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Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

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

(Sat) 17:00 - Holy Mass: Celeste, Moncada Mandles, RIP
 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

Monday 20th October - Feria

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Private Intention
 8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
 09:30 - Holy Mass: Maureen Maunder, RIP
 17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

Tuesday 21st October - Feria

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Served in defence of Poland
 8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
 09:30 - Holy Mass: Teresa Jonker, RIP
 17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

Wednesday 22nd October - St. John Paul II

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Deceased Electricians, RIP
 19:00 - Holy Mass: Sony Anthony, Int

Thursday 23rd October - St. John of Capistrano

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Teresa Jonker, RIP
 8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
 09:30 - Holy Mass: Malcolm Greenwood, RIP
 17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

Friday 24th October - St. Anthony Mary Claret

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Teresa Jonker, RIP
 8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
 09:30 - Holy Mass: The McCabe Family
 17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

Saturday 25th October - Our Lady's Saturday

08:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Lisa Way, Int
 16:30 - First Vespers
 17:00 - Holy Mass: Betty Gordon, RIP

Sunday 26th October - Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

8:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Lisa Way, Int
 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

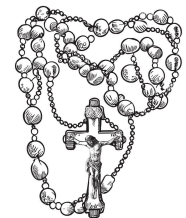


Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.00- 9.30
 Wednesday 6.00 - 7.00pm

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, 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: James Perera
- Sacred Heart: James Aird
- Divine Mercy Chapel: Glowacki & Szczech Families
- The Lady Chapel: Sabina Wood
- Chantry of Our Lady: John Utting, RIP
- Our Lady of Pity: Judge Patrick Curran, QC, RIP
- St Joseph: Annie & Hugh Riley
- Our Lady of Walsingham: David Woolf & the Order of St. Lazarus

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 20th October - Tai Chi with Jeanette

11:00-12:30

Jeanette who teaches the low-impact Chinese martial art. Great for all ages.

Tuesday 21st October - A Catholic View of Western Philosophy

18:30-19:15

A look at how Western philosophy has changed over the years and the Catholic response to the questions raised.

Friday 24th October - Race Night

19:00-22:00

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

Saturday 25th - Baronis Talk

12:30-13:30

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.

Saturday 25th - Quiz Night

19:00-22:00

The monthly Quiz will be taking place on Saturday.

St. Alban's Rugby Report



St. Alban's took on a familiar foe for last week in what was a memorable encounter. Caerphilly beat St. Alban's each time they played last year, twice in the league and once in the cup final. This was the motivation required as the Buns made their way to Virginia Park.

It looked like it would be a repeat of the previous year as Caerphilly took the lead with an unconverted try and a penalty. Good pressure from St. Alban's allowed them to claw back the points and take the lead. The home side managed to get a try just before half time but the conversion was missed so St. Alban's led 13-14 as the ref blew.

The physical game took its toll as both teams struggled to get close to the tryline. The Buns and Caerphilly were trading penalties with St. Alban's leading then the Cheesemen, then the Buns again. With only a few minutes to go, St. Alban's converted another penalty to take the victory 21-23.

To quote the Caerphilly native Tommy Cooper, "Just like that!", the Buns made amends for last year. By beating their promotion rivals, they leapfrog them into third place in the table with 14 points. For a newly promoted side, St. Alban's are doing tremendously well in such a tough league. This weekend, St. Alban's host second place Llanharan at Tremorfa park. A win would see the Buns rise to second place and continue their brilliant campaign.



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

19:00-22:00

£4 Entry

(Includes a glass of Prosecco)
18+ only


GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR SELECTIONS

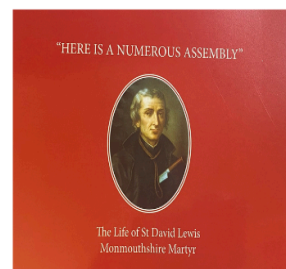
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B A R O N I U S T A L K S

A Series of talks on Catholic History and Culture

25th October -
Dr Robert Matthews
Catholic Recusancy in Monmouthshire





"HERE IS A NUMEROUS ASSEMBLY"

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

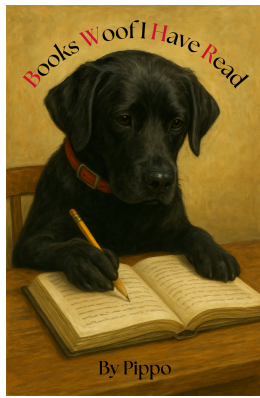
Friday 12th 7pm in the Church

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.




This week, I read 'American Duchess: A Novel of Consuelo Vanderbilt', by Karen Harper.

I must confess that when I picked up this book, I overlooked the word 'novel' and took it to be a biography. However, I soon realized my mistake and was thus confronted with a choice between pressing ahead or else moving on to something more promising. In the end, I decided to persevere.

Consuelo Vanderbilt was an American heiress and society beauty. In 1895, at the age of just 18, she was married to the Ninth Duke of Marlborough and so became one of several so-called 'dollar brides': young women who came from extremely wealthy American families and married into the titled houses of Europe. In Consuelo's case, neither bride nor groom was especially enthusiastic about the union: she was bullied into it by her mother, who was determined that her daughter become a duchess; whilst the duke agreed to marry her only to improve his financial situation. Although the marriage lasted for 25 years, and produced two children, the couple spent most of it apart and ended up divorcing. Both remarried: in Consuelo's case, it proved a happy union; in the duke's, rather less so.

For me, the principal difficulty with this book was that I was never quite sure how much of what I was reading was fact and how much of it was a product of artistic licence. In either event, it was a good story well told, but I kept wondering whether Consuelo was really as 'modern' in her attitudes as the novel led me to believe. Moreover, there were times when the book read too much like romantic fiction for my tastes. Whilst I did not regret my decision to read on, therefore, it is probably not a genre to which I will return in a hurry.

The Ecumenical Rosary Society
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.



The Rosary will be prayed by the
society on the 31st October
at 2:30pm

Missio Red Box Appeal



It's that time again! Please empty your Red Box and pop the contents into a bag with your name on it. A new label will be left for you as soon as possible.

If you don't yet have a Red Box and would like one, please see Tina at the Saturday evening Mass or John Houlston on Sunday morning.

Support missionaries worldwide with Missio. Through the iconic Red Box, your spare change helps priests, religious, and local communities bring education, healthcare, and the Gospel to those in need. Join thousands of Catholics in sharing faith, hope, and love.

REMEMBER CLOCKS GO BACK NEXT
SUNDAY!

Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



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,

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.





SCHOOL NEWS

Faith Friends Senedd Committee continue their work promoting Catholic Social Teaching. This half term we have been focussing on Human Dignity. In this week's assembly we introduced the Home/School Social Justice Journals.

The Mini disciples are delving into the topic of distributive justice by looking at how they can help those in the community who are in need.

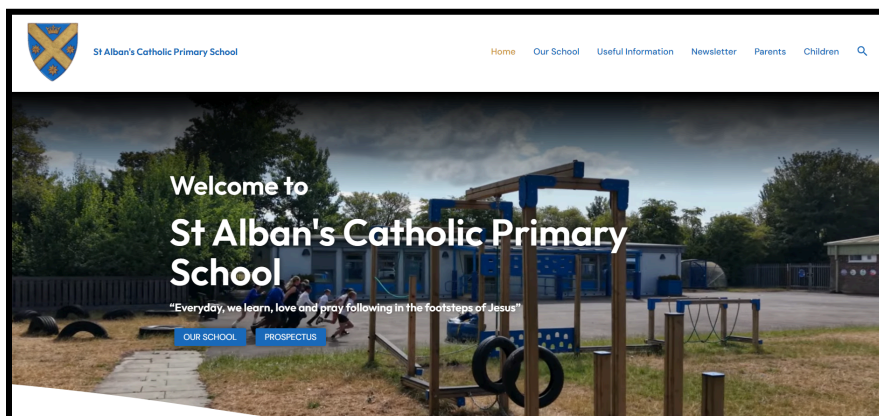


Wnaethon ni ddathlu Diwrnod Shwmae Dydd Iau! Roedd Criw Cymraeg yn gwneud pice ar y maen i'w masnachu ar gyfer 'Shwmae!' Mae'n wych gweld cariad y plant at yr iaith yn tyfu – ac pa ffordd well o'i wneud na thrwy ddweud "Shwmae" wrth ein gilydd.

We celebrated Shwmae Day on Thursday! The Welsh Crew were making Welsh cakes. to trade in exchange for saying "Shwmae!" It is great to see the children's love for the language grow and what better way to do it than by saying Shwmae to each other.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

The new school website went live last week. We are grateful to Gareth and South Wales Digital for their hard work. Visit <https://www.stalbansprm.cardiff.sch.uk> for information on the school and admissions for next year.



**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 Illydians and Brothers.

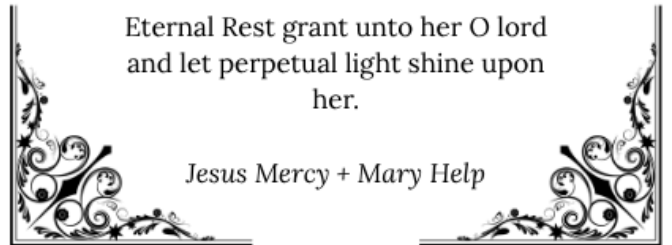
May Divine Assistance remain always with us, And may the souls of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Of your charity
Please pray for the soul of

Mr Billy Connors, RIP

Requiem Mass on 25thth October
at 10:00am



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

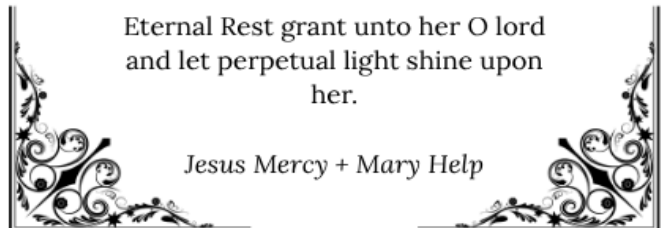
Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



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



12th December
7pm

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