

Reflection:

Consider how distracted we are. Our culture is a fragmented, time-demanding age. Following Jesus will lead us to embrace silence finding ways to attend to God and that one is never less alone than when alone.

For those who have died:

We pray for Joseph Black who died recently. Joseph's funeral service will take place at St Alban's Church on Friday 7th December at 11.30am. May he rest in peace. We keep his family in our prayers.

St Alban's First Communion 2013:

The first meeting for parents to discuss the First Communion programme for next year will be at St Alban's Parish Centre on Wednesday 12th December at 7.30pm. All application forms for the children must be returned to church by this date

Advent Reconciliation Services in the Deanery:

St Mary's

Tuesday 18th December Wednesday 19th December St George's, Normanton Thursday 20th December Friday 21st December St Hugh's, Borrowash Our Lady's, Mickleover All services begin at 7pm with visiting priests.

Ecumenical Advent Evening Prayer Service:

Join us on Wednesday 5th December, 7.30pm at Church on Oakwood for an ecumenical Advent evening prayer followed by tea and coffee. Everyone is welcome.

Advent Carol Services:

There will be a joint ecumenical Advent carol service at The Church on Oakwood on Sunday 16th December at 6.30pm. Mince pies and refreshments will be served afterwards. St Alban's Church will be celebrating their Carol Service on Sunday 23rd December (4th Sunday of Advent) at 3pm. We will bless our decorated Christmas trees and switch on the lights at this service. Some of our smaller children will be involved in this carol service.

Advent Project:

St Alban's School is linked with schools in Honduras. The children are collecting pasta to be sent over to Honduras. Jenny Cox, the founder of 'The children of Honduras Trust' will be in school during the week and I hope to tell her that she has the support of our church community. It can be our Advent project for this year. Please bring in packets of pasta (any size or shape) and leave them in the box provided. Thanks!

St Hugh's Coffee Morning:

The coffee morning last Sunday raised £100 for the Parish Roof Fund. Thank you very much.

St Hugh's Parish Outing:

Please note that the bus will leave for the Pantomime at Nottingham Playhouse, on Saturday 8th December 2012, promptly at 6.15pm outside church for those who are going. It will be a wonderful evening for all.

Advent Reflection Evening:

For the diary - Julia Palmer, our Diocesan Advisor for parish catechesis, will be at St Alban's on Wednesday 19th December to lead us in an evening of reflection in preparation for Christmas through music and meditation. The evening begins at 7.30pm and will end at 9pm with mince pies and mulled wine. Everyone is welcome.

Advent Course for Young People:

ADVENTure is a 4 week course for young people aged 13+ and is being led by Angela Gillespie, Derby City Catholic Youth Worker. The course will take place at St Mary's Parish Centre each Sunday afternoon in Advent 4-6pm. It is open to all young people from the Derby parishes who are interested in exploring the season of Advent in a fun, relaxed and creative way. For more details please contact Angela Gillespie on 07894726754.

Sanctuary Lamps:

If you would like to sponsor a lamp in memory of a loved one or a birthday or a family's intention please fill out a form and return to Fr Paul or Fr Ka Fai. Thank you.

The Oracle and The Universe:

There are free copies of the December/January edition of 'The Oracle' available, and for the next 3 weeks free copies of The Universe are available from church.

Christmas Cards:

Excellent quality Christmas cards, exclusive to St Alban's Church, are available now from church. In packs of 10, the large cards are £4 a pack, and the small are £2.50.

An evening of prayer and reflection:

You are warmly invited to join us in praying and reflecting on the readings for next weekend's Mass following the 'Wednesday Word' format. We will meet in the room next to the weekday chapel next Tuesday (4th December) at 7.30pm and finish with refreshments at 8.30pm.

St Alban's 'Wetherby' Group:

The 'Wetherby' group that uses St Alban's Parish Centre during the week invite us to their Christmas Fayre this Thursday (6th December) from 1 – 3pm. Join them for refreshments, raffles, tombola, name the teddy and other stalls.

African/Caribbean Mass:

This Sunday, 2nd December, beginning at 2pm. The African/Caribbean community will be celebrating mass at St George's Church Village Street, Normanton. Everyone is welcome. This special Mass takes place on the first Sunday of the month. A poster is on the notice board to remind us of this event every month.

There will also be a special 'Christmas gifts party day' at St George's on 23rd December at 2pm to which we are all welcome.

Christmas Flower Collection:

Next weekend there will be a second collection at St Alban's specifically for flowers for the Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity.

Sacramental Policy

Baptism: Parents who would like to have their babies or young children baptized please contact Fr Paul or Canon Ka Fai. Adults seeking Baptism or wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Fr Paul or Canon Ka Fai. Marriage: Couples wishing to marry are required to give at least six months notice. See Father Paul or Canon Ka Fai.

Communion to the Sick and Housebound: If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would like Communion at home, contact Loreta or Derek Hay, 280511 or Father Paul for St Albans and Anne & Peter Rochford, 674234 or Canon Ka Fai for St Hugh's.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

St Alban's Church

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St Hugh's Church

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First Sunday of Advent 1st/2nd December 2012 YEAR C (Weekdays Cycle 1) – DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1

Services, Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week					
Saturday	1 st	6.30 pm	St Alban's	The People of the Parish	
Sunday	2 nd	9.30 am	St Hugh's	Private Intention	
		10.00 am	St Alban's	Arthur & Brigid Blythe RIP	
		5.00 pm	Oakwood	Frank Deacy RIP	
Monday(St Francis Xavier)	3 rd	7.00 pm	St Alban's	Ron Anderson RIP	
Tuesday	4 th	9.30 am	St Alban's School	Private Intention	
		9.30 am	St Hugh's	Liz Nightingale RIP	
Wednesday		9.15 am	St Alban's	Carmelina Anzelmo's Intentions	
Thursday	6 th	9.30 am	St Hugh's	George & Eileen Sinclair RIP	
		9.15 am	St Alban's	Kathleen Claffey RIP	
Friday (St Ambrose)	7 th	9.15 am	St Alban's	Jimmy Kelly RIP	
Saturday	8 th	6.30 pm	St Alban's	Giovanna & Michele Adinolfi RIP	
Sunday	9 th	9.30 am	St Hugh's	Yvonne Woodward RIP	
		10.00 am	St Alban's	Ben Mullholland RIP (Carmelina)	
		5.00 pm	Oakwood	The People of the Parish	

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

The Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban's burns for Peter Caruth RIP and at St Hugh's burns for Godfrey McDonnell & Ruth Blakemore RIP. Please keep them in your prayers during the week.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

St Alban's – Saturday 5.45pm – 6.15pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at other times on request. St Hugh's – Before Sunday Mass and after week day Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST ALBAN'S:

Thursday from 6.15pm (Mass at 7pm) ending with Evening Prayer of the Church at 7.45pm.

Welcomers for weekend 8 th /9 th December						
St Alban's	Sat 6.30 pm	Ellen Taylor	Alice White			
	Sun 10.00 am	Kath Leach	Louise Franik			
Readers for weekend 8 th /9 th December						
St Alban's	Sat 6.30 pm	Dawn Kiddie	Ben Mason			
	Sun 10.00 am	Kevin Boyle	Trish Hurd			
Oakwood	Sun 5.00 pm	TBA				
St Hugh's	Sun 9.30 am	Domini Gregory				
Counters	St Alban's	M Rafferti	D Blackwood			
Cleaners	St Hugh's	Mrs Woodhall				