

Open Deanery Meeting:

Everyone is invited to an Open Meeting at St Mary's Parish Hall, Bridgegate, Derby at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th December. There will be an opportunity to find out what the latest proposals are for linking parishes in the Derby area and what clergy changes are being considered. Please see the poster on our Church notice board for further details.

Senior Parishioners Christmas Lunch:

If you have put your name down for the meal on Saturday 14th December, please bring payment of £5 to church. Lifts will be available for those who have no means of transport. Leave your details with Clare in the Office.

St Alban's First Communion 2014:

Application forms are now available from the Sacristy for our Parish First Communion Programme 2014. Children eligible for First Communion must be in Year 3 or above and have been baptized into the Catholic faith. Application forms must be returned this weekend to give us time to prepare for parents meeting on Wednesday 11th December, 7.30pm. Thank you.

There will be a meeting for catechists on Monday 2nd December at 7.30pm in the Weekday Chapel to work through the details of the programme.

Derby Churches Nightshelter:

If anyone would like to donate homemade cakes for the Nightshelter please contact Clare in the Parish Office who will pass your details to Aidan Keogh who will arrange a date for collection.

Job Vacancy:

St Benedict Catholic Academy is looking to appoint a Headteacher. Dr Chris Reynolds will be retiring after 28 years as headteacher. Application forms and further details are available on www.saintben.derby.sch.uk The closing date is 4th December.

Derbyshire Faith School Transport Consultation:

There's still time to support a petition to continue to provide free/subsidized transport to St John Houghton Catholic Academy for some of the children from our feeder schools. The consultation process ends on 2nd December. Access the online consultation via: http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have_your_say/consultation_search/Consultation_search_index/faith_school_transport_2013.asp

Finding God in the Word during Advent:

You are invited to explore the Sunday Gospels through listening, stillness and prayer in our Parish Centre Tuesday 3rd December and Tuesday 17th December from 7.30-8.30pm. Drink and biscuits available.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):

There's a PPC meeting on Thursday 5th December, 7.30pm at St Alban's Parish Centre. If anyone has any issues they would like discussed, please speak with one of the members of the PPC or use the suggestion box which is on the table in the foyer at both Churches.

St Alban's Youth Group:

Youth Group takes place on Wednesday 7pm – 9pm every 2 weeks. The next Youth Group is on Wednesday 4th December and is open to all young people from Year 6.

Faith in Families Gift Tag Appeal:

Andrea Kelly from Faith in Families would like to thank all the parishioners for their wonderful efforts. Over 60 gifts were donated. These gifts will be distributed to families who otherwise could not provide special food or gifts for their children this Christmas.

Advent and Christmas Information:

Details of our Advent and Christmas Programme are now available from church. Please take a copy away with you. It gives you all the information you'll need; Mass times, special events and Carol Services. You might like to help us by passing on copies to those who may be interested.

Introducing the 'Wednesday Word':

Our parish is working in connection with children from St Alban's school to introduce the 'Wednesday Word' for families. Each week, children from Years 4 and 5 receive a colourful sheet to share with parents at home which helps them focus on a word or theme from the Gospel reading at Sunday Mass. This is a wonderful initiative and a great way of bringing the Word of God alive for families in our school and parish community.

Confirmation Programme 2014:

St Alban's will be starting its 2014 Programme on 26th February 2014 for Young People in Year 8 and above. We do however 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:

The new 2014 Sunday Missals will be on sale next weekend 7th/8th December from St Alban's and the Church on Oakwood. Special price of £5.

Bible Alive December 2013:

Copies are available from the foyer, limited to 6 copies. On sale for £2.25. Contains Mass readings and reflections for Advent and Christmas.

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:

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

All services begin at 7.00 pm with visiting priests.

Silent Prayer:

You are invited to come and enjoy a period of silent prayer in the Weekday Chapel on Monday 2nd December, 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

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.

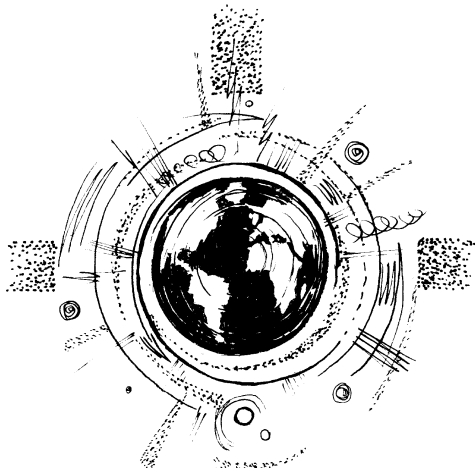
Marriage: Couples wishing to marry are required to give at least six months notice. See Father Paul.

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.



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PARISH NEWSLETTER



St Alban's Church

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The Church on Oakwood

Bishop's Drive, Oakwood, DE21 2BA

Contact details:

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Chaddesden
Derby. DE21 6ET
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Email: office@stalbandsderby.org.uk

Websites: www.stalbandsderby.org.uk www.thechurchonoakwood.org

First Sunday of Advent 30th November/1st December 2013 YEAR A (Weekdays Cycle 1) – DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1

Services, Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Saturday	30 th	6.30 pm	St Alban's	The People of the Parish
Sunday	1 st	10.00 am	St Alban's	Philip Orrell RIP
		5.00 pm	Oakwood	Frank Deacy RIP
Monday	2 nd	7.00pm	St Alban's	Jaime Huguet RIP
Tuesday (St Francis Xavier)	3 rd	9.15 am	St Alban's	Hughes Family Intention
Wednesday	4 th	9.15 am	St Alban's	Larry Donegan RIP
Thursday	5 th	7.00 pm	St Alban's	Una Healy RIP
Friday	6 th	9.15 am	St Alban's	Mary Eaton RIP
Saturday (St Ambrose)	7 th	6.30 pm	St Alban's	Giovanna & Michele Adinolfi RIP
Sunday	8 th	10.00 pm	St Alban's	Bridget Deegan 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:

Thursday from 6.15 pm in the Weekday Chapel ending with Mass at 7 pm

SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week our Sanctuary Lamp burns for Philip Orrell RIP. Please keep Philip in your prayers during the 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 Derby Royal 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.

Welcomers for weekend 7th/8th December

St Alban's	Sat 6.30 pm	Ellen Taylor	Alice White
	Sun 10.00 am	Cecilia Lewis	Angela Fairbrother

Readers for weekend 7th/8th December

St Alban's	Sat 6.30 pm	David Gilhooly	Jessica Gilhooly
	Sun 10.00 am	School Representatives	
Oakwood	Sun 5.00 pm	Andrew	Eileen
Counters	Juan Carlos and Maria Valer		

Catholic Schools:

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