

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, readers, fire wardens and 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 so much 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.

Parish Epiphany Quiz Night:

Next Saturday (10th January) at 7:30pm 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 for 7:30pm and enjoy a great evening. Bring your own drinks and food. Nibbles will be provided!

Can You Help?:

There are always some of the less able people in the parish who would love to regularly come to Mass at the weekends but have no means of transport. Is there anyone who has room in their car and can offer a lift to and from Church? Please let us know at the Parish Office (01332 672914) and we can give you further details.

Passing on God's Love and Our Prayers:

This is the last weekend when cards will be 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.

Alternative Gifts – 'Embrace the Middle East':

Thank you to the Youth Group who responded to the appeal to 'embrace the Middle East' and during the Sunday's in Advent sold gift packs and crackers to help Christian partners in the Middle East. We raised £208 from the appeal which will help with eye screening, providing rice, immunization, seedlings and even jars of peanut butter. Well done! Once again, thank you to the Youth Group for organizing this special initiative.

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'.

2015 Sunday Missals:

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

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.

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 will be extinguished after this weekend's 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.

'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.

The Briars Big Bike Ride:

Taking place over three days (3rd – 5th July) the Youth Service need our support for a much needed fund raising initiative to improve the current facilities at The Briars, which provides a retreat experience for our young people of the Diocese. The Bike Ride will cover 150 miles of beautiful Derbyshire countryside. Would anyone from the parish like to be involved in taking part in the challenge? Registration forms are available from the Parish Office.

St Alban's School:

School resumes after the Christmas break this Monday 5th January. We wish all staff and pupils a happy term. There will be an 'Epiphany Liturgy' at St Alban's School on Tuesday 6th January 1pm in the School Hall. If you would like to come along you are very welcome.

A Family 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.

Spiritual Healing:

We warmly invite you to join us for an evening of spiritual healing on Tuesday 13th January at 7.30pm in St Alban's Parish Centre. Come along and have your "batteries" recharged! We finish with refreshments around 8.30pm.

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



Statement to live by: "I try to follow our school and classroom rules."

St Alban's Church

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Parish Secretary: Clare Boyle

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 3rd/4th January 2015 YEAR B (Weekdays Cycle 2) – DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2

Services, Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

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
Monday	5 th	7.00 pm	St Alban's	Francesco & Anna Cuomo RIP
Tuesday	6 th	9.15 am	St Alban's	Mary Fletcher, Bridie Lee & Tom Hardiman RIP
Wednesday	7 th	7.00 pm	Oakwood	Michael McArdle RIP
Thursday	8 th	7.00 pm	St Alban's	Bro. Gerald Beakey RIP
Friday	9 th	9.15 am	St Alban's	Phyllis Delay RIP
Saturday	10 th	6.30 pm	St Alban's	Pasquale Baldi RIP
Sunday	11 th	10.00 am	St Alban's	Salvatore Cuomo 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 7.00pm.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week our Sanctuary Lamp burns for Patrick (Patsy) Clohessy & Helen Clohessy RIP. Please keep them 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 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.

Welcomers for weekend 10th/11th January

St Alban's Sat 6.30 pm Wyn Hinks
Sun 10.00 am Avril Mather Sheila Caruth

Readers for weekend 10th/11th January

St Alban's Sat 6.30 pm Cheryl Ashcroft Becki Downing
Sun 10.00 am Karen Billyeald James Kissane
Oakwood Sun 5.00 pm Andrew Susan
Counters Gill Dove Mary Keogh

Catholic Schools:

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