

For those who have died:

Please keep in your prayers Kathleen Marshall and Eddie Doyle who died recently. Kathleen's funeral will take place at The Church on Oakwood on Friday 20th December at 10.15am and the funeral arrangements for Eddie are: Reception into St Alban's church on Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm and Funeral Mass on Monday 23rd December at 1pm. We keep their families in our prayers at this sad time.

Derby Churches Night Shelter:

If anyone would like to donate homemade cakes for the Night Shelter please contact Clare in the Parish Office. Your details will be given to Aidan Keogh who will arrange a date for collection of cakes.

Finding God in the Word during Advent:

You are invited to explore the Sunday Gospels through listening, stillness and prayer in our Parish Centre on Tuesday of this week (17th December) from 7.30-8.30pm.

Parish Carol Service:

There are two special Carol Services taking place in the parish; the first is this Sunday at The Church on Oakwood at 6.30pm and the second is next Sunday, 22nd December, at St Alban's beginning at 2pm. Mince pies, tea and coffee will be served afterwards. If anyone would like to donate mince pies (homemade or bought) they would be gratefully received!

St Alban's School:

Years 5 and 6 from St Alban's school are involved in a Carol Service in Church on Thursday 19th December at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and share the message of the Christmas story with the children.

Christmas Posters:

The Knights of Saint Columba (KSC) Derby Council has allocated a number of special Christmas posters to each parish. You are welcome to take a poster and put it in your window at home to witness to the real meaning of Christmas. The KSC Derby Council have been providing posters for Christmas and Easter for over 35 years and are always actively involved in raising money for various charities locally. We thank the KSC for all the work they do in and around our deanery. Take a look at the crib in the Derby Market place. There will be carols around the crib on Wednesday 18th December starting at 7.30pm. Fr John Trenchard from St Joseph's Church will bless the crib. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Refreshments after 10am Sunday Mass:

We provide a lovely opportunity after the 10am Mass every Sunday for people to come together, have a chat and enjoy a coffee or tea. It's great to see so many people coming along. All the money given over the last few months towards the coffee and tea was counted recently and believe it or not, we have collected £642! That's a fantastic amount raised through having a drink and a biscuit or two. Thanks to everyone who helps on the rota. Keep up the good work! If anyone would like to help on the coffee rota after Mass, please have a word with Clare Beech.

Confirmation Programme 2014:

St Alban's will be starting its 2014 Confirmation Programme on 26th February 2014 for Young People in Year 8 and above. We need to know numbers to help with planning. Please collect a form from Fr Paul or Clare Boyle in the Parish Office and return to Church by 1st January 2014. If you have any questions about the course please see Fr Paul, Lewis Fenn-Griffin or Jo & Geoff Rowlands.

2014 Sunday Missals:

There are a few 2014 Sunday Missals still available. We have managed to get them for a special 'one off' price of £5 this year. Pick one up from church before they all go!

Advent Reconciliation Services in the Deanery:

There will be opportunities for us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation around the Deanery at special Penance Services:

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| Monday 16 th December | St George's, Normanton |
| Wednesday 18 th December | St Mary's, Bridgegate |
| Thursday 19 th December | St Joseph's Burton Road |
| Friday 20 th December | Our Lady's, Mickleover |

All services begin at 7.00 pm with visiting priests.

Diaconate Candidacy of Juan Carlos Valer:

Juan Carlos has been given a date by the Diocese for his candidacy – the last step before being ordained as a Permanent Deacon. Pending Bishop Malcolm's approval, Juan Carlos will receive candidacy on Sunday 23rd February 2014 at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. We keep Juan Carlos and his wife Maria in our prayers at this exciting stage in his journey towards Ordination.

Christmas Crib Offerings:

Next weekend (4th Sunday of Advent) the Christmas tree at St Alban's will be blessed at the Parish Carol Service starting at 2pm. The crib will be in front of the altar for the Christmas Eve Mass and this year the crib offerings will go to Missio's 'Mission together' appeal helping children overseas to have access to catechesis, education and healthcare. Please remember the work of Missio when you say a prayer before the crib this year. Thank you.

Derby Deanery Proposals:

The parishes of the Derby Deanery met at St Mary's on Thursday to discuss the proposed changes to our parishes following 'The Living Stones' consultation. A summary of that meeting is available from church this weekend. Please take a copy away with you. As you will see from the summary, the likely effect of the consultation for us at St Alban's and The Church on Oakwood is that we will be linked with St Hugh's at Borrowash, and that there will eventually be one priest looking after the three churches. There is no date for this to take place. We will continue to work together with St Hugh's, sharing our sacramental programme preparation, parish information and events that are taking place in our communities, until the time comes for the link to officially come into effect.

Christmas Carols at School:

On Friday 20th December at St Alban's school beginning at 2pm, the children will be singing Christmas carols. You are welcome to come along to this event.

Sacramental Policy

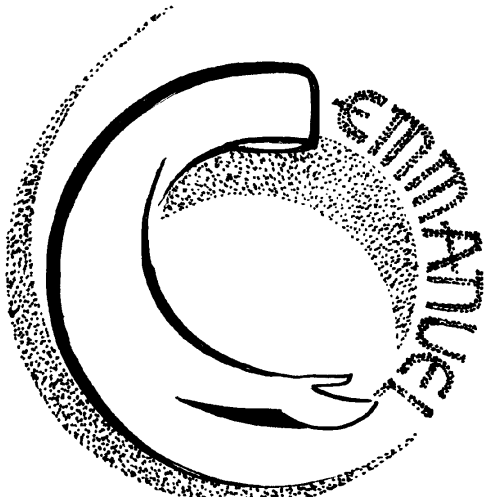
Baptism: Parents who would like to have their babies or young children baptized please contact Fr Paul.

Adults seeking Baptism or wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith, contact Fr Paul.

Marriage: Couples wishing to marry are required to give at least six months notice. See Father Paul.

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 Father Paul, Loreta or Derek Hay: 280511.

PARISH NEWSLETTER



St Alban's Church

Roe Farm Lane, Chaddesden, DE21 6ET

The Church on Oakwood

Bishop's Drive, Oakwood, DE21 2BA

Contact details:

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Chaddesden
Derby. DE21 6ET
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Websites: www.stalbandsderby.org.uk www.thechurchonoakwood.org

Third Sunday of Advent 14th/15th December 2013 YEAR A (Weekdays Cycle 2) – DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 3

Services, Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

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| Saturday | 14 th | 6.30 pm | St Alban's | The People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 15 th | 10.00 am | St Alban's | Yvonne Woodward RIP |
| | | 5.00 pm | Oakwood | Jacqueline Wood RIP |
| Monday | 16 th | 7.00 pm | St Alban's | Pat Boyle & Seamus O'Neill RIP |
| Tuesday | 17 th | 9.15 am | St Alban's | Vincenzo & Giovanna Contaldo RIP |
| Wednesday | 18 th | 7.00 pm | Oakwood | Seamus Craig RIP |
| Thursday | 19 th | 9.15 am | St Alban's | Gerard Beakey RIP |
| Friday | 20 th | 9.15 am | St Alban's | Johnny Kilkelly RIP |
| | | 10.15 am | Oakwood | Funeral Mass for Kathleen Marshall RIP |
| Saturday | 21 st | 6.30 pm | St Alban's | Bridget Deegan RIP |
| Sunday | 22 nd | 10.00 am | St Alban's | Brian Turner RIP |
| | | 5.00 pm | Oakwood | The People of the Parish |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

St Alban's: Saturday 5.45 pm – 6.15 pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at other times on request.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

NO ADORATION THIS WEEK

Patients in our Hospitals:

If you know of anyone in Hospital who would like a visit from the Chaplain, please use the following numbers:

For The Royal Derby Hospital contact switchboard on 01332 340131 or Sister Mary on 01332 346920.

For The Grove Hospital contact Fr Mark Brentnall on 01332 574474.

For Nuffield & Kingsway Hospitals contact Fr Paul Chipchase on 01332 514107.

Alternatively have a word with Fr Paul at St Alban's.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week our Sanctuary Lamp burns for Edward Doyle RIP. Please keep Eddie in your prayers during the week.

Welcomers for weekend 21st/22nd December

St Alban's Sat 6.30 pm Cheryl Ashcroft
Sun 10.00 am Win & Walter Stone

Readers for weekend 21st/22nd December

St Alban's Sat 6.30 pm Finnian Kelly Dawn Kiddie
Sun 10.00 am Sue Brown Mark Booton
Oakwood Sun 5.00 pm David Fran
Counters Gillian Dove Sanju Sabu

Catholic Schools:

St Alban's Catholic Primary -
01332 673823
St Benedict Catholic
Voluntary Academy -
01332 557032
St John Houghton Catholic
Voluntary Academy -
0115 9322896