



Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

Sunday 21st September - Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

(Sat Vigil) 17:00 - Holy Mass: Sebastian Moncada, RIP
8:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Zbysek Nizio, RIP
10:00 - Holy Mass: Stephen Murray, RIP
11:15 - Holy Mass: Judge Patrick Curran, QC, RIP
16:00 - Vespers and Benediction

Monday 22nd September - Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Charlie Kirk, RIP
8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
09:30 - Holy Mass: Teresa Jonker, RIP
17:30 - Holy Rosary and Oratory Evening exercises

Tuesday 23rd September - St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Bill Jonker, Int
8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
09:30 - Holy Mass: Sheila Scannel, Int
17:30 - Holy Rosary and Oratory Evening exercises

Wednesday 24th September - Our Lady of Walsingham

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Deceased of the Paclawski Family, RIP
19:00 - Holy Mass: Mary, Jimmy & Mary Fury, RIP

Thursday 25th September - Feria

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Mrs Field, RIP
8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
09:30 - Holy Mass: Sheila Scannel, Int
17:30 - Holy Rosary and Oratory Evening exercises

Friday 26th September - Ss. Cosmas and Damian

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/John George Whitfield, RIP
8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
09:30 - Holy Mass: Sheila Scannel, Int
17:30 - Holy Rosary and Oratory Evening exercises

Saturday 27th September - Our Lady's Saturday

08:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Henry Way's Int
16:30 - First Vespers
17:00 - Holy Mass: Veronica I. Matthews

Sunday 28th September - Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

8:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Jakub Michon, Int
10:00 - Holy Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP
11:15 - Holy Mass: Judge Parick Curran, QC, RIP
16:00 - Vespers and Benediction

CONFESSION TIMES

Sundays: 15 minutes before and during all Masses
Weekdays: 7:15 to 7:30; 9:00 to 9:30

Since the time of St. Philip Neri, the Fathers of the Oratory have made themselves available for Confessions during daily Mass. Outside of these set times, there is a Confessional Bell positioned in between the two Confessional Boxes in the Church. Ring to alert a Priest.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT



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

HOLY ROSARY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 5:30pm
Wednesday: 6:00pm

The Fathers and Brothers pray the Rosary each day for the intentions of the Parish and of the Universal Church. Parishioners who wish to have a particular intention included in these prayers are kindly invited to make it known to a member of the community

VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF ST. PHILIP NERI

Friday: After morning Masses

The veneration of the relic of St. Philip Neri is a long-standing Oratory custom. When we pray before his relic, we ask for his intercession and strength to live more faithfully as Catholics.



PRAYERS REQUESTED for the SICK

Please join the Cardiff Oratory Fathers and Brothers in praying daily for the sick and those who have care for them.

A.& N Xavier Philips, Kevin Harris, Kate, Pauline Cook, Daniel Doran, Robert Matthews, Rita Taylor, John C. Keenan, Dennis Kassimi, Shirley Thomas, Ian Williams, Neil B. Anne, Daniel, Sarah Caswell, Mary May Cassidy, Rosa Tannorella, Veronica Williams, Gary Britton, Clare Schwartz, Martin Flynn, Darren, Summer Hutchinson, Johnnie Doherty, Patricia Yarwood, Libby Conway, 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.

THIS WEEK'S VIGIL LAMPS

Please use the dedicated candle envelopes in church to make a donation for your vigil candle. If you would like to have one of the vigil lamps burn for a loved one's anniversary or for some special intention or in thanksgiving please use the candle envelopes or write the name on an envelope and drop it in the plate or the sacristy. For a donation of £4.50, to pay for the candle, your intention will be remembered by the whole Parish for one week.

- Blessed Sacrament: Teadora Destanna Louro
- Sacred Heart: Judge Patrick Curran, QC, RIP
- Divine Mercy Chapel: Glowacki & Szczech Families
- The Lady Chapel: Geraldine, John, Patrick, Eveleen, Pam, Francis, Margaret Eccles, & Jean and Roy.
- Chantry of Our Lady: Ray & Mo George, Int.
- Our Lady of Pity: Fr Andrew Wise, RIP
- St Joseph: The Children of St. Alban's School
- Our Lady of Walsingham: David Woolf & the Order of St. Lazarus

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 22nd - Tai Chi with Jeanette 11:00-12:30

Join Jeanette who teaches the low-impact Chinese martial art which combines slow, flowing movements, deep breathing, and mental focus to promote overall wellbeing, balance, and strength. Great for all ages.

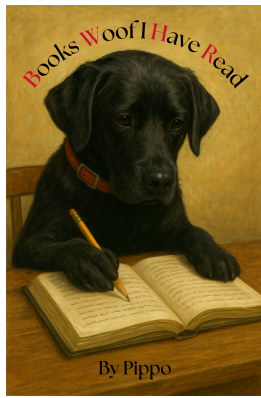
Saturday 27th - Men's pilgrimage to St. Michael's Mount 08:00-14:00

The annual men's pilgrimage to St. Michael's Mount in Abergavenny to celebrate the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel. Starting with Mass at St. Alban's, the pilgrims will make their way to the foot of the mountain and climb up to the ancient shrine.

*For more information email:
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Saturday 27th - Parish Quiz Night 19:00-22:00

Consider coming to the monthly quiz night. A jolly evening with quiz questions on all sorts of topics.



This week, I read 'Coco Chanel: The legend and the life,' by Justine Picardie. Chanel is a household name, of course, but I confess that I knew very little about her before I picked up this book.

The woman we know as Coco Chanel was born Gabrielle Chasnel in 1883. She never changed her name legally because to have done so would have revealed that she was born in a poorhouse. 'Coco', it seems, was a nickname she acquired in her late teens when she began singing as a cabaret artist to augment her income as a seamstress, a skill she had learned in the convent to which she was sent after her mother died. It is hardly surprising that such a childhood and upbringing, combining both poverty and the discipline of the convent, had a profound effect upon Chanel. It produced a young woman who was extremely hard-working, self-disciplined, and determined (to paraphrase Scarlett O'Hara) never to be poor or hungry again. She was a survivor. Indeed, Picardie is excellent at picking up those threads of Chanel's life which led back to her childhood. Even her designs were often an echo of the pure simplicities of her youth, some of them having their origins in the very architecture of the convent. Although Chanel was undoubtedly extremely talented, her poverty meant that she had to use her good looks and charm to get herself established; and she used her relationships with men to maintain herself until she was able to achieve a level of success which guaranteed her independence.

Interestingly, for all the significant romantic relationships she had during her long life (she died at the age of 87 in 1971), she never married. Perhaps, having achieved a level of freedom and independence enjoyed by very few women of her generation, she had no intentions of compromising any of that by marrying. Indeed, the way in which she managed her own image (re-writing her own history wherever necessary) demonstrated her determination to maintain absolute control.

This is a sympathetic biography which seeks to do justice to the subtleties and complexities of its subject, who was clearly a far from straightforward personality. Extremely interesting and well-written, this is not a book I would hesitate to recommend.



Men's pilgrimage
to
ST. MICHAEL'S MOUNT

Saturday 27th September 2025

8:00am Mass at St. Alban's
8:30 Breakfast in Oratory House
9:30 Coach leaves for Skirrid
14:30 Return to the Oratory

For more information please email
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**You're cordially invited to a Murder
Mystery Dinner!**

An evening of suspense, secrets, and sumptuous dining
awaits: A who's done it with a menu.

Luckily, the world's greatest detectives will be on hand to
untangle the clues:
Hercule Poirot, Father Brown, and more famous sleuths will
make an appearance in this thrilling night of deduction and
deception.

Crime scene - St. Alban's Parish Hall

4th October 2025

Dinner starts at 19:00

Cost £10.00 (includes a cocktail)

Sharpen your mind and prepare for an unforgettable night of
intrigue.

Dinner will be served—but will everyone survive to Pudding?

RACE NIGHT



FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 7:00PM

This event is for adults 18+ held in St Alban's Hall

ENTRY TICKETS £4

(includes a
glass of Prosecco)



ST. LUKE

Monthly Bible
study on to
writings of the
Evangelist

Every First Tuesday
Starts at 6:30pm

Starting October 7th
@ The Cardiff
Oratory



A Catholic view: The History of Western Philosophy

Join our year-long programme exploring the great journey of philosophy, from the wisdom of the Ancient Greeks to the questions of modern times. Along the way, uncover how these ideas are understood by the Church.

Third Tuesday of the Month

6:30pm

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Saint of the Week

The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, kept on 24 September, recalls the deep Marian devotion that has long marked England as “Our Lady’s Dowry.” It commemorates the apparition of the Blessed Virgin in 1061 to Lady Richeldis of Walsingham, who was instructed to build a replica of the Holy House of Nazareth. For centuries, Walsingham became one of the greatest pilgrimage shrines in Europe, a place where kings and peasants alike sought Our Lady’s intercession. Pilgrims came barefoot along the holy mile, praying before the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham, an image of maternal tenderness pointing always to Christ.

This devotion, however, suffered greatly during the upheavals of the Reformation. In 1538, under orders from Thomas Cromwell, the beloved image of Our Lady of Walsingham was taken to Chelsea and publicly burned, together with other sacred statues, including that of Our Lady of Penrhys. The destruction was not only an attack on the statue but also on the faith and consolation of countless English and Welsh faithful.

We fly to thy protection, Most Holy Mother of God. Despise not our poor petitions, but in our necessities, deliver us from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

