

Parish Newsletter 23rd/24th December

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Safeguarding The new "Parish Safeguarding Handbook" can be accessed from the Diocese Website

<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/departments/safeguarding> One copy is at the back of church

Scripture Readings –Fourth Sunday of Advent and First week of Christmastide

Sunday's year A weekdays year 1

Online Readings at www.universalis.com/mass

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. Recommence 8th Jan.

St Alban's

St Alban's Holy Gift Shop is open after Mass every Sunday in the parish hall. A place to buy cards, gifts, rosaries and, as of now, Christmas cards and presents! Come and take a look. We accept card and cash.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME - Parents meeting Thursday 11th January at 7.15pm in church. Children's enrolment mass Sunday 14th January 2024 at 10.30am mass. Children's meetings begin at 10.15am on Sunday 21st January. First Communion dates Sunday 2nd June and possibly Sunday 9th June depending on numbers.

Christmas Eve Mass at St Alban's any children wanting to dress up in nativity costumes as any children wishing to do so can be involved in acting out the nativity story. Please speak to Louise Franik/Trish Hurd or any of the liturgy team.

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.

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.

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Fourth Week of Advent and First Week of Christmastide

Events are streamed at www.youtube.com/@stalbandsderby

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

| Day & Date | Place | Time | Event | Mass Intention |
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| Saturday 23 rd | St. Alban's | 6.30pm | Mass | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 24 th 4 th Sunday of advent Nativity of the Lord | St. Hugh's | 9.00am | Mass | Tessie Baker RIP – preceded by carols |
| 4 th Sunday of advent Nativity of the Lord | St Alban's | 10.30am | Mass | Ben Woolley RIP |
| | | 4.00pm | | David Turner RIP |
| Monday 25 th Nativity of the Lord | St. Alban's | 8.30am | Mass | Mary Fletcher RIP |
| | | 10.30am | Mass | Con O'Regan RIP |
| Tuesday 26 th St Stephen | St Alban's | 10.00am | Mass | Philip McHugh RIP |
| Wednesday 27 th St John Apostle and Evangelist | St Hugh's | 10.00am | MASS | |
| Thursday 28 th The Holy Innocents | St Alban's | 6.30pm | MASS | Pat Malone RIP |
| Friday 29 th St Thomas of Canterbury | St Hugh's | 10.00am | MASS | |
| Saturday 30 th | St Alban's | 6.30pm | Mass | Intentions of Hazel and David Battersfield |
| Sunday 31 st | St Hugh's | 9.00am | Mass | People of the Parish |
| | St Alban's | 10.30am | Mass | |

A reflection from Pope Francis for the year of Prayer, Fourth Sunday of Advent. There is no better way to pray than to place oneself like Mary in an attitude of openness, with a heart open to God: "Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want". That is, a heart open to God's will. And God always responds.

To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

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.

LIFE CHARITY The winner of the **LIFE** luxury hamper was Marc Roberts formally of Allestree. The charity raised over £200 from the quiz sheets and were grateful for the contributions from St Alban's and St Hugh's. Hopefully sometime in the New Year LIFE Charity will come along and explain a bit more about what they do and how we can support them.

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.

Parish Donations

St Hugh's



St Alban's

