# **Five Christmas Masses...**

Friday 24th December

# **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

St Alban's - 4.00pm & St Hugh's - 6.00pm

Friday 25th December

## **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

The Church on Oakwood - 8.30am Mass St Alban's - 10.30am

Boxing Day - Sunday 26th December

# Feast of the Holy Family & St Stephen St Hugh's - 10.00am



#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr David

6.00pm to 6.25pm at St Alban's Thursday 2nd December: Friday 3rd December: 9.30am to 9.55am at St Hugh's Saturday 4th December: 9.00am to 9.45am at St Alban's Tuesday 7th December: 9.30am to 9.55am at St Hugh's 6.00pm to 6.25pm at St Alban's Thursday 9th December: 6.00pm to 6.25pm at St Alban's Thursday 16th December: Friday 17th December: 9.30am to 9.55am at St Hugh's 9.30am to 9.55am at St Hugh's Wednesday 22nd December: Thursday 23rd December: 9.00am to 9.45am at St Alban's

#### **Advent Reconciliation Services - Other Priests**

Thursday 16th December 7.00pm - St Mary's in Derby Tuesday 21st December 7.00pm - English Martyrs in Alveston

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#### The Church on Oakwood

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# St Hugh's Church

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#### St Alban's Church

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# **Our Advent** *Synod Journey*

Pope Francis has invited us to journey together in sharing our hopes & dreams for our parish & world community. Advent is a super opportunity to nourish ourselves in that journey with the Synod themes.

### **Our Advent** Communion

#### **CAFOD World Gifts & Projects**

- Make Christmas extra special with this virtual giving scheme to support those in greatest need visit <a href="www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts">www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts</a>
- Make Advent an opportunity to explore CAFOD's work around our world by visiting <a href="https://www.cafod.org.uk/">www.cafod.org.uk/</a>

#### **Advent Scripture Series**

- Discover how Jesus is speaking to you in Scripture On *Tuesday 7th December at 7:30pm*
- Sr Hyacinthe is a Dominican Sister, catechist, tutor, writer and joy filled follower of Jesus who will lead a workshop on Zoom introducing the 4 senses of Scripture.
- These skills are great ways to help us see how we can use and understand scripture more in our own lives and in catechesis too. Register for the talk by visiting <a href="https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/onlineevents">www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/onlineevents</a>

#### **Advent Walk With Me Booklets**

- This season of Advent is a time to pause, reflect and prepare ourselves to allow Jesus Christ, our Saviour, to encounter and draw close to us afresh this Christmas.
- The theme of the booklet's daily reflection and prayer is, An Encounter with Jesus, the Word made Flesh. These small booklets are available for all parishioners, please take one and journey together through Advent.
- If you're a Eucharistic Minister or have family, friends or neighbours who can't get out, do take one for them too!

#### The Big Clean at St Hugh's & St Alban's

 Join us for our bi-annual 60 minute BIG CLEAN at both St Hugh's & St Alban's Churches at 4pm on Wednesday 22nd December followed by Fish & Chips for all involved. Pop the date in your diary!

# **Our Advent** *Participation*

#### **Christmas Fair 2021**

- Our Christmas Fair at St Alban's is on *Saturday 11th December 11am to 2pm* and we are still seeking the following items: Bottles of something lovely for the bottle stall + cakes, homemade or bought (bring near the day) + Items in great condition for the Toys & Games Stall + Chocolate donations for the hamper.
- Tickets for the Christmas Raffle are now available. If you want any more books do ask Fr David.
- Money raised 50/50 Night Shelter & Parish Memorial Garden.

#### **Parish Christmas Carol Service**

- Join us on *Thursday 23rd December 7.00pm* at St Alban's Church for our Christmas Carol Service of which everyone is most welcome.
- Followed by mince pies & mulled wine!

#### Bambinelli Sunday - Bring Your Baby Jesus to Church

- On *Sunday 12th December*, known as Gaudete Sunday (meaning Rejoice) St. John Paul II chose this day to start a new Advent tradition which he called 'Bambinelli Sunday' (the Italian word meaning 'Little Baby Jesus') & Fr Paul shared this with me.
- You're invited to bring the Baby Jesus from your manger scene at home to either The Church on Oakwood, St Hugh's or St Alban's on the Saturday evening or Sunday morning to be blessed.
- When you return home, you then wrap up your Baby Jesus and place him under your Christmas Tree ready to open on Christmas morning.

# **Our Advent** Mission

#### **Carols on The Circus**

 Join with our local community in singing carols, listening to the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus and sharing refreshments at Sussex Circus in Chaddesden on *Tuesday 21st December at 4pm*.

#### Padley Centre Appeal & Support our Local Food Bank

- Bring NEW thermal hats, gloves, scarves, socks, small and medium underwear and 200g chocolate bars. There will be a collection box at the back of St Hugh's & St Alban's Churches for any donations.
- If you're popping into church, do drop off items for the Foodbank.

