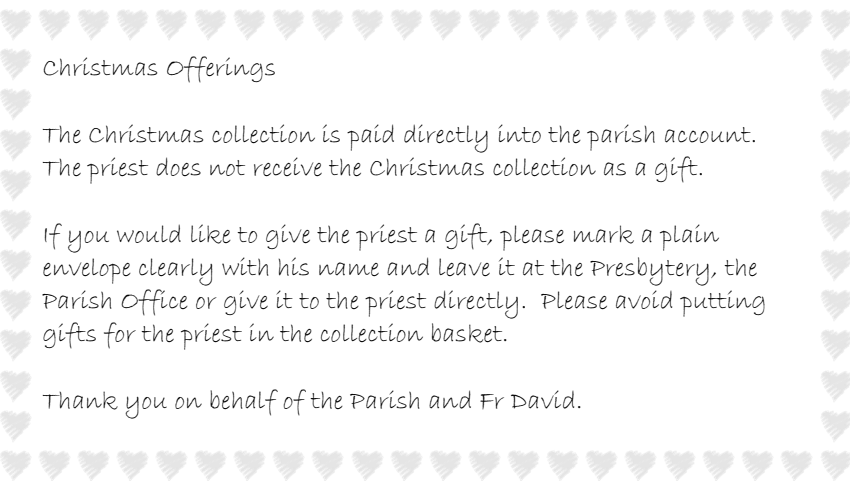


## Mass times in the Octave of Christmas

		St Alban's	Oakwood	St Hugh's
Wednesday <i>(St Stephen)</i>	26th December			10.00 am
Thursday <i>(St John)</i>	27th December	No Service	No Service	No Service
Friday <i>(The Holy Innocents)</i>	28th December	No Service	No Service	No Service
Saturday <i>(St Thomas of Canterbury)</i>	29th December	No Service	6.30pm	No Service
Sunday <i>(The Feast of the Holy Family)</i>	30th December	10.30 am	No Service	9.00 am
Monday <i>(Mary, Mother of God)</i>	31st December	TBC		
Tuesday <i>(Mary, Mother of God)</i>	1st January 2019			TBC


  
 Christmas Offerings
   
 The Christmas collection is paid directly into the parish account.
   
 The priest does not receive the Christmas collection as a gift.
   
 If you would like to give the priest a gift, please mark a plain envelope clearly with his name and leave it at the Presbytery, the Parish Office or give it to the priest directly. Please avoid putting gifts for the priest in the collection basket.
   
 Thank you on behalf of the Parish and Fr David.

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2018



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Advent is a time where we wait for an encounter with God. We're not only remembering and preparing to celebrate His coming as a tiny, vulnerable baby boy, born in Bethlehem on that first Christmas morning, but we're waiting for God to come into our hearts and minds in a deep spiritual way as well. Why is Christmas such an important festival for us? Because, as Christians, we already share in the life of Jesus in a very special way. At Christmas time, we need to try extra hard to make that encounter with Jesus into something real. Let's share with family and friends the gift of Jesus that God the Father gives to each of us. "Peace and Goodwill to All" the angels sang, "Joy to the World". Peace, goodwill and joy can become a reality through us this year. So let's open our lives to the Lord, let's celebrate our 'faith' at Christmas & prepare in Advent through these great opportunities outlined in this booklet: "O Come Let us Adore Him, Christ The Lord". May God bless you in your journey of Advent, Fr David.

## Events in Advent...

<p><b><u>ADVENT REFLECTIONS</u></b>  <b>MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER</b>            7pm—8pm            The Church on Oakwood</p>	<p><b><u>ADVENT HOUSE MASSES</u></b>  <b>WEDNESDAY'S 5th, 12th, 19th</b>  <b>DECEMBER 7.00pm</b>            See Newsletter for more Info</p>
<p><b><u>ADVENT RETREAT DAY</u></b>  <b>Saturday 8th December</b>            10.15am - 3.00pm            St Alban's Parish Centre</p>	<p><b><u>CAROL SERVICE</u></b>  <b>SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER</b>            6.30 pm at Oakwood            Festival of Lessons &amp; Carols            With Derby Deanery Choir</p>
<p><b><u>CAROLS ON THE CIRCUS</u></b>  <b>WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER</b>            4pm            Sussex Circus</p>	<p><b><u>PARISH CAROL SERVICE</u></b>  <b>'SINGING FOR SYRIANS'</b>  <b>THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER</b>            7pm at St Alban's + Refreshments</p>
<p><b><u>SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE</u></b>  <b>THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER</b>            2.00 pm at St Alban's Church            with children from St Alban's</p>	<p><b><u>CAROLS AT THE PRECINCT</u></b>  <b>Saturday 22nd December</b>            10.00am            Oakwood shops</p>

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ,  
 The Sacrament of Reconciliation & Mass**

**Thursdays of Advent at St Alban's, Chaddesden**  
 6.15pm-6.50pm Adoration & Confession, Mass at 7.00pm  
**Fridays of Advent at St Hugh's, Borrowash**  
 7am-7.30am Adoration & Confession, Mass at 7.30am

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &  
 The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays of Advent at St Alban's, Chaddesden  
 9am—9.45am at St Alban's

**Services of Reconciliation Around the Deanery in December**

**Monday 10th**—7 pm at St Alban's, Chaddesden  
**Thursday 13th** —7 pm at St George's, Derby  
**Tuesday 18th** —7 pm at St Mary's Bridgegate  
**Wednesday 19th** —7 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Mickleover  
**Friday 21st** —7 pm at English Martyrs, Alvaston

## **MONDAY 24th DECEMBER**

### **CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS**

**St Alban's Church - 4.30pm (Family Mass)**  
 (Beginning with the blessing of the Christmas Crib)

**St Hugh's Church - 6.30pm (Family Mass)**  
 (Carols from 6.00pm)

### **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

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

**ST STEPHEN'S DAY MASS (Boxing Day)**  
**Mass at St Hugh's Church - 10.00am**