



THIS WEEK WE PRAY ESPECIALLY DURING ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT THAT EUTHANASIA WILL NOT PASS INTO LAW

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday (9.00- 9.30) Wed 6pm (Confessions during these times)

<p>SUNDAY 6th April 5th Sunday of Lent 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Terry & Hazel O'Brien, RIP 08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP 11:15 Mass: Judge Patrick Curran QC, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>THURSDAY 10th April 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 7th April 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Kitty Shoer, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 11th April - <i>Day of Abstinence</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Marilyn Maunder, Birthday **10:00 & 19:00 – Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>TUESDAY 8th April 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Ian Williams 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 12th April <i>Our Lady's Saturday</i> 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/For the Success of Friar's Fables 16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Mary, Jimmy, & Mary Fury, RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 9th April 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Fell or Served Poland, RIP 18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions 19:00 Mass: Rosario Tannorella, RIP</p>	<p>SUNDAY 13th April Palm Sunday (Blessing of palms) 08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 Mass: Beverley Anne Guerin, RIP 11:15 Mass: Peter Barrow, 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.

Sylvia Hole, Ian Williams, Neil B. Anne, Joseph Hurley, Daniel, Sarah Caswell, Mary May Cassidy, Rosa Tannorella, 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'Donaghue, 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.



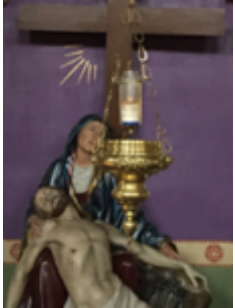
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CARDIFF ORATORY CONFESSION TIMES

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:** Eileen Christine Jones, RIP
- **Sacred Heart:** Michael & Phyllis Walentin
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Families.
 - **The Lady Chapel:** Janet Thomas, RIP
- **Chantry of Our Lady:** Little Bros of the Oratory
- **Our Lady of Pieta:** Judge Patrick Curran, QC., RIP
- **Our Lady of Walsingham:** David Woolf, Int
- **Shrine of St Joseph:** Men of the Parish
- **Shrine of St Alban:** Catholic Scouting

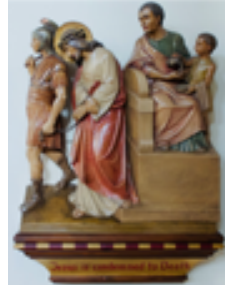
There are spaces in the diary for Candle Intentions. Reserving a vigil lamp is a beautiful way to remember your loved ones, living or deceased. For a donation of £4.50, to pay for the candle, your intention will be remembered by the whole Parish for one week.



EASTER FOOD PARCELS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

These Food Parcels will be assembled and distributed to families in need in the Parish by the Fathers and Companionate of the Archconfraternity. The parcels will be assembled and distributed during Holy Week and will be blessed and distributed in 17th April. Thank you to all who donated food and donations as part of your Lenten Almsgiving.

Last day for Lenten Alms in the form of tins or dry food donations under the Calvary is Tuesday of Holy Week



LENT '2025

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church this Friday immediately after the 9:30am Mass and at 7:00pm. I would urge every parishioner should try to make the

Stations at least once during Lent.

A DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN



The Light is on for you.



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CARDIFF – MENEVIA
ARCHESGOBAETH
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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



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.



(Angela in St Alban's School, 1960's)

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

MRS. ANGELA BOIS (nee Thomas) RIP

Requiem Mass: Tuesday 22nd 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. JAMIE JONES, RIP

Please pray for the family.

Requiem Mass Thursday 17th April, 2025
at 12 noon.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



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

MR. MICHAEL C. CUSACK, RIP

Please pray for the family.

Requiem Mass Thursday 24th April 2025 at 12 noon.

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
Requiem Mass Friday 2nd May 2025 at 12 noon.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



**NEXT SUNDAY
IS
PALM SUNDAY**



"A 2025 INITIATIVE"

LATEST NEWS: Restoration Work

"Parish Stewardship: *Our Task*"

£25,000 has now been paid against the invoice for Phase 3 of the Restoration works (28.3.25). The invoice was for £59,861.47. The outstanding amount is £34,861.47. On Thursday it was confirmed that our applications to reclaim VAT on all unclaimed recent restoration works had been successful. We were advised that we should receive a reimbursement of £26,535.52. This means that the Oratory Parish fundraising for the present drainage and pathway works is £8,325.95.

Stewardship Planned Giving

**To date only 60 completed forms have been returned to the Oratory Parish. If you pay tax you can sign up.*

THEY'VE ARRIVED

Please collect today!



The Oratory as a registered charity can claim 20%+ on 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 you are a tax payer.
Pick up a form today.



New Oratory begins in Scotland

The community at St Patrick's, Cowgate, in Edinburgh has now become an Oratory-in-formation. This is the next step in the establishment of an Oratory of St Philip Neri. Please keep them in your prayers!

PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

Thank you to Miss. Mathews and Miss. Zurlo! Our Parish volunteers provide and invaluable experience for the pupils of St. Alban's Primary School. Thank you for



your weekly reading sessions. Our pupils have not only made progress with their reading but also made wonderful relationships! However, we are always looking for more volunteers.

We have an introductory session booked for Wednesday 30th April for anyone interested in supporting our pupils. If you can spare an hour a week PLEASE contact the school on 02920462915 or inform one of the Oratorians. Many Thanks - The staff and pupils of St. Alban's Primary School

ST ALBAN'S PARISH



ANNUAL EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

BUY A RAFFLE TICKET IN AID OF THE
RESTORATION FUND

DRAW AFTER EASTER VIGIL MASS

£3 per strip

(NB: F&M hamper is only for display)

CATHOLIC SCOUTING: CARDIFF

Initial meeting on Sunday 13 April at 1 o'clock in St Alban's Hall whether as a possible leader or for your child.



Guides and Scouts of Europe UK

Who are the Scouts of Europe?
We are a UK scouting organisation established in 2021, and an observer member of the UIGSE-FSE, which is an association of lay faithful recognised by the Holy See and a worldwide organisation with 73,000 members in a total of 27 countries. We work closely with our neighbours, the Irish Guides and Scouts of Europe and the French Guides and Scouts of Europe.

Find out more:
Explore how catholic scouting can help your child (aged 8-12), become more responsible and competent whilst growing in virtue helping them to become better citizens and Catholics.

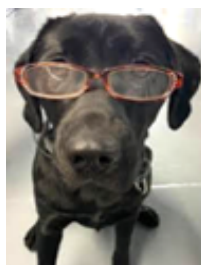
Interested in joining? Come to our meeting on April 13th at 1 PM in the parish hall at St Alban-on-the-Moors—whether as a leader or for your child



Divine Mercy

Sunday, 27th April, '25
At St Alban's,
Confessions 2 – 4pm.

MASSSES THAT DAY ARE: 8:00am, 10.00am;
11.15am
2.30pm Blessing
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet



Books Woof I Have Read by Pippo

This week I read '*Rubicon: The Triumph & Tragedy of the Roman Republic*', by Tom Holland.

First published in 2003, this book tells the story of the final years of the Roman Republic and the emergence of the empire. Holland himself has said that he would have liked to have been able to call the book '*Citizens*', but was unable to do so, of course, because the historian Simon Schama had already used that title in 1989 for his outstanding work on the French Revolution.

In the end, Holland named the book after the small river in Northern Italy which Julius Caesar famously crossed with his legions in 49 BC, thereby invading the republic and plunging it into the four years of civil war which resulted in Caesar becoming dictator for life. As it happened, that life did not last very much longer because Caesar was assassinated in 44 BC, once again plunging Rome into a civil war. It was easy to see why this book received such acclaim, and won the Hessell-Tiltman Prize in 2004. The subject matter is fascinating and the prose is extremely readable. The result is a book which is both interesting and entertaining. One of the things which caught my particular attention was Holland's consideration of the way in which, having been through two civil wars, the Roman people welcomed the eventual peace and prosperity which Augustus gave them and which was perpetuated by his successor, Tiberius. The fact that both men were dictators was a price most seemed willing to pay, especially since the majority had felt largely disenfranchised under the republic anyway. Most were content with 'bread and circuses'. The point struck me because it echoed what I read only recently about the Weimar Republic. Time and again through history, societies which have been brought to their knees by conflict have made the mistake of thinking that democracy is incompatible with peace and prosperity; and that only a dictatorship can put things right. Whilst strong leadership will certainly help to get a country back on its feet, it is only a matter of time before the absence of democracy makes itself felt.

This was a compelling story, told skilfully, and I have no hesitation in recommending it.