along the east end of the church where the drains were excavated and replaced some months ago and also the excavation and replacement of the broken drains. along the north side of the church. The builders



STREAMING FROM ST ALBAN'S

It is now hoped that the Gordian knot that prevented the live streaming of weekday Eucharistic Adoration and daily Mass has now been remedied. Apologies for the inconvenience caused.



Books Woof I Have Read by Pippo

This week, I read the recently-published 'Unleashed', by Boris Johnson, which is a memoir of the author's political career as mayor of London, foreign secretary, and prime minister. The difficulty with Boris, of course, is that one cannot mention his name without provoking a strong reaction. Some see him as moral vacuum who should never have been allowed anywhere near public office. Some see him as a clown who was bound to come unstuck eventually. Some see him as a shrewd operator whose luck ran out. Others see him as a force for positive change who, like others before him, was stabbed in the back by his own party. Almost no-one is without an opinion.

The first thing I would say about this book, however, is that I found it extremely readable. That is probably not surprising when one remembers that its author was, first and foremost, a very successful journalist. He knows how to write something which will attract (and hold) the attention of a busy reader; and, with references ranging from Voltaire to Peppa Pig, the book was nothing if not amusing. That said, there were a few occasions when the book could not help grating, with the same tired, old catchphrases being bandied around with regards to getting Brexit done, levelling up, and so on. Moreover, regardless of where you stand on issues such as Brexit, I don't think any of us would be in a hurry to re-live the experience (which, to some extent, reading this book compels one to do).

This book revealed Johnson to be much more self-effacing than I expected. He was perfectly willing to admit to several errors of judgment. It was also fascinating to read his version of what was going on behind the scenes when most of us were trying to make sense of what we were seeing in the media. There are those who may not necessarily believe that version of events, of course, but I think it is better to form a view with the benefit of reading this book, rather than without.



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The Cardiff Deanery Lenten Station Mass will take place at St Helen's Church, Barry at 7.00pm on Wednesday 9th April 2025



LENTEN ALMS: EASTER FOOD PARCELS FOR PARISH FAMILIES IN NEED

The Oratory Parish will once again be assembling Easter Hampers for Families in need within the Parish and the local community.

Parcels will be assembled on Wednesday 16th April to be distributed on Maundy Thursday 17th April.

PLEASE BRING TINNED / DRY FOOD ITEMS FOR THE PARCELS AS YOUR LENTEN ALMS
Thank you for donations, so far.

THOU SHALT NOT KILL!

Assisted Suicide legislation - update

The next chance for all MPs to vote on the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* will most probably take place towards the end of April. The Cardinal, Archbishops and Bishops will be sending parishes postcards from *Right To Life*. These will be handed to every St Alban's parishioner 16+ complete. Fr Sebastian M. will deliver them to our MP who has written to assure Fr Sebastian M that he is voting against the Bill in Parliament.

ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Tuesday 18th March at 7pm in the lower sacristy. Six 45 minute sessions of catechetical instruction for those baptised persons wishing to be received into the Catholic Church, given by Fr Sebastian M on the following Tuesdays: MARCH 18, 25, APRIL 1, 8. The sessions may be attended in person at the Oratory or virtually via zoom. A copy of the Catechism will be provided. To register to join in these sessions please email: frsebastian@cardifforatory.co.uk