

# The CARDIFF ORATORY

ORATORY CHURCH of SAINT ALBAN-on-the-MOORS



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## DAILY ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AT THE CARDIFF ORATORY

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

<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 4<sup>th</sup> May                      17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Terry &amp; Hazel O'Brien, RIP                      08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Malgorzata Szczech, B'day                      10:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> (The People of the Parish)                      11:15 Mass: Judge Patrick Curran, QC, RIP                      16:00 Second Vespers &amp; Benediction</p>	<p>THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> May                      07:30 Mass: Holy Souls                      09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions                      09:30 Mass: Stephen Burns, Int.                      17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May <i>St Asaph, Bishop</i>                      07:30 Mass: Holy Souls                      09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions                      09:30 Mass: Bro Illtyd M.'s Int. (Exams)                      17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> May                      07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Fr Stanislaw Labuda                      09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions                      09:30 Mass: Bro Philip Evans M.'s Int.                      17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> May                      07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/David Reid, RIP                      09:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions                      09:30 Mass: For the Conclave                      17:30 Rosary &amp; Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> May                      8:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Dc'd Friends, Benefactors, Priests                      16:30 First Vespers                      17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Harry White</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May                      07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Stanislaw Klaput                      18:00 Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confessions                      19:00 Mass: Eileen Christine Jones, RIP</p>	<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 11<sup>th</sup> May                      08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i>                      10:00 Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP                      11:15 Mass: Lisa Way, Int                      16:00 Second Vespers &amp; 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.*

Peter McKendry, Shirley Thomas, 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

*Please use the dedicated candle envelopes in church to make a donation for your candle*

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:** Clare Hurford
- **Sacred Heart:** Maria & Ton Marshall, RIP
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Families.
  - **The Lady Chapel:** Bro Philip Evans M., Int
- Chantry of Our Lady:** First Holy Communion children
- **Our Lady of Pieta:** Judge Patrick Curran, QC., RIP
- **Our Lady of Walsingham:** David Woolf, Int
- **Shrine of St Joseph:** Oratory Young Men's Group
  - **Shrine of St Alban:** Paul Caruana, Int

*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.*



### Canada...

Bro Iltyd M is now in the second week of his seminary examinations for his final year of Theology and also prepares for the

comprehensive examinations for the last three years of Theology studies so as to Graduate for this second degree. It is as you can imagine a busy and anxious time for him. Please keep him in your prayers, especially as we await his return home to the Oratory later this month to prepare for his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood and his life as a priest here at St Alban's. So lots to pray about!



### Welcome Bro Philip Evans M. to the Oratory

Whilst you are on your knees praying, please also pray for the newly clothed member of the Cardiff Oratory, Bro Philip Evans M. Bro Philip is a native of Gwent and was a chef prior to entering. That's now three men of Gwent (one when it was Monmouth...) come on Cardiff! Bro Francis Xavier M completes his first year next month. We are most blessed to have two fine novices in the community.



Please pray for Bro Francis Xavier M. and Bro Philip Evans M.

Thank you to all those who supported the **EASTER PARCELS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED**. The recipients were immensely grateful for your generosity

## Coffee Morning



This Tuesday's Coffee Morning is cancelled. It resumes in June.

### 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. £29.95



**Regina Caeli.** Sharp-eared parishioners will have noticed that the Oratory Belfry has been ringing something different at Noon and 6.00p.m. Rather than the *Angelus*, the prayers honouring the Incarnation of Our Lord at the moment when Our Lady gave her "Fiat," her "yes", to God's plan for her to bear the Divine Saviour of the world, the Church rejoices in praying "Regina Caeli," during the fifty days of Eastertide. The music and words are found at No. 319 in the *Blue Catholic Hymn Book*.

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.  
Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, Alleluia,  
R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus: Deus qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus, ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.  
Amen.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
For He, Whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.  
Has Risen as He said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



### ST ALBAN'S PARISH CHOIR

If you enjoy singing why not join the 10.00am Parish Choir? We practice in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. All Welcome!



"A 2025 INITIATIVE"  
LATEST NEWS: Restoration Work

"Parish Stewardship: *Our Task*"

I am very pleased to share with you that the new drains and the laying of the new stone walkways is now completed. The existing access walkway ramp to the side door of the church and the Parish Hall will be completed with a new non-trip/slip surface. The side access door is now in use and the toilets in the Parish Hall are in use once again. I am sorry for the inconvenience of recent weeks. The next section of drains to be excavated are those adjacent to the Oratory House. These drains were the cause of the original survey to investigate the foul smell and water backing up. However, we are now "on the ticket" and hopefully we can discard the clothes pegs for our noses in the warm weather....

### Oratory Planned Giving

If you pay tax you please sign up to make the difference.

*Please ask for envelopes today for your first and second collections!*



Green: First Collection

Yellow: Second Collection

By placing your collections in envelopes you increase it by 20%.

*Fr Sebastian M*



### Books Woof I Have Read by Pippo

As some of you will be aware, I have recently returned from my holidays in Lincolnshire, where I spent my days sniffing around the fields above Grantham and my evenings curled up with the wholly apposite '*Not for Turning: The Life of Margaret Thatcher*', by Robin Harris.

I must say that I enjoyed this work immensely, possibly because Harris was so well qualified to write it. The book itself is very well written, and I found it easy to read (which is always a plus). Moreover, the fact that Harris worked as a speechwriter and advisor to Mrs Thatcher for many years means that he is able to offer many unique insights, both in terms of the events he describes and the many personalities involved.

Harris is very even-handed in his treatment of his subject. He is far from uncritical of Mrs Thatcher, so this is not an apologia; but his criticisms are measured, fully-reasoned, and founded upon a recognition that we all have

our faults, and we all make mistakes. What he does not do, however, is to give in to tribal prejudices, or disguise the fact that no modern prime minister has done more to shape this country than she.

One of the things I really liked about this book was the way in which Harris did not make himself a slave to chronology. The book is laid out in a generally chronological order, of course, but one also gets the sense that it is presented thematically. For example, Harris is less concerned to recount the events of Mrs Thatcher's early life in Grantham as an exercise in historical narrative and more concerned to identify those features of her early life which shaped her character and, in due course, her politics.

Of course, Mrs Thatcher remains extremely controversial, especially in our part of the world. Yet, I think it is difficult to form a judgment of her (and her premiership) without having a clear understanding of the person she was, the problems she faced in government, and the reasons which lay behind her policies. This book discharges that task admirably and I am extremely glad that I took the time to read it.

## School News

Thank you St Alban's Parish families and friends for all donations towards our 'Big Lent Walk' @cafod. The children delighted in taking part whilst raising funds. [#sacps](#)

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." – Proverbs 11:25



### 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 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.

We are so most fortunate with Fr Peter and his Catholic Chaplaincy Team in Cardiff who are always so very attentive to referrals from families or the Parish. Please pray for him.



### ~ BAPTISM ~

Please remember in your prayers those parents and Godparents preparing for their children's Baptism. Also pray for those St Alban's parishioners who have not as yet had their children baptised. If you are ever privy to such a conversation please remind them that there is NO

CHARGE for Baptism, there is no need of special clothes or parties and that the Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on any day of the week to try and accommodate the family and their life/work patterns. Baptism is for the good of the child's immortal soul. It is not a litmus test of the parent's regularity in parochial life... "Always encourage, never repel."

### St Alban's SVP - Here for you

To find out how we can help, you can speak to one of our members by calling the St Alban's SVP Conference for a friendly chat on **07864 783308**.



**WeBelieve** 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July 2025, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webeliefestival.com](http://www.webeliefestival.com)

## SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

BEING SERVED AT SPLOTT COMMUNITY  
VOLUNTEERS FROM APRIL 6TH 12:30-  
2:30 (EVERY 2 WEEKS)

PENSIONERS SUNDAY LUNCH (CHICKEN OR PORK) WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS AND DESSERT £7

SMALL SUNDAY LUNCH AND DESSERT £9

REGULAR SUNDAY LUNCH AND DESSERT £11

(CHICKEN OR PORK OPTION)

VEGETARIAN OPTION MUST BE PRE BOOKED

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