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THERE IS DAILY ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AT THE CARDIFF ORATORY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.00- 9.30 & Wednesday 6.00 - 7.00pm

<p>15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 13th July 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Margaret Eccles, RIP 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Mirek Michon, Birthday 10:00 Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP 11:15 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> +++ 15:00 St Illtyd's High Corpus Christi +++</p>	<p>THURSDAY 17th July 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Mrs. Spiteri 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: John Utting, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 14th July <i>St Camillus of Lellis, Priest</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Fell or Served Poland, RIP 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Ned Doherty, Int. 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 18th July 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/McGlinchey, Int. 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions ++09:30 End of Year School Mass: David Gallivan 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>TUESDAY 15th July <i>St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Barbara Lupton, RIP 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Mrs. Spiteri 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 19th July 8:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Brandon Danilowicz, B' day 16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Rosa Tannorella, Int.</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 16th July <i>Our Lady of Mount Camel</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Sebastian Szczech, B' day 18:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 19:00 Mass: Cyril & Bridget George, RIP</p>	<p>16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 20th July 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Hannah Jones, RIP 10:00 Mass: Maureen Maunder (Well Being) 11:15 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>

Congratulations!

Last Sunday His Grace the Archbishop celebrated the 10:00am Sunday Mass and conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on 14 adult and 4 young St Alban's Parishioners. It was a moment of great grace and joy for all present. Please keep them in your prayers



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.

Maureen Maunder, John C. Keenan, Dennis Kassimi, Shirley Thomas, Ian Williams, Neil B. Anne, 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, 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.



THIS WEEK'S **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 July 2025

- **Blessed Sacrament:** John Utting, RIP
- **Sacred Heart:** Young men of the Parish
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Families
- **The Lady Chapel:** Ann McConkey & Family
Chantry Bro Philip Evans, Int.
- **Our Lady of Pity:** David Gallivan
- **Our Lady of Walsingham:** David Woolf, Int
- **Shrine of St Joseph:** Baby Thomas Jackson
- **Shrine of St Alban:** Confirmandi

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.

MASS LINE: 029 2267 0924

St Alban's *Mass Line* is a dedicated telephone line connecting those without internet access to participate in Sunday at the cost of a local call.



CALLING ALL OLD COPPERS

I wish to thank those of you who gather up coppers and 5ps for the Parish Restoration Fund. It all make a difference.



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

CYNTHIA KELLEHER, RIP

Requiem Mass at St Alban's
on Tuesday 15th July at 11am.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



KNOW THE YOUR FAITH...

Laudate is a free Catholic app available for iOS and Android devices. It offers a wide array of resources including the Bible (NAB and Douay-Rheims), daily meditations, the Liturgy of the Hours, and more. It's very useful for Catholics seeking spiritual tools and information on the go. Android - [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.aycka.a](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.aycka.apps.MassReadings&hl=en_GB&pli=1) pps.MassReadings&hl=en_GB&pli=1
 iOS - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/laudate-1-catholic-app/id499428207>

POLITE NOTICE

Would parishioners please be thoughtful and considerate when parking their cars on the streets around the church. Once again I have been approached by neighbours who have been prevented from using their cars on account of inconsiderate parking around Mass times.

Oratory Customs

Relics of the saints remind us of their holiness and cooperation in God's work. "By venerating relics, we may be inspired to ask for the prayers of the saint and to live the same kind of faith-filled life as the saint." As Oratorians, we try to emulate our Holy Father St. Philip Neri, in his zeal for prayer, administering the Sacraments and daily preaching of the Word of God. As is custom in the Oratory, the veneration of the relics of St. Philip will take place after the Friday Masses. This will follow the blessing and the prayer to St. Philip composed by Ven. Baronius.

Look down from heaven, Holy Father, from the loftiness of that mountain to the lowliness of this valley; from that harbour of quietness and tranquillity to this calamitous sea. And now that the darkness of this world hinders no more those benignant eyes of thine from looking clearly into all things, look down and visit, O most diligent keeper, that vineyard which thy right hand planted with so much labour, anxiety and peril. To thee then we fly; from thee we seek for aid; to thee we give our whole selves unreservedly. Thee we adopt for our patron and defender; undertake the cause of our salvation, protect thy clients. To thee we appeal as our leader; rule thine army fighting against the assaults of the devil. To thee, kindest of pilots, we give up the rudder of our lives; steer this little ship of thine, and, placed as thou art on high, keep us off all the rocks of evil desires, that with thee for our pilot and our guide, we may safely come to the port of eternal bliss.

Amen.



ANNUAL
 MEN'S
 WALKING
 PILGRIMAGE
 TO
 OUR LADY OF
 PENRHYS
 19TH JULY 2025

Breakfast in Oratory House at
 8am

Walking 22 miles to the
 ancient shrine of Our Lady

Holy Mass at the Shrine at
 6pm

For more information email
admin@cardifforatory.co.uk



CEILIDH
 SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST
 19:00-23:00



With live music from
MARY AND THE GREEN NOTES

TICKETS: £10 ADULT, £20 FAMILY,
 £8 CONCESSIONS

ST ALBANS CHURCH HALL, CF24 2NT

BBQ FOOD, BAR OPEN

**YOUNG CHILDREN WELCOME BUT MUST BE CLOSELY SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES
 *FAMILY TICKET: 2 ADULTS & ALL CHILDREN
 *CONCESSIONS: OVER 65, UNDER 16, STUDENTS





Books Woof I Have Read

by Pippo

This week, I read *'Never Had It So Good: A History of Britain from Suez to the Beatles'*, by Dominic Sandbrook. I have mentioned previously that I am a keen listener to *'The Rest Is History'* podcast, which is presented by Tom

Holland and Dominic Sandbrook; and, whilst I have read and reviewed several of Tom Holland's books, this is the first time I have read anything by Dominic Sandbrook.

Although the politics of the years 1956 (the year of the Suez Crisis) to 1963 forms the backbone of this book, it offers so much more than merely political history because Sandbrook also delves deeply into social history, covering topics such as shopping habits, recreational activities, the growth of television, and developing tastes in music. Consequently, the book contains a series of interesting vignettes, such as an account of the rise of *The Beatles*.

Of course, one of the attractions of such a book is that it is much easier to relate to the subject matter than if one were reading a book about, say, the Romans. Many people will remember the period under consideration, or will have grown up in its aftermath. That makes it all the more relevant to the modern reader.

Not surprisingly, some of the episodes described and analysed are more entertaining than others. More than sixty years after the event, the Profumo Affair still has the capacity to surprise, amuse, or entertain (according to taste). In fairness to Sandbrook, however, he adds a good deal to these stories which I did not know, correcting popular misconceptions and setting the record straight. Moreover, he moves effortlessly between topics, using the common threads which binds together the whole of society.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book, partly because it provides a very well-written account of an important period in the development of post-War Britain, but also because it offered some excellent insights into events with which I thought I was already fairly familiar. There is a sequel to this book and I hope I shall be able to read it in the not too distant future.



End of Year Mass this Friday at 9.30am

**ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT FOR
NEW PUPILS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**

As well as the online application system for obtaining school places it is still possible to contact the school directly by phone, email and even the old fashioned way of popping into school to secure a place.

MEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO ST. MICHAEL'S MOUNT



IN HONOUR OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

8:00 - MASS

8:30 - BREAKFAST

9:30 - COACH LEAVES ORATORY

14:30 - COACH RETURN

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
ADMIN@CARDIFFORATORY.CO.UK

St Alban's on the Moors, Splott. Architectural History

Have you say...

Dr Michal Pruski, one of the parishioners attending the 11:15 Sunday Mass, is looking for volunteers to take part in a focus group on using artificial intelligence in healthcare. He is looking particularly for volunteers who are not very familiar with digital technologies, so that their views can be represented. You can find out more about the project by speaking with Michal after the 11:15 Mass or at <https://cedar.nhs.wales/our-work/value-in-health/vih-ai/>. Alternatively you can contact him on michal.pruski@wales.nhs.uk or phone his office at 029 218 44771 and ask for Michal to call you back.



This was the second siting of the pulpit. It was donated by the men of the Dowlais Steel Works. Regrettably the plaque recalling this benefaction is now unknown.