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Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

Sunday 12th October - Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

(Sat) 17:00 Holy Mass: Jaymeen Patel, RIP
 8:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Giselle Aghedo, Int
 10:00 - Holy Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP
 11:15 - Holy Mass: Sr Mary Wilfred, IC, RIP
 16:00 - Vespers and Benediction

Monday 13th October - Feria

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Ryszard Karpenia, RIP
 8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
 09:30 - Holy Mass: Helen's Int (Birthday)
 17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

Tuesday 14th October - St. Callistus

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Eileen Jones, RIP
 8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
 09:30 - Holy Mass: Isabel Frietas, RIP
 17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

Wednesday 15th October - St. Teresa of Ávil

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Deceased members of the Donor's family, RIP
 19:00 - Holy Mass: Cyril & Bridget George, RIP & Fury Family, Int

Thursday 16th October - St. Richard Gwyn

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Eileen Jones, RIP
 8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
 09:30 - Holy Mass: John Utting, RIP
 17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

Friday 17th October - St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/John Utting, RIP
 8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
 09:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls
 17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

Saturday 18th October - Our Lady's Saturday

08:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Sienna Way, Int
 16:30 - First Vespers
 17:00 - Holy Mass: Celeste, Moncoda Mandles, RIP

Sunday 19th October - Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

8:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Helena Czeslaw Buczek, RIP
 10:00 - Holy Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP
 11:15 - Holy Mass: Judge Patrick 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

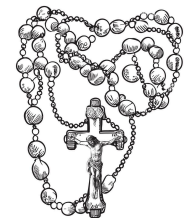


Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.00- 9.30
 Wednesday 6.00 - 7.00pm

HOLY ROSARY IN OCTOBER

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 09:00pm
 Wednesday: 6:40pm

Pope Leo has called on the faithful to pray the Rosary daily throughout October for peace. Let us answer that call together: join us before the 9:30 Mass this month as we entrust our world and our lives to Our Lady.



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.

Dianna Ward, Jimmy Pratt, Mike Grant, Shirley O'Leary, Victoria Sweeney, A.& N Xavier Philips, Kevin Harris, Kate, Pauline Cook, Daniel Doran, Robert Matthews, Rita Taylor, John C. Keenan, Dennis Kassimi, Shirley Thomas, 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, Doroška 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, RIP and Jean & Roy
- Chantry of Our Lady: John Utting, RIP
- Our Lady of Pity: Teresa Jonker, RIP
- St Joseph: Vocations to the Oratory
- Our Lady of Walsingham: David Woolf & the Order of St. Lazarus

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 6th October - Tai Chi with Jeanette

11:00-12:30

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.

ST ALBAN'S STAKES

PLEASE ENTER YOUR SELECTION(S) BELOW
FOR RACING BETS, PLEASE CLEARLY MARK TIME AND MEETING

**Race Night
Friday 24th October
2025**

£4 Entry
(Includes a glass of Prosecco)
18+ only

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR SELECTIONS

Total Stake £

St. Alban's Rugby Report



The gales were blowing last week and conditions were almost impossible to play rugby, though in some places this was the case such as the Arms Park where the posts blew down. However, St. Alban's made the short trip across the barrage to Penarth.

It was going to be a tricky fixture as both teams were undefeated, with St. Alban's having a game in hand. Penarth had the home advantage but the way St. Alban's have been playing looks like they have been playing division one rugby for years. The wind did not help either side gain momentum. St. Alban's managed to build a nice lead scoring three tries in the first half. Sadly Penarth got the final score of the first forty minutes meaning they lead 30-26.

The Buns were not able to regain their position in the match. A consolation try meant that the team got a bonus point, but a penalty to Penarth meant that the score was one away from a losing bonus point. The final score was 39-31.

St. Alban's can hold their heads high as they faced a strong established division one side in terrible conditions. All eyes now turn to the next fixture which will be a return to Virginia Park to take on Caerphilly. The team who managed to sweep the Buns in the league and win the cup final last year means there is a score to settle.

200 Club Prize Winners for October

2025

Draw took place during the Coffee Morning on the 7th October

1st Prize - No. 68 Margaret Tyler

2nd Prize - No. 42 Margaret Gristock

3rd Prize - No. 111 Joanne Brunton

B A R O N I U S T A L K S

A Series of talks on Catholic History and Culture

25th October -

Dr Robert Matthews

Catholic Recusancy in Monmouthshire



"HERE IS A NUMEROUS ASSEMBLY"



The Life of St David Lewis
Monmouthshire Martyr

"HERE IS A NUMEROUS ASSEMBLY"

A new book on the life of St. David Lewis and the other Welsh Martyrs. The book contains records of the trial and martyrdom of the last Welsh martyr.

£15

Written by a Father of the Oratory



DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER

RACE NIGHT

Friday 24th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Supported by the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales. £4 entry includes a class of Prosecco. Strictly Eighteen and Over.

BARONIUS TALKS

Saturday 25th at 12:30pm in the Lower Sacristy

A monthly talk given on Catholic History and Culture. The first talk is given by Dr Robert Matthews on Recusancy in Monmouthshire and South Wales. There is no cost to attend these talks.

NOVEMBER

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Friday 28th at 4:30pm outside the Church

One of the highlights of the year is happening, the arrival of the Christmas tree! This year, the tree lights will be switched on at 4:30 p.m., accompanied by the joyful singing of Christmas carols. Father Christmas will be joining us too, ready to collect letters from children with their Christmas wishes. Don't miss this wonderful start to the holiday season!

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 29th from 10am - 1pm in the Parish Hall

Join us for a delightful day of festive treats, handmade gifts, and seasonal cheer. Tables are available for just £10 to sell crafts and other Christmas treats.

YOUNG ADULTS OPEN MIC

Sunday 30th from 6pm-9pm in the Parish Hall

After the success of the last Open Mic, the young adults have asked for another one to be held. Those 18-35 are encouraged to come along and show off your talents, whether it be singing or storytelling. There will be refreshments available. Tickets will be £2.

DECEMBER

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Friday 12th 7pm in the Church

The Annual festival of Lessons and Carols is another highlight of the Christmas season. His Grace, the Archbishop of Cardiff-Menevia will preside this year. Following the service there will be minced pies and mulled wine in the Parish Hall.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Saturday 20th starting at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

The Christmas Social is always a jolly occasion where there will be Carols, Pantomime Sketches and the Christmas raffle draw.



Saint of the Week

St. Richard Gwyn (c. 1537–1584) was a Welsh schoolmaster, poet, and martyr who remained steadfast in his Catholic faith during a time of fierce persecution in Elizabethan England. Born in Montgomeryshire, he was educated at Oxford and Cambridge before returning to Wales, where he became a respected teacher. However, his refusal to conform to the newly established Protestant Church made him a target of the authorities.

Gwyn's courage shone through in his writings, many of which were composed in the Welsh language. His poems defended the Catholic faith and denounced the religious changes of his time, encouraging others to remain true to the ancient Church. Arrested multiple times, he endured imprisonment, fines, and harsh treatment but never wavered in his fidelity to Rome.

In 1584, after years of suffering, Richard Gwyn was condemned for refusing to acknowledge the Queen's supremacy over the Church. He was executed in Wrexham, proclaiming his faith to the end. Even as he was martyred, he prayed for his persecutors. Canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, St. Richard Gwyn stands as a model of courage, integrity, and joyful fidelity to the Catholic faith, especially for the Church in Wales.



This week, I read *'Queen Victoria & Her Prime Ministers: A Personal History'*, by Anne Somerset. Queen Victoria reigned from June 1837 to January 1901 and, during that time, 10 men occupied the post of prime minister (some of them more than once). Not surprisingly, they were very different personalities, from the rakish Lord Melbourne to the shameless flatterer Benjamin Disraeli, later Lord Beaconsfield, to the austere and intractable William Gladstone. Equally unsurprisingly, Victoria had a much better relationship with some than with others. One of the most striking features of those relationships was the way in which Victoria changed her views over time. For example, she hated Sir Robert Peel when he took over from her beloved Lord Melbourne in 1841. However, she ended up becoming very attached to Peel and was deeply saddened when he died in 1850, after being thrown from his horse whilst out riding. Similarly, her early opinions of Disraeli were extremely unfavourable, but he ended up becoming her favourite prime minister. To some extent, the ultimate success (or failure) of the relationships between Victoria and her prime ministers tended to turn upon the latter's ability to manage her. Whereas Disraeli was outrageous in his flattery of the queen, Gladstone had neither the personal charm nor the guile to ingratiate himself with a woman who, quite understandably, could never forget the immense dignity of her position. Indeed, Lord Palmerston made an enemy of her whilst still Foreign Secretary precisely because he refused to follow the long-standing convention of gaining her prior approval for dispatches before sending them. This is the third of Anne Somerset's books that I have read and she has yet to disappoint me. I think there is something very human and accessible about this book. I enjoyed reading it very much and would not hesitate to recommend it.



First Holy Communion and Confession 2026

Classes for children wishing to receive these Sacraments of Initiation will begin on the 11th January. Classes will take place in the Lower Sacristy from 4:30pm–6pm. If you wish your child to begin in January please speak to either Fr. Iltyd, Maggie or Theresa. The deadline for enrolment is the 21st December.

Catechesis is a vital part of the Church's mission, especially in the formation of children. It is through catechesis that the faith is passed on, not just as knowledge, but as a living relationship with Jesus Christ. Children are naturally open to wonder and truth; catechesis nurtures that openness, helping them to understand that they are loved by God and called to follow Him. "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14) By learning the prayers, stories, and teachings of the Church, they begin to build the foundation of a lifelong faith that will sustain them through every stage of life.

This year, our parish is introducing a new program from Dynamic Catholic called **Blessed**. It is a beautifully designed and engaging catechetical series created especially for children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Through vivid storytelling, animation, and relatable lessons, *Blessed* helps children not only learn about the sacraments but truly fall in love with them. The program encourages families to grow together in faith, turning preparation for the sacraments into a shared spiritual journey.

With *Blessed*, we hope to make catechesis an experience of joy and encounter, helping the young ones to see that the faith is not just something to study, but something to live, celebrate, and treasure for a lifetime.

Children's Liturgy

Each Sunday there is Children's Liturgy in the Lower Sacristy during the 10am Mass.

The Children learn about that Sunday's Gospel and how to put it into practice.

Speak to Theresa about your child joining.



PRAYING THE ROSARY

As Pope Leo has called on us to pray the Rosary daily throughout the month of October, it is always good to revisit the basics of the greatest prayer outside of the Mass. The Rosary is one of the most beloved and enduring devotions in the Catholic tradition, offering the faithful a way to meditate on the life of Christ through the eyes of His Blessed Mother. It is more than a series of prayers, it is a contemplative journey through the central mysteries of our salvation. Each Mystery of the Rosary opens a window into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, inviting us to encounter the Gospel not only with our minds but with our hearts. The Rosary is divided into four sets of mysteries; the Joyful, the Luminous, the Sorrowful, and the Glorious.

The **Joyful Mysteries** center on the Incarnation: the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity, the Presentation in the Temple, and the Finding of Jesus among the Doctors. These scenes remind us of the humility and faith of Mary, who said yes to God's plan, and of the hidden joys that arise from obedience and trust in His will.

The **Luminous Mysteries** added by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2002, invite us to reflect on Christ's public ministry—His Baptism in the Jordan, the Wedding at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist. They highlight the sacraments as moments where Christ continues to make Himself present and to sanctify His Church.

The **Sorrowful Mysteries**, lead us into the Passion of Christ: His Agony in the Garden, the Scourging at the Pillar, the Crowning with Thorns, the Carrying of the Cross, and the Crucifixion. Here we contemplate the cost of our redemption. As we meditate on these moments, we are invited to unite our own sufferings with His and to find in His wounds the source of mercy and forgiveness.

Finally, the **Glorious Mysteries** proclaim the triumph of Christ and the final hope of the Church: the Resurrection, the Ascension, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Assumption of Our Lady, and her Coronation as Queen of Heaven. In Mary's glorification, we see the destiny of all who remain faithful to her Son.

If you find it difficult to enter into the mysteries, a simple and beautiful aid is to use the Stations of the Rosary on the wall of the Church. As you walk from one image to the next, let each scene draw you deeper into the life of Christ, guiding your prayer and reflection. In these sacred images, faith is not only spoken but seen, reminding us that every mystery of the Rosary continues to unfold in the heart of the Church and in our own lives.



**BOOK EARLY for MASS INTENTIONS
for 2026.**

If you have a special family anniversary you wish to have Mass offered for in 2026 and want a Mass that day please book

early to avoid disappointment. There are only 52 Sundays, vigils etc.

Brown Mass Intention envelopes are provided around the church or speak to Bro. Francis Xavier M.

**MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED**

At the back of the Church will be the sheets for this year's list for parishioners and loved ones who have died. Their names will be placed in the burse and remembered at each Mass during the month.

It is the long established custom of the Oratory to have special regard for the Holy Souls in Purgatory especially during the Month of November. This will be reflected in a number of ways during the Month:

- 1) The Fathers will visit the main cemeteries of the City in the first week of November to bless the graves of your loved ones. (The Church grants a Plenary Indulgence during the Octave, 1st-8th November, for those who visit a grave of a loved one within the Octave);
- 2) There will be a Sung Requiem Mass for all Benefactors of the Parish (Parishioners, donors, priests and brothers) who have served here;
- 3) There will be a Requiem Mass for all who have died during the last year;
- 4) There will be a Requiem Mass for all alumni of St Alban's School, Old Iltydians and Brothers.

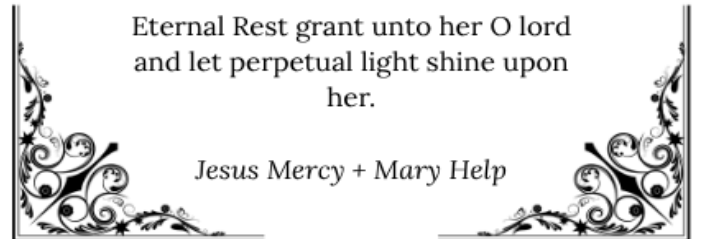
May Divine Assistance remain always with us, And may the souls of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Of your charity
Please pray for the soul of

Mrs Shirley Guerin, RIP

Requiem Mass on 30th October
at 11:00am



Eternal Rest grant unto her O lord
and let perpetual light shine upon
her.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



**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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12th December
7pm

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