# Parish Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> 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 – Second 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 8<sup>th</sup> Jan.

#### St Alban's

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

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<sup>th</sup>. None in Dec or Jan but will return February

St Huah's

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

The Holy family

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 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15pm in church. Children's enrolment mass Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 10.30am mass. Children's meetings begin at 10.15am on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January. First Communion dates Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and possibly Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June depending on numbers.

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.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Feast of the Holy Family: One does not only pray with the mind; the entire person prays, the person in his or her entirety, just as one does not pray only with one's feelings. The ancients used to say that the organ of prayer is the heart, and thus they explained that the whole person, starting from the centre — the heart enters into a relationship with God.

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

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# Second Week of Christmastide

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

Day & Date	Place	Time	Event	Mass Ir
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	Pat Ma
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> The Holy Family	St Hugh's	9.00 am	Mass	Intenti
	Alban's	10.30am	Mass	People
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan Mary, Holy Mother of God	St Alban's	10.00am	Mass	Sheila
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Christmas Feria	St Hugh's	10.00am	MASS	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Feria	St Alban's	6.30pm	MASS	Peggy I
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Feria	St Hugh's	10.00am	MASS	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	Mary F Hardim
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	St Hugh's	9.00am	Mass	People
	St Alban's	10.30am	Mass	Friends Marsha

**Discovering of Faith Programme,** for those who wish to become Catholics will be starting at 7pm Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Roji or contact the office.

A dynamic and evolving role 'Development and Communications Co-ordinator' serving the young people of the diocese of Nottingham is pivotal to supporting the development and growth of NDCYS. This is an exciting and challenging opportunity for an aspiring leader. This is initially a one year fixed term contract. Details can be found at: https://www.ndcys.com

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.

Anyone who hasn't collected their prizes from the Christmas Prize draw and raffle please collect from the office. Telephone Linda McCauley on 07758226331 to make arrangements.

**EPIPHANY QUIZ** - This annual event is taking place after the 6.30pm mass on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Gather your teams and join in the fun

It was wonderful to see so many people joining us for the Christmas celebration. The liturgy was spiritually enriching and grace filled, the church looked beautiful, the music uplifting and everyone was made very welcome. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen.

Many thanks to all parishioners for the many lovely Christmas cards and presents and wishing you all a very happy, and healthy New Year. Fr Roji

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- tions of Hazel and David Battersfield
- e of the Parish
- O'Regan RIP
- **Deacy RIP**

Fletcher RIP, Bridie Lee RIP and Tom man RIP e of the Parish

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