Parish Newsletter 2nd/3rd December

St Alban's Church

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St Hugh's Church

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Hospital Support In an emergency call The Royal Derby Hospital on 01332 340131 for the On-Call Catholic Chaplain

Safeguarding The new "Parish Safeguarding Handbook" can be accessed from the Diocese Website https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/departments/safegarding One copy is at the back of church

Scripture Readings – First Sunday of Advent Sunday's year A weekdays year 1

Online Readings at <u>www.universalis.com/mass</u>

BIGGUNS & LITTLEUNS 11.00am-1.00pm A group for all ages. An opportunity to meet new people and enjoy watching the children explore and play. We do activities for the children and the adults should they wish to join in. But it's also fine for you to sit back and relax with a coffee and cake. @ St Alban's Parish Hall

St Alban's

Come and take a look. We accept card and cash.

St Huah's

Our Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban's burns this week:

St Alban's Holy Gift Shop is open after Mass every St Hugh's have a piety stall available in the meeting room with Sunday in the parish hall. A place to buy cards, gifts, various religious items on sale. Please go and have a look after rosaries and, as of now, Christmas cards and presents! Mass. Sunday coffee mornings after Mass. Monthly coffee mornings Nov 29^{th.} None in Dec or Jan but will return February

Derby Deanery Youth Choir - For children aged 7 upwards every Tuesday 6:30pm until 7.15pm @ St Alban's Church. (£1 a week) Derby Deanery Choir for adults every Tuesday 7.30pm until 8.30pm (£2 a week) no audition - just lots of great singing! Contact Jo for more info 07745 517371

200 Club Sign up for a number in our monthly draw for a chance to win £200 first prize, £30 second prize and £20 third prize. Only £5.00 per month to join. Drawn first Sunday of every month after Mass. What a great gift this would be to give a number as a Christmas present for a whole year!

HANDEL'S MESSIAH by candlelight will be performed by Nottingham Cathedral Choir, orchestra and special guests on Saturday 16th December at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe NG5 4HT as part of the church's diamond jubilee celebrations beginning at 7.00pm tickets £5 - £20 available from the parish office 0115 926 8288 or goodshepherd@dioceseofnottingham.uk or via Eventbright: Handel's Messiah by Candle-light Tickets, Sat 16 Dec 2023 at 19.00 | Eventbrite

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME From January, we will begin our next course for those who wish to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program is open to those who are year 8 to year 11. (up to and including 16 years old). The sessions will generally take place on Wednesday evenings with the actual confirmation on the Sunday morning Mass of the 16th of June 2024. If you would like to sign up, then you need to collect an application form and hand it in along with a short letter outlining why you wish to undertake confirmation. If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact Fr Roji, or Geoff Rowlands.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME For children in Year 3 and above. The programme will begin in January 2024. If your child would like to join the 2024 programme, please collect a form from the entrance to church, complete it and return it to the church.

Coffee Morning at Mayfield Road Methodist Church every Monday 10-12noon. Everyone welcome. A time for people to sit and chat, play board games, do crosswords etc.

I will be away in India visiting my family and community from **20th November – 15th December**. In my absence Canon Brian Dazeley will celebrate Mass at the weekends only.

First Week of Advent

Events are streamed at www.youtube.com/@stalbansderby Exposition of the blessed sacrament will be half an hour before each weekday mass starts. Confessions half an hour before weekday mass at St Alban's and St Hugh's

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Please pray for Carmelina Anzelmo who died on 11th November and whose funeral mass will take place at 10.30am on Thursday 21st December at St Alban's

Discovering of Faith Programme, for those who wish to become Catholics will be starting soon. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Roji or contact the office.

St Alban's Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday 9th December from 11am – 2pm and will commence with carols being sung in church by St Alban's School Choir. There will be lots of stalls including, crafts, gifts, cakes, bottle, chocolate tombola, piety, various games, refreshments and, of course Santa Clause. We are looking for bottles (Alcoholic, none alcoholic and any soft drinks), chocolate, new toys and any kind of gifts. Christmas Prize Draw Raffle tickets available in foyer. Please bring back counterfoils and money as soon as possible or any unsold books.

LIFE Charity Christmas Quiz sheets. Thank you to all who bought the quiz sheets. Completed sheets can still be put into the folder at the entrance to church which will be collected after this weekend of 2nd/3rd Dec or you can drop them into the Life Charity Shop, 16 St. Peter's Way, Derbion. DE1 2NR. The draw for the luxury prize hamper will take place on 9th December. LIFE Charity provides emotional, practical and housing support so that no one faces pregnancy alone. There is also a Clothes Donation Box at the back of St Hugh's porch if you're having a clear out!

GIFT AID - If you are a Gift Aid Declaration Holder please advise your parish office, or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department (parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk) of any change in your circumstances, such as name change/address change/ no longer a taxpayer. If your spouse has died and the GA Declaration was in his / her name, and you wish to continue to contribute because you are a taxpayer, then a new GA Declaration Form will need to be completed. Please also advise of the date of your spouse's death. Your continued support of both parish and Diocese is always very much appreciated – thank you! If you do not gift aid your contributions, and you are a taxpayer, and wish to do so, please speak with your parish priest, or contact the parish office for a Gift Aid Declaration Form.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Alban's 24th Dec. 4.00pm - Mass 25th December 8.30am – Mass 10.30am - Mass

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> St Hugh's 24th Dec 5.30 pm - Carol Service 6.00 pm - Mass

