

# St Alban's Church, Chaddesden & The Church on Oakwood

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Gerry Murphy

## 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010 – 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

Saturday	6.30 p.m.	Patrick Noonan R.I.P.
Sunday	11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	3.00 p.m.	Advent Carol Service & Tea
<i>Oakwood</i>	5.00 p.m.	James Clarke R.I.P.
Tuesday	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday		
<i>Oakwood</i>	7.00 p.m.	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday	7.00 p.m.	Bridie Doran R.I.P.
Friday	9.15 a.m.	Betty Stack R.I.P. (Eastwood)
Saturday	10-3 p.m.	Day of Reflection for Advent
Saturday	6.30 p.m.	Michael & Annie Leahy R.I.P.
Sunday	<u>10.00 a.m.</u>	People of The Parish
<i>Oakwood</i>	5.00 p.m.	Frank Deacy R.I.P. (Family)

Sacrament of Reconciliation on request

**As we look forward to Fr Gerry returning to the parish we say a special thank you to Fr Ka Fai for his ministry to us over the past few months. We wish him all the blessings of Christmas and a peaceful New Year.**

## Sacramental Policy

**Baptism:** Parents bringing babies or young children for baptism are invited to take part in a preparation programme prior to baptism. For further details contact: Mary Keogh: 663357 or Clare Cox: 873973

**Adults** seeking Baptism or wanting to find out more about the Catholic Church are invited to join a programme of enquiry. For further details contact Shaun & Di Reid.

**First Communion:** The preparation programme is parish based and normally runs from January – May. For further details Contact Ann Kearney on 671629

**Marriage:** Couples wishing to marry are required to give at least six months notice.

## Communion to The Sick and Housebound:

For anyone who is unable to get to church but would like to receive communion in the home please contact Derek & Loreta Hay 280511 to arrange a visit.

**Parish Contacts:**

Pastoral Council (Chair)	Maria Neads	663602
Child Protection (Chad)	Mary Johnson	678506
“ (Oakwood)	Mary Woods	820319
Church Keys	Peter Peek	674350
Planned Giving	Steve Endsor	661819
Oakwood Committee	Sandra Endsor	661819
200 Club	Maureen Gray	832190
CAFOD Group	Sally Parlato	609207

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**Please pray for Bishop Malcolm** who celebrated his tenth anniversary as Bishop of Nottingham on 8<sup>th</sup> December, the Feast of The Immaculate Conception. We remember all who have been affected by the adverse weather conditions and all those who are working hard to assist the most vulnerable. Here at St Alban's we say thank you to Joe Mansell for his efforts in keeping the main Car Park free of snow and ice.

**The Parish Christmas Card 2010:** as in past years this will be available for signing after each mass during the Sundays of Advent. We are invited to use this to send Christmas greetings to fellow parishioners and make a donation in lieu of the individual cards we might otherwise send. Any monies donated will be used to purchase a World Gift from Cafod.

**A Day of Reflection for Advent:: Parish Centre Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2010,10-3 p.m**  
A time to stop and reflect; draw away from the hustle and bustle of the run-up to Christmas. Bring a packed lunch – drinks will be provided.

**Services and Events for Advent & Christmas**

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| 18 Dec  | 10-3p.m.   | Day of Reflection for Advent         | St Alban's |
| 19 Dec  | 6.30 p.m.  | Ecumenical Carol Service             | Oakwood    |
| 20 Dec. | 7.30 p.m.  | Service of Reconciliation            | St Alban's |
| 24 Dec. | 4.00 p.m   | Mass led by Children's Liturgy Group | St Alban's |
|         | 6.30 p.m   | Vigil Mass for Christmas             | St Alban's |
| 25 Dec  | 8.30 a.m.  | First Mass of Christmas Day          | Oakwood    |
|         | 10.00 a.m. | Mass of Christmas Day                | St Alban's |
| 26 Dec  | 8.30 a.m   | Mass - Feast of The Holy Family      | Oakwood    |
|         | 10.00 a.m. | Mass - Feast of The Holy Family      | St Alban's |

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

- **Greenery required** – if you have Holly or Ivy or other evergreens you can supply please bring to Church next weekend **18/19 Dec** or no later than Wed 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 **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - 10.30 a.m.**

Contact: Ellen Taylor on 602346 for further details. Thank you.

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| Children's Liturgy    | Maria Neads         | 663602 |
| Communion to the Sick | Loreta & Derek Hay  | 280511 |
| Music                 | Jo & Geoff Rowlands | 670040 |
| Readers               | Malcolm Taylor      | 602346 |
| Social Committee      | Cecelia Lewis       | 674422 |
| Spirituality Group    | Angela Fairbrother  | 544146 |
| Welcome               | Pat Orrell          | 664152 |
| Youth                 | Jim & Sally Parlato | 609207 |

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**CAFOD** This weekend we will be learning about some of the people of Cambodia who we can support through the **Connect 2** project.

Once again we are not asking for donations for any particular project but if you wish to make a regular contribution to the work of Cafod you can:

- Take a bundle of small envelopes and return them in the collection.
- Take a collecting box for loose change and return it when it is full.
- Make a contribution by Direct Debit – details at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**Faith in Families:** The autumn collection raised £594.87 from 29 boxes. This makes a total of £1198.18 for this year. Many thanks to all who continue to give so generously. *Steve & Sandra Endsor.*

**The Briars is now recruiting for team 2011-12** applicants must be 18 -25 years and willing to live for a year in the community and share their faith with others. If you know of anyone who may be suited to this work and benefit from such a year, please encourage them to apply.

Contact Hannah Stevenson 01773 852044 or email: [hannah@ndcys.com](mailto:hannah@ndcys.com)

**The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2011:** young people aged 16-18 in July 2011 are invited to join the young people's group on the Diocesan Pilgrimage. This is aimed primarily at young people who are not presently in a Catholic School. Check out [www.ndcys.com](http://www.ndcys.com) or contact [tom@ndcys.com](mailto:tom@ndcys.com).

**200 Club Draw: December Results**

£250 - Teresa Shepherd, £30 - M & J N Brown, £20 - Maria Baldi

**Rota of Duties 18/19 December 2010**

	Sat 6.30 p.m.	Sun 10.00 a.m.
Welcomers	E Taylor, A White	A Mather, S Caruth
Readers	K Clarke, C Shanks	K Billyeald, M Booton
Counters	S & D Reid	
Collection	5 Dec : £645 + £168 Standing Orders "New & Poor parishes " - £304.26 Thank You.	

## **Advent Wreath Prayer**

*Reader.* On the First Sunday of Advent we lit the Candle of Hope. Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Peace. Today as we see them lit again we remember Jesus not only as the baby born in Bethlehem, but also in the man he became and the example he set.

*Reader:* Today we light the pink candle – the Candle of Joy. With Isaiah we “exult for joy” as Mary will do. *The pink candle is lit*

*Reader:* Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus. **All respond:**

**Lord, you bring light to dark places. Help us, on our journey, to take your light with us.**

*Reader:* We wait with eager expectation for the coming of your kingdom when the blind will see, the deaf will hear and all suffering will be ended. **Response:**

*Reader:* Like John the Baptist, may we recognise Christ in the friend and the stranger. May we respond in love and learn to serve our neighbour with generosity not judgment. **Response:**

### **The First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6.10**

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Response to Psalm: Come, Lord, and save us.**

**Sung Response: May your Love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

**Second Reading: James 5:7-10**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11**

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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