

## Mass times in the Octave of Christmas

		St Alban's	Oakwood	St Hugh's
Monday <i>(St Stephen)</i>	26th December	10.00 am		
Tuesday <i>(St John)</i>	27th December			10.00 am
Wednesday <i>(The Holy Innocents)</i>	28th December	No Service	No Service	No Service
Thursday <i>(St Thomas of Canterbury)</i>	29th December	7.00 pm		
Friday <i>(The Feast of the Holy Family)</i>	30th December			10.00 am
Saturday	31st December	6.30 pm		
Sunday <i>(Mary, Mother of God)</i>	1st January 2016	10.30 am	5.00 pm	9.00 am

# CHRISTMAS 2016

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### The Church on Oakwood

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There is always something very exciting about getting ready for Christmas. If we can enjoy, but look beyond the twinkling lights and the brightly wrapped gifts under the tree, something powerful is taking place. Christmas and the build up to the festivity is about "remembering" - and what we are remembering as people of faith is the powerful arrival of God's Son, Jesus, on earth.

What all this means is that God loved the world so much, that he sent his Son to show us just how much he loves us, and through the vulnerable cry of a baby born into unusual and unlikely circumstances, God's voice of love was heard.

Advent is our spiritual journey to discover that love! We have four weeks to get ready for the great festival of the Christian Church and we can prepare in all sorts of ways; through quiet reflection of the Christmas story, through community prayer at Mass or through a living out of the themes of Advent as each candle is lit on our wreath: Hope, Joy, Love and Peace. Christmas is built around these four words - these are the 'real' gifts of the season and living these will show the effect that God's presence can have on those who are open to his arrival in our world and in our hearts.

Enjoy the season. With my prayers, *Fr Paul*

### **CAROL SERVICES**



**SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER**  
**6.30 pm at The Church on Oakwood**  
Followed by refreshments



**MONDAY 19th DECEMBER**  
**2.00 pm at St Alban's Church**  
with children from St Alban's School

**WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER**  
**7.00 pm at St Alban's Church**  
Followed by refreshments

### **Services of Reconciliation Around the Deanery**

**Friday 2nd & 9th December**—5.30 to 6.45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation at English Martyrs, Alvaston  
**Monday 12th December**—7 pm at St Alban's Chaddesden  
**Thursday 15th December**—7 pm at St George's, Village Street  
**Monday 19th December**—7 pm at St Mary's, Bridgegate  
**Tuesday 20th December**—7 pm at St Joseph's, Burton Road

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday 10th and 17th December:** -  
9.30 am—10.00 am at St Hugh's and 5.45 pm—6.15 pm at St Alban's

## **CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS**

**St Alban's Church**

**4.30 pm**

(Beginning with the blessing of the Christmas Crib)

**St Hugh's Church**

**6.30 pm** (Family Mass)

(Carols from 6.00 pm)

## **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

**The Church on Oakwood**

**8.30 am**

**St Alban's Church**

**10.30 am**