

# ST ALBAN'S CHURCH CHADDESSEN DERBY AND THE CHURCH ON OAKWOOD

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## DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 ~ FORTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	6.30pm	George & Edie Grayley RIP ann.
Sunday	10.00am	Gina Chiavaggo RIP
	5.30pm	At the Church on Oakwood For all Parishioners
	7.00pm	United Candlelit Carol Service At the Church on Oakwood All Welcome!
Monday	7.30pm	Service of Reconciliation
Tuesday	8.30am	Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until January 5th
	<u>NO</u>	
Wednesday	9.15am	
Thursday	Christmas Eve	Mass led by the Children's Liturgy Group Jim Barry RIP Vigil Mass Mary Fletcher RIP ann.
	4.00pm	
	6.30pm	
Friday	Christmas Day	At the Church on Oakwood Christy Johnston RIP At St. Alban's For all Parishioners
	<u>8.30am</u>	
	10.00am	
Saturday December 26 <sup>th</sup>	<u>6.30pm</u>	For all Parishioners
Sunday December 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	At the Church on Oakwood Frank Deacy RIP
	10.00am	Jim Barry RIP

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** there will be a Parish Service of Reconciliation this Monday evening, at 7.30pm. I have invited Fr. Alan and Fr. Gabriel from St. George's and Fr. Bill from St. Joseph's to come and join us. It will be on the theme of "preparing the manger" and be involving and participative. Come along!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** ~ all those who are sick or housebound.

Norah Adams, Ken & Peggy Baines, Sally Baughan, Doreen Blackwood, Helen Booton, Amanda Buckett, Rose Buxton, Tommy Byrne, Shirley Cave, Isabel Clegg, Nora Creedon, Mary Connolly, Pat Dawson, John Doe, Anne Donovan, Joan Eastwood, Mary & Eric Eaton, Lena & George Endsor, Rosa Farthing, Mary Goodwin, Thelma Hawksworth, Jean Hester, Doreen Kitchin, Min Lebeter, Paddy Malone, Nellie Martin, Betty Mazurkiewicz, Mary McEvoy, Elizabeth McCord, Joe & Mary Murphy, Michael & Gerry Murphy, Bridie Pearce, Doreen Pitman, Frank Powell, Susan Preecy, Joy Rath, Bill Stone, Brian Turner, Patrick Walsh.

### **CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS AND GREETINGS**

To everyone who lives in Chaddesden and Oakwood! A special word of greeting to those of you who are travelling elsewhere to be with family and friends this year. Our Christmas Eve masses at 4pm and 6.30pm will both be very full. Please try to make all our visitors welcome. There will be plenty of room on Christmas Day at 8.30am at the Church on Oakwood and here at St. Albans at 10.00am!

### **PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD**

Thanks to all who have already signed it. This weekend is your last chance! It will be displayed on the notice board for Christmas Eve.

### **BIDDING PRAYERS**

My thanks to Carl Mendonca, William Breslin and Dawn Kiddie who write the Bidding Prayers with me for St. Albans. Annie Squires has recently moved to Micklover and left the team ~ any volunteers please see me. It would mean writing the prayers every 5 weeks ~ training given!

### **PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE**

Our thanks to Anne Kearney who organised the cards last weekend and to all those who signed them.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

We are hoping to initiate our 6 Altar servers into the Guild of St. Stephen on Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am mass. Any queries please contact Simon Baldwin ☎ 678837 or Cheryl Shanks ☎ 679642.

### **BLESSING OF CRIB IN DERBY MARKET PLACE**

This Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7.30pm led by the Knights of St. Columba. All are welcome.

## **INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN IN HISTORY & FAITH**

A free programme ~ everyone is welcome. Every Thursday from January 7<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup> 2010, 6.30pm -8.30pm for 6 weeks. Find out about women in history from different faiths. Contact Shameen on 0787 0494140. See poster.

## **200 CLUB ~ DECEMBER WINNERS**

£250 no. 13 Max & Marjorie Butcher

£30 no.27 Mr & Mrs Rowley

£20 no. 15 Clare Beech

## **PADLEY CENTRE GIFTS**

Anyone wanting to donate wrapped non-perishable gifts for the Padley Centre, please bring them along to mass at both St. Alban's and the Church on Oakwood

## **DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: HELP NEEDED**

- **Greenery required** – if you have Holy or Ivy or other evergreens you can supply please bring to Church next weekend no later than Tues 22 Dec. and leave in the Reconciliation room.
- Anyone (new or old), willing to help with **Decorating the Church** is invited to come along on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10.30 a.m.**

Every year someone says: *"I wouldn't mind having a go but I wouldn't have much idea and anyway I'm sure there's plenty of others doing the job!"*

If that's you - you're wrong on both counts:

1. Someone will show you what's needed
2. You won't be trampled in the rush to help

If you can help in either way or want more details contact:

Di Reid on 672091 or Ellen Taylor on 602346 Thank you.

## **COLLECTIONS:**

Last week £707.77, plus £172 standing orders.

There will be one collection at Christmas masses for Christmas Offerings for Fr. Gerry.

**COUNTERS NEXT WEEK** ~ Maria Raffermtati and volunteer.

**WELCOMERS NEXT WEEK:** 6.30pm Dawn & Ryan Kiddie

10.00am Pat Orrell & Sheila Caruth

**First Reading:** Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace. **This is the word of the Lord.**

**Response to Psalm:** God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You, who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ. **This is the word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**