For those who have died:

Please keep in your prayers Frank Race who died recently. His funeral service will take place at Markeaton Crematorium on Friday 13th December at 2pm. We keep his family in our prayers at this difficult time.

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. Further details are on the notice board.

Senior Parishioners Christmas Lunch:

If you have put your name down for the meal on <u>Saturday 14th December</u>, please bring payment of £5 to church as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so. 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:

There will be an important meeting for parents of children registered for First Holy Communion on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm. The meeting will give all the information you need for the Parish programme of preparation for First Communion and should last no longer than 45 minutes. Please arrange child care, there is no need to bring the children to this meeting.

Derby Churches Nightshelter:

If anyone would like to donate homemade cakes for the Nightshelter 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 17th December from 7.30-8.30pm.

School News:

Key Stage 1 children at St Alban's School invite us to their Christingle service in school on Thursday 12th December at 2.30pm. The staff and pupils of St John Houghton Catholic Academy invite us to their Advent service on Tuesday 10th December at 7pm in the school's Main Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Sevice:

We are invited to The Church on Oakwood Carol Service on Sunday 15th December at 6.30pm. If anyone would like to donate mince pies (homemade or bought) they would be gratefully received. Thank you!

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.

St Alban's Youth Group:

Youth Group takes place on Wednesday 7pm – 9pm every 2 weeks. The next Youth Group is on Wednesday 18th December and is open to all young people from Year 6.

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 are now available from St Alban's and the Church on Oakwood. We have managed to arrange a special one off price of £5 this year. There are a limited number available – if you are interested, please get yours soon!

'Bible Alive' December 2013:

There are one or two copies of 'Bible Alive' available from the foyer. On sale for £2.25 the December edition 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 16th December
Wednesday 18th December
Thursday 19th December
Friday 20th December
All services begin at 7.00 pm with visiting priests.

St George's, Normanton
St Mary's, Bridgegate
St Joseph's Burton Road
Our Lady's, Mickleover

Parish Christmas Bazaar:

Many thank to all those who helped make last week's Parish Christmas Bazaar so wonderful. There was a fantastic atmosphere and lots of people worked hard to make sure it would be a success – and it was! We raised over £3,100. Well done everyone! This money will be reserved for the 'Sick and Retired Clergy Fund' for the Diocese. Our contribution from St Alban's and The Church on Oakwood is £40,000 over a 4 year period. If anyone would like to contribute to this Diocesan initiative, please have a word with James Kissane, Sue Lewis or Fr Paul. The Diocese has asked all of us to consider leaving a legacy to this charity or remembering the charity in our wills. Can you help? Let us know if you can. Thank you.

If you helped by buying a brochure for the Bazaar, please check the lucky number – it could be yours. **Lucky Number Brochure Winner is 122!** If it's you, you've won a voucher for £10 at Moza Indian Restaurant.

A full list of all the winners from the raffles etc can be found on the Parish notice board.

Wedding Bells:

Congratulations to Dennis Montoya Jnr and Aimee Cann who will be married at St Alban's church on Monday 16th December at 4.30pm. Our prayers and best wishes go to Dennis and Aimee on this very happy occasion.

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



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Second Sunday of Advent 7th/8th December 2013 YEAR A (Weekdays Cycle 2) - DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2

Websites:

Services, Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Saturday Sunday	7 th 8 th	6.30 pm 10.00 pm 5.00 pm	St Alban's St Alban's Oakwood	Giovanna & Michele Adinolfi RIP Bridget Deegan RIP People of the Parish
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday (St Lucy)	9 th 10 th 11 th 12 th 13 th	7.00 pm 9.15 am 9.15 am 7.00 pm 9.15 am	St Alban's St Alban's St Alban's St Alban's St Alban's	Rolande Noonan RIP Brian Moss RIP In Thanksgiving Tom Noonan's Intention Phyllis Delay RIP
Saturday Sunday	14 th 15 th	6.30 pm 10.00 pm 5.00 pm	St Alban's St Alban's St Alban's	People of the Parish Yvonne Woodward RIP Jacqueline Wood RIP

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 Brigid Blythe RIP. Please keep Brigid 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 14th/15th December

St Alban's Sat 6.30 pm Dawn Kiddie Sun 10.00 am Joan Makin

Sheila Caruth

Readers for weekend 14th/15th December

St Alban's Sat 6.30 pm Carl Mendonca

Mike

Peter Peek

Anne Forrest

Sun 10.00 am Clare Beech

Christianna Sammut

Sun 5.00 pm Oakwood Counters Anne Kearney

Sandra

Catholic Schools:

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