

Christmas thanks from Fr Paul:

Very many thanks to everyone who was involved in making the Christmas celebrations so wonderful this year. As always, lots of people have worked really hard behind the scenes to make sure everything went well. A big thank you to all those people – the welcomers, the ushers and readers, those who decorated the church and made sure it was clean and ready for the Christmas Masses. Our music group and singers at St Alban's did us proud yet again. The altar servers were great as usual and everyone seemed to really enjoy the carol services and special Christmas Masses. A personal and sincere word of thanks for all the kind greeting cards, gifts and very generous Christmas offering – all very much appreciated. Thank you for your support and encouragement. I am very thankful and happy to be a part of such a vibrant faith filled community. I wish you all a very happy New Year 2015. May God continue to pour out his love and blessings on all of us. Fr Paul.

For those who have died:

We remember in our prayers Deacon Les Lemon (Sue Brown's dad) who died during the week and Eileen Peterken (Fr Peter Peterken's wife) who died recently. May they rest in peace. We keep their families in our prayers at this difficult time.

2015 Sunday Missals:

There are a limited number of 2015 Sunday Missals still available from Church, priced £6.

Church Cleaning at Oakwood:

The Church on Oakwood is looking for volunteers to join their cleaning rota. If you are able to help please contact Fran Wickes on 07951 143648

Youth Group:

There will be no Youth Group over the Christmas holiday. It will resume Wednesday 14th January 2015.

The Church on Oakwood crib:

The crib at The Church on Oakwood was specially made this year by some of the children in our local schools – children from St Alban's school, Breadsall Hilltop Primary, Parkview Primary and Cavendish Close Infants made the figures that now take pride of place in church. Have a look at the websites at the photos of the figures, they look great! Thank you to all the schools that were involved.

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A special prayer for the New Year 2015:

Lord God, thank you for a new year!

As we begin this New Year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we may live in peace with you and each other, one day at a time. Amen.

New Year's Day:

A reminder: On Thursday 1st January, the feast of Mary the Mother of God, Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon at St Alban's church.

Diocesan Year Books:

The 2015 Diocesan Year Book is on sale from Church for just £3.00. It gives all the information needed for the parishes, chaplaincies and schools throughout the Diocese. There are some fantastic articles this year.

Mass Intentions:

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention: on behalf of a family member, a friend or a deceased loved one, or simply as a gift, there are Mass Intention envelopes available from Church.

Sanctuary Lamps:

If you would like to sponsor a Sanctuary Lamp for any intention or as a gift, forms are available from Church.

Bethlehem Peace Light:

A light lit from a candle in the Church of The Nativity in Bethlehem is on the altar at St Alban's Church and it will remain lit through to the Feast of the Epiphany (3rd/4th January). This initiative has been supported by the Scouts and Guides of Europe and this chain of light is a symbol for actively lived charity, warmth and love. By accepting the Peace Light from Bethlehem, we hope to help overcome the darkness caused by hate, egoism and materialism. We pray for peace in the world and contentment in our lives.

Christmas Crib Offerings:

This year the crib offerings will go to help the work of 'Faith in Families'. When saying a prayer at the crib during Christmas, please consider putting a donation in the basket provided to help with the work of 'Faith in Families'.

'Crossing the Threshold':

Following the success of the 'Crossing the Threshold' evangelisation project in the Diocese, parishes in the Derby deanery were asked to consider taking part in it. Three parishes have agreed to pilot the project locally: St Alban's Chaddesden, English Martyrs Alvaston and Christ the King Mackworth. It is a parish based project with the purpose of helping us to undertake evangelisation activities in the parish through the forming of an 'evangelisation team'. It will be an opportunity for us to look at what our mission is as a Church community and identify threshold points within the parish where we can both develop our own understanding of what it means to be members of the Church, whilst reaching out and be of service to those who no longer come to Church.

Parish Epiphany Quiz Night:

Keep this date free! On Saturday 10th January in the Parish Centre we have our annual Epiphany Quiz – a chance to win the much coveted 'Epiphany Trophy' and claim to be the cleverest team in the parish!! Everyone is welcome. Come along and enjoy a great evening. Bring your own drinks and food. Nibbles will be provided!

Passing on God's love and our prayers:

There are cards available in Church to write the names of those you would like to pray for who, for whatever reason, don't join us for our community celebrations. Please remember to pass on a card to them and let them know we are keeping them in prayers.

Sacramental Policy

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

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 or contact the Parish Office.

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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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 27th/28th December 2014 YEAR B (Weekdays Cycle 2) – DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1

Services, Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Saturday	27 th	6.30 pm	St Alban's	Mary Fletcher RIP
Sunday	28 th	10.00 am	St Alban's	William Stone RIP
		5.00 pm	Oakwood	The People of the Parish
Monday (<i>St Thomas</i>)	29 th	10.00 am	St Alban's	Sabato & Emilie Anzelmo RIP
Tuesday	30 th	10.00 am	St Alban's	Con & Sheila O'Regan RIP
Wednesday (<i>St Sylvester</i>)	31 st	10.00 am	St Alban's	Seamus Craig RIP
Thursday (<i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>)	1 st	12 noon	St Alban's	Deceased members of the Forde Family
Friday (<i>Ss Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzen</i>)	2 nd	10.00 am	St Alban's	Phyllis Delay RIP
Saturday	3 rd	6.30 pm	St Alban's	The People of the Parish
Sunday	4 th	10.00 am	St Alban's	Brian Turner RIP
		5.00 pm	Oakwood	Frank Deacy 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:

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 Barry on 01332 346920.

For Grove Community Hospital: Fr Mark Brentnall or Fr Slavic Hermanowicz on 01332 574474.

For Nuffield Hospital: Fr John Trenchard on 01332 343777

For Kingsway Hospital: Fr Paul Chipchase on 01332 514107.

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

SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week our Sanctuary Lamp burns for Chris Nugent's intention.
Please keep Chris in your prayers during the week.

Welcomers for weekend 3rd/4th January

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

Readers for weekend 3rd/4th January

St Alban's	Sat 6.30 pm	Jessica Gilhooly	David Gilhooly
	Sun 10.00 am	Paul Wyatt	Christine Evans
Oakwood	Sun 5.00 pm	Mike	Sandra
Counters	Anne Kearney	Peter Peek	

Catholic Schools:

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