

Reflection:

Place yourself totally in god's hands for life, death, time and eternity. Do not preclude the abundance of God's grace. Feed your faith by prayer, sacrament, silence, solitude and devotional readina.

Happy New Year and many thanks!

Fr Paul and Fr Ka Fai would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely Christmas wishes, cards, gifts and very generous Christmas offerings they received. Lots of you have been very kind to us and we are really grateful. The celebrations in the churches have been fantastic! So many people have put lots of time and work into making our Christmas celebrations really wonderful and special for everyone. To all the readers, altar servers, those who made sure the churches were clean and beautifully decorated, our musicians and singers and those who welcomed our parishioners and visitors to church, to those who directed people to their seats, and anyone else who helped out quietly but effectively in the background ...thank you!

We wish you all a very Happy New Year. May 2013 bring many blessings and graces, helping all of us in our church communities to be important witnesses to the presence of Jesus in this part of Derby.

God bless and thanks again!

Happy Holiday!

Sorry to have to remind you everyone, but the Christmas break from our schools is flying by too quickly! The children return for school on Monday 7th January. Still time to have loads of fun!

Open Parish meeting:

There will be a special meeting at St Alban's parish centre on Wednesday 9th January beginning at 7.30pm and ending no later than 9pm. John Honey, chair of the Derby Pastoral Council has been asked to come along to facilitate our meeting. The question for discussion is; 'The definition of a model parish'. All the parishes in the Derby deanery have been invited to discuss this question and we have decided to open it up for the thoughts and ideas of anyone who may be interested. Come along and share your ideas in an informal friendly way. Everyone is welcome.

The Universe – St Alban's:

During Advent there were free copies of the Universe available for you to take away and read. If anyone would like to subscribe to this Catholic newspaper on a regular basis, please have a word with Fr Paul or Diane at the parish office.

St Hugh's Coffee Morning:

The Christmas Coffee Morning last Sunday raised £100 for the Parish Roof Fund. Again, a tremendous effort by the Parish Activity Group, and the Coffee was enjoyed by all.

Baby Equipment Urgently Needed:

The Derby Life Pregnancy Care Service are appealing for good quality second hand baby equipment; high chairs, car seats, cots, prams, bedding etc. There are families who are in desperate need in Derby. Contact Helen Nutman 01332 762659 if you need items collecting or drop them in at the shop; 61 Green Lane Derby.

St Alban's 'Epiphany Quiz':

Following the success of last year's parish 'Epiphany quiz' we thought we'd have another! You're welcome to come along on **Saturday 5**th **January, 7.30pm**, in the Parish Centre with a team of about 5 people and enjoy a fun evening. Bring your own drinks and the parish will provide the nibbles!

All Night Vigils for Peace:

The ongoing vigils for peace continue on the 1st Friday/1st Saturday of each month at St Georges, Village Street, Old Normanton, Derby DE23 8SZ and at The Assumption in Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1AE. 10pm – 3pm. Mass at 10pm and 2.30pm. See poster in church.

Crib Offerings:

This year's crib offerings will go to the 'Faith in Families' charity. When you make a visit to the crib and say a prayer perhaps you could make an offering for the work of the 'Faith in Families' in the Diocese.

Opening the door to our faith:

We welcome back to the parish this week, Deacon John Martin who will be with us at St Alban's for the month of January.

Deacon John will be leading us in three sessions to discuss the Year of faith. These sessions will take place at The Parish Centre on Friday 4th, 11th and 18th January from 7pm and ending with refreshments at 8pm. We will explore one of the documents of Vatican II, 'Dei Verbum', and how it can affect our lives today. Listening to the scriptures and looking at the church documents can help to sustain, feed and inspire our faith so come along, learn something new and share your thoughts and faith with others. This event has been advertised in other parishes in the Derby area and we hope that as many people as possible will come along to explore the treasures of our faith.

Spiritual Healing:

St Alban's Spirituality Group invite us to an evening of spiritual healing in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 8th January 7.30pm, finishing with refreshments at 8.30pm. Recharge your batteries in a peaceful quiet way.

First Communion Meeting:

There will be a meeting for parents of children who are in preparation for making First Communion in 2013 on Thursday 10th January at 7.30pm in St Alban's Parish Centre. This is the first of four meetings parents are asked to come to and it is important that parents do attend. The meeting will last no more than an hour. If there are any outstanding payments for the 'I Belong' book the children are using, please bring them in at this meeting. Thanks.

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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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 29th/30th December 2012 YEAR C (Weekdays Cycle 1) – DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1

Services, Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week					
29 th	6.30 pm	St Alban's	Mary Fletcher RIP		
30^{th}	9.30 am	St Hugh's	Pat Frawley RIP		
	10.00 am	St Alban's	The People of the Parish		
	5.00 pm	Oakwood	Pat Frawley RIP		
31 st	10.00 am	St Alban's	Con & Sheila O'Regan RIP		
1 st	9.30 am	St Hugh's	Private Intention		
	10.00 am	St Alban's	Gorman & Watton Families & Annie Biddle		
2 nd	7.00 pm	Oakwood	Bridget Deegan RIP		
3 rd		St Hugh's	No Service		
	9.30 am	St Alban's	Margaret Golding RIP		
4 th	9.30 am	St Alban's	Jimmy Kelly RIP		
5 th	6.30 pm	St Alban's	Pasquale Baldi RIP		
6 th	9.30 am	St Hugh's	Thanksgiving for Lucy		
	10.00 am	St Alban's	Mr Salvatore Cuomo RIP		
	5.00 pm	Oakwood	The People of the Parish		
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THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

The Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban's burns for Joe Beck's intention and at St Hugh's burns for Hugh & Frazer McDermott 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 5 th /6 th January						
St Alban's	Sat 6.30 pm	Cheryl Ashcroft				
	Sun 10.00 am	Pat Orrell	Sheila Caruth			
Readers for weekend 5 th /6 th January						
St Alban's	Sat 6.30 pm	Wyn Hinks	Dawn Kiddie			
	Sun 10.00 am	Mark Booton	Karen Billyeald			
Oakwood	Sun 5.00 pm	Sandra	Eileen			
St Hugh's	Sun 9.30 am	Terry McMenamin				
Counters	St Alban's	C Mendonca	D Kiddie			
Cleaners	St Hugh's	Mrs Woodhall				
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