

MASSES AT CHRISTMAS

We hope you can join us for one of our four Masses at Christmas.

Christmas Eve Masses 4.30pm at St Alban's 6:30pm at St Hugh's. (6pm Carol service)

Christmas Day Masses 8:30am at The Church on Oakwood; 10:30am at St Alban's.

Boxing Day 10:00am at St Hugh's.

Christmas Offering

Traditionally the collection taken at Christmas is given to the Parish Priest, however, this is no longer the case. If you would like Fr David to receive a Christmas offering, place a donation in a sealed envelope, marked "For the Parish Priest", & either give to the church office, an usher or hand it directly to him.

A Massive THANK YOU to You All

Thank you so much for your immense generosity with your kind gifts and cards which are very much appreciated. Thank you for all you do in the communities of St Alban's, St Hugh's and Oakwood for the celebrations over Christmas time but also throughout the year. I get thanked a lot but really the thanks go especially to all those brilliant busy bees behind the scenes and those front of house who make these three fabulous communities an absolute pleasure to be your Parish Priest, may God bless you all for a restful and truly blessed Christmas. X

For those who have died:

Please pray for Joe Hodgson, Bernadette Walsh, Margaret Rose Osborne and Joan Blenkinsop who died recently. Bernadette's Funeral will take place at St Alban's on **Thursday 4th January at 12:45pm** (Reception of her body into church on **Wednesday 3rd at 5.00pm**). Joan's Funeral will be at Markeaton Crematorium on **Friday 5th December at 12 noon**. Margaret's Funeral will take place at Nottingham Road Cemetery Chapel on **Monday 8th January at 11:30am** Our prayers are with their families at this difficult time. Joe's Funeral will take place at St Alban's on **Friday 12th January at 10:30am**.

What is happening in January 2018?

Parents' Confirmation Meeting

Parents of candidates who are registered for the Confirmation Programme 2018 have their preliminary meeting to discuss the Parish Programme on **Thursday 4th January at 7.30pm** in St Alban's Parish Centre. Please bring along the Briers Residential Weekend money £46 (cheques: 'St Alban's RCP') Collect your Information letter from the church entrance.

Finding God in the Word

On **Thursday 4th January 2018** you are cordially invited to pray and reflect on the gospel reading for the weekend (Matt 2: 1-12) through listening and stillness. This is a great opportunity to prepare for the weekend liturgy. We will meet in the Weekday Chapel at **7:30pm** finishing about 8:30pm with refreshments. Angela Fairbrother 07813 584213

Reconciliation

Will be offered at **9:00 – 9:45 am** on Saturdays at St Alban's from **6th January 2018**, to align with new Mass times & venues

Mass Times Changes in the New Year

From **Saturday 6th January 2018 the 6:30pm** Saturday Mass at St Alban's and 5pm Oakwood Mass will be unified into a single Mass on Saturday at 6:30pm at Oakwood. Please do keep both communities in your prayers.

Epiphany Quiz

On the **Saturday 6th January 2018 at 7:30pm** we have the return of our famous Epiphany Quiz. Bring a bit of food and some drink for your table, and try to win the coveted Epiphany Quiz trophy from our current champions "Let's get down to quizness." Teams of no more than 6 can be made up on the night, or planned in advance. Take the rounds very seriously, or simply enjoy the evening, either way it's a great way to start the new year. We look forward to seeing you there!

St Hugh's New Year Resolution

It's Advent, the church's new year. How would you like to commit yourself to a new year resolution and get more involved in the parish? Forms are available from church. Please take one away and decide what you might commit to doing. The forms will be brought up in the offertory on **7th January**, the feast of the epiphany.

Spiritual Healing

We warmly invite you to join us for our regular evening of spiritual healing in the St. Alban's Parish Centre on **Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7:30pm**. We pray for each other in a lovely relaxed atmosphere and there is an opportunity for everyone to receive individual healing should they wish to. We finish the evening about 8:30pm with refreshments. Angela Fairbrother 07813 584213.

Nottingham Diocesan Spirituality Network

Warmly invite people of the Derby Deanery to our next Day of Prayer "Words, Words, Words!" lead by Robert Fairbrother. How we shape and are shaped by language. A gently creative day exploring how words and language affect us and those we meet on the road. This will be a very practical day with lots of opportunities to explore and exercise our creativity and our unique potential especially through the words we use and how we use them. The day is at St Alban's Parish Centre, Chaddesden, Derby, DE21 6ET on **Saturday 13th January 2018, 10:00am to 3pm**. Tea/coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch. Further information contact Angela Fairbrother 07813 584213 or Ann Neale 07730 956156

First Reconciliation and Communion Programme

The first children's session begins on **Sunday 21st January at 10:15am** in the parish hall.

Other News

Christmas Wishes

Mgr Cummins would like to pass on his very best wishes for the Christmas season and is sorry not to be able to send out as many cards as he would like to due to the extra care needed for his two sisters who are ill at this time. Please do continue to keep Mgr & his family in your prayers.

Vacancies

Derby City Catholic Youth Worker

The Catholic Parishes of Derby City seek a full-time Youth Worker to work with people (aged 11-18); inspiring and encouraging them and helping parishes develop and maintain opportunities for young people to grow to full maturity as members of the Catholic Church.

For an Application Pack & further details contact Fr David Cain at david_cain@me.com or 01332 672 914.

Closing date for applications **Monday 1st January 2018**.

Sacramental Policy

Baptism: Parents wishing to have their babies or young children baptized please contact Fr David or Deacon Juan Carlos.

Adults seeking Baptism or wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Fr David or Deacon Juan Carlos.

Marriage: Couples wishing to marry are required to give at least six months' notice. See Fr David or Deacon Juan Carlos.

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 Fr David or Angela Fairbrother 544146 for St Albans or Anne & Peter Rochford, 674234 for St Hugh's.

SCHOOLS: St Alban's Primary 01332 673823, St Benedict Secondary 01332 557032, St John Houghton Secondary 0115 9322896

PARISH NEWSLETTER – 23rd/24th December

St Alban's Church – Chaddesden

Roe Farm Lane, Chaddesden, Derby, DE21 6ET

www.stalbansderby.org.uk

The Church on Oakwood

378 Bishop's Drive, Oakwood, Derby, DE21 2DF

www.thechurchonoakwood.org

St Hugh's Church – Borrowash

Derby Road, Borrowash, Derby, DE72 3HB

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Hospital

If someone is in Hospital who would like a visit please let Fr David know or:

Royal Derby Hospital:
Urgent 01332340131

London Road Hospital:
Fr Mark 01332574474

Nuffield Hospital:
Fr John 01332343777

Kingsway Hospital:
Fr Ka Fai 01332514107

SANCTUARY LAMP:

The Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban's burns for our Senior Parishioners. Please keep them in your prayers.

St Paul Sunday Missal References

Readings & Prayers p.458, Eucharistic Prayer for Rec I p.48 & Preface p.18

Services, Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week

ONE JOINT WEEKEND MASS FOR ST ALBAN'S, ST HUGH'S & OAKWOOD

Saturday (<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>)	23 rd	6.30 pm	St Alban's	Mary Fletcher RIP
Sunday (<i>Christmas Eve</i>)	24 th	4.30 pm	St Alban's	Albino Anzelmo RIP (Anniversary)
		6.30 pm	St Hugh's	Tony Gregory RIP
Monday	25 th	8.30 am	Oakwood	The People of the Parish
(<i>The Nativity of Our Lord</i>)		10.30 am	St Alban's	Fr David Cain's Family & Friends
Tuesday (<i>St Stephen</i>)	26 th	10.00 am	St Hugh's	Bill & Mabel Cain RIP
Wednesday (<i>St John</i>)	27 th	No Mass		
Thursday (<i>The Holy Innocents</i>)	28 th	No Mass		
Friday (<i>St Thomas of Canterbury</i>)	29 th	No Mass		
Saturday	30 th	6.30 pm	St Alban's	The People of the Parish
Sunday	31 st	9.00 am	St Hugh's	Frazer McDermott RIP
(<i>The Holy Family of Jesus</i>)		10.30 am	St Alban's	Intentions of Charlotte & Laura and Anna Jo RIP
		5.00 pm	Oakwood	Frank Deacy RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

St Hugh's –

Saturday 23rd December
9.30am – 10.15am
or by appointment.

St Alban's -

Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

No adoration this week

Welcomers for weekend 30th/31st December

St Alban's	6.30 pm	Wyn Hinks	Beckie Downing
St Alban's	10.30 am	Pat Orrell	Pam Carberry

Readers for weekend 30th/31st December

St Alban's	6.30 pm	Cara McCormack	Malc Taylor
St Hugh's	9.00 am	Terry McMenamin	
St Alban's	10.30 am	Christiana Sammutt	Paul Wyatt
Oakwood	5.00 pm	Mike	Sandra
<u>Counters</u>	<u>St Alban's</u>	R & R Adinolfi	
<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>St Hugh's</u>	Mrs Dennis	Mrs Hughes
<u>Flowers</u>	<u>St Hugh's</u>	Volunteer	