

**ST ALBAN'S PARISH**

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We, the people of St Alban's Catholic Parish, worshipping together in Chaddesden and Oakwood, strive to answer the call of Christ by living out our Christian witness. We aim to ensure St Alban's Parish will continue to grow as a Christian Community which actively professes and promotes the Good News of the Gospel to everyone.

### **OUR AIM 2011 - 2013**

At St Alban's we seek to achieve our mission statement by;

Exploring ways in which the whole community can be involved in creating liturgy that appeals to a wide variety of people.

### **ACHIEVING OUR AIM**

- To create an opportunity for existing groups within the Parish to come together for an annual meeting to ensure synergy and cohesion.
- For two members of the Parish Pastoral Council to attend each group meeting throughout the liturgical year, to provide support and explore ways in which the groups can be helped to grow and develop and reach out to a wider community.
- Foster relations between church and our school children, reaching out to them through the parents, school teachers and life of the school and inviting them to church activities, celebrations and events. In addition, for the church to become more involved and interested in the school events and children's celebrations and achievements.
- Explore ways to become a more welcoming parish which promotes a sense of belonging to all. In doing so we aim to support the welcoming group more and persons involved in creating effective lines of communication.

- Involve a wide variety of people to contribute and participate in organised events and masses, enabling everyone to live their faith.
- Support the Parish Priest and Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- Support the music group and encourage new members.
- Build on and continue to develop the children's liturgy group, encouraging their involvement in Mass throughout the year.
- To explore more ways of including the sick, elderly and housebound in the life of our parish so they may feel valued and loved. To continue to nurture and develop our young people, including the altar servers, supporting the leaders and encouraging active participation in parish events and Mass.
- Support the social committee and look at ways in which we can promote the use of the hall for more events.
- Support the finance committee and oversee maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds.
- To recognise and promote the work of the spirituality group to enable a growing number of parishioners to understand and deepen their faith.
- Continue to hold enquiry groups for people to search for truth and develop a sound understanding of the Catholic faith.
- To continue the support of global organisations such as Cafod, Fair Trade and other charities.
- To maintain good working relationships between parishioners worshipping at Chaddesden and those worshipping at the Church on Oakwood.
- To continue to support the link with the Chaddesden and Oakwood Live at Home scheme.
- To maintain ecumenical ties with all Christians in Chaddesden, Oakwood and Derwent and to continue to foster good relations with those of other faiths.

**Creator God**  
**Show us how to love**  
**Spirit of wisdom, grant us new vision**  
**You call us to step out of the boat**  
**To walk upon the waters**  
**To risk all for your gospel**

**May we work together for your Kingdom**  
**In what we do and say**  
**May our lives speak to everyone**  
**Of your all embracing love**  
**So that your Church in our Diocese**  
**Will gather in a rich and fruitful harvest**  
**For your Kingdom**  
**Amen**