

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>7th Sunday of Easter 1st June 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Cyril & Bridget George, RIP 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Rosetta Zurlo, Int. 10:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 11:15 Mass: Salvatore Moncada, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>THURSDAY 5th June <i>St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Peter & Marilyn Maunder, Wed. Anniv. 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 2nd June <i>St Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Teresa Starun, Jan Michon, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 6th June <i>St Norbert</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: John Harris, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>TUESDAY 3rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Deceased Paclawski, RIP 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Huw Maguire, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 7th June 8:00 Mass: Holy Souls 16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Terry & Hazel O'Brien, RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 4th June 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 18:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 19:00 Mass: Albert Brown, RIP</p>	<p>PENTECOST SUNDAY 8th June 08:00 Mass: Pope Francis, RIP 10:00 Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP 11:15 Mass: <i>Pro populo</i> 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.

Dennis Kassimi, 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'Donoghue, J. Pratt, J. Price, Beatrice Rajanayagan, 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.



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

MR. MICHAEL YANDLE, RIP

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help

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

- **Most Blessed Sacrament:** Rees Family, Int.
- **Sacred Heart:** Geraldine, Francis, Eveleen & Patrick, Pam & John, Jean & Ray
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Families
- **The Lady Chapel:** Ray Hagland, Anita & Rachel Meredith
Chantry of Our Lady: John Utting, RIP
 • **Our Lady of Pity:** Michael Yandle, RIP
 • **Our Lady of Walsingham:** David Woolf, Int
 • **Shrine of St Joseph:** Tony Mead

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation 6th July 2025



His Grace, the Archbishop of Cardiff will visit St Alban's Parish to celebrate Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 6th July at

10.00am. There are already 18 adults due to receive the Confirmation so it will be "first come first serve" for the remaining places up to 30 candidates. **Adult Preparation: Tuesday 3,10,17 June; Under 18's: Saturday 21 June, 5 July** is in St Alban's Church.

Under 18's (parents / grandparents, guardians may wait in church or the Parish Hall if they wish)

Congratulations to Darwin and Beauty Kaluba who celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, 24 May 2025.



First Holy Communions on Corpus Christi Sunday



Please pray for our children as they prepare for their First Communion on Corpus Christi Sunday. Please note: all the children must have made their First Confession prior to Corpus Christi Sunday in order to be admitted to Holy Communion.



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

This week the access ramp on the north side of the church will be excavated and a resin floor surface applied to the ramp area to make it non-slip. Once this has been completed the temporary ramp on the East end of the church will be removed. Later in the week the iron gates that were adjacent to the north porch with the access ramp will be returned to a slightly modified area so as to permit easy access for wheel chairs to be compliant with H&S. It will also have the added benefit of securing the property at night time. There will also be plumbing works undertaken in the old music room to replace a dripping redundant radiator as well as updating the wiring and repairing plaster work that was unsound upon inspection due to historical ingress of rain water. Lastly new drain covers & alterations to guttering around the church and hall will be undertaken this week.



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.

Coffee Morning



TUESDAY 10.00 ST ALBAN'S HALL

PARISH TRIP



ORATORY PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

22 -25 SEPTEMBER 2025

Fr Sebastian M has reserved 40 places at the Catholic Pilgrimage centre for an Oratory Parish Pilgrimage to the beautiful and ancient Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. There is a sign up sheet in the church porch to gauge interest. The last time we had a pilgrimage to Walsingham it was a most enjoyable trip which included a visit to Sandringham, the seaside and Tea in Stamford. (Single, double, twin, family rooms have been reserved). Deposit £50 to secure a place. 11 people have signed up so far to express an interest in going to Walsingham.



St. Alban's Parish SVP

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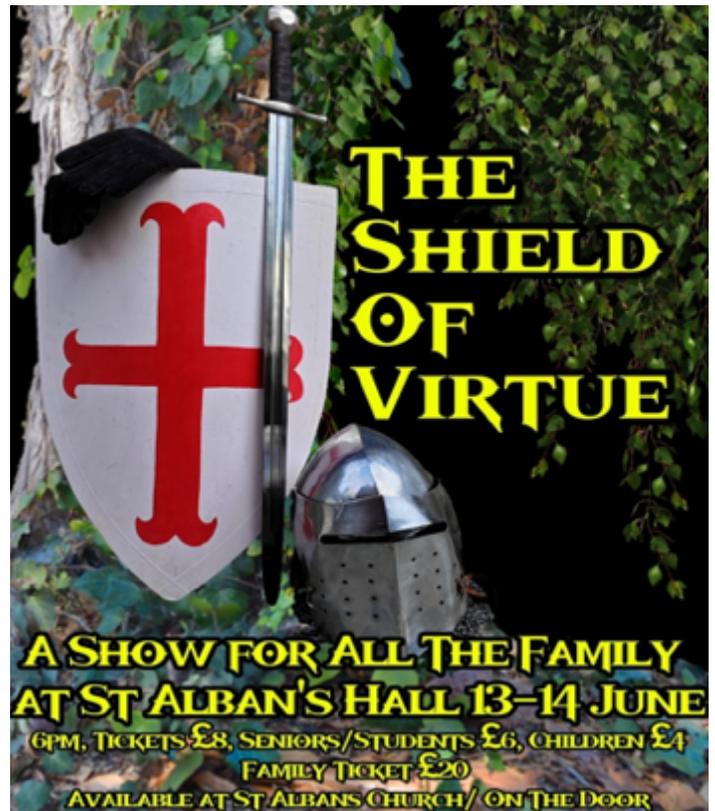
2267 0924 The Mass Line is a dedicated telephone line for those without the internet, so that they can hear Sunday & Holyday Masses. Simply call the number, and for the cost of a Local Call, the most recent Mass can be heard over the telephone.



Oratory Ladies Group

On the 7th June at 10.00am (and every 1st Saturday following) there will be an hour of Eucharistic Adoration followed by coffee and cakes in the St Alban's Hall for all ladies of the

Parish aged 18+ (nursing babies welcome). We would be delighted if you could join us for this time of prayer and fellowship. For further information please email Liz Stewart at greglizmolly@hotmail.com.



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The Oratory Piety Stall is open before Sunday Masses and upon request. It contains high quality and bespoke items: First Holy Communion, Confirmation gifts, rosaries, scapulars etc. Catalogue available upon request.



ROSARY FRIENDS

Praying the Holy Rosary is a wonderful way for us to gently contemplate the life of Christ. A good friend keeps their friends close in times of prayer.



Books Woof I Have Read by Pippo

This week, I read '*Cast A Diva: The Hidden Life of Maria Callas*', by Lyndsy Spence.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with opera, the title of this book is a word play on the great aria '*Casta diva*' (meaning 'Chaste goddess') from Vincenzo Bellini's 1831 opera, '*Norma*'. It pops up on the television every now and then as the music featured in the adverts for John-Paul Gaultier's perfume (that's it, the ones with those implausibly good-looking sailors).

Maria Callas was born on 2 December 1923 in New York City of Greek-immigrant parents. Her parents were incompatible with one another and, it must be said, even more incompatible with parenthood. Whilst her father was neglectful, Maria's mother was domineering and ambitious. Indeed, in later life, Maria made it clear that she came to see the pressure her mother put her under to perform at an early age as a form of abuse.

In 1937, Maria's mother took the then 13-year-old Maria and her older sister back to Athens. The timing could scarcely have been worse because, just 4 years later, Greece was invaded and occupied by the Axis powers. This resulted in terrible deprivations, which were only aggravated by Maria's mother's attempts to make the best of the situation by pimping her teenage daughter to German officers.

Even after she began to emerge as one of the greatest sopranos of the twentieth century (many would say *the* greatest), Maria had to endure immense personal heartbreak. She was the victim of intense personal jealousies and, throughout her life, she was

abused (in one form or another) by those who ought to have loved and cared for her. Her infamous relationship with Aristotle Onassis, who treated her appallingly, is one of the best examples of this.

Maria Callas died alone in Paris on 16 September 1977. She was just 53 years old. The official cause of death has been given as a heart attack, but there has been much speculation. Sympathetically-written, this book does not speculate about Maria's life or her death, nor does it judge her. It merely sets out the facts and allows readers to draw their own conclusions.

Like Puccini's heroine, Floria Tosca, Callas lived for art and she lived for love. Like Tosca, too, her end was tragic; but Callas gave the world much more than she took, and we are fortunate that she left behind a legacy of recordings. Indeed, having read this book, I feel as though I now possess at least some understanding of the overwhelming emotion one hears in that most unique and recognizable of voices.



We welcome back staff and pupils to school this week.



At St. Alban's RFC, we are now entering the post season celebrations. This means that every age group will have a presentation night to congratulate them on all their accomplishments and hard work over the season. On the 30th May, the spotlight was on the under 9's team.

The coach gave little speech about every player on how they have improved. It was a joy to see all of the children supporting one another by chanting the names of their teammates as they collected their end of season trophy. One of our altar servers was in this age group and there are many more in the pews who will have their own presentations in the coming weeks.

Pre-season training starts this week with two days of Touch Rugby. This is a lighter start to the pre-season where fitness plays a key role.

