

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

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19th December 2010 – 4th Sunday of Advent Year A

Saturday 18th	6.30 p.m.	Michael & Annie Leahy R.I.P.
Sunday 19th	10.00 a.m.	People of The Parish
<i>Oakwood</i>	5.00 p.m.	Frank Deacy R.I.P. (Family)
<i>Oakwood</i>	6.30 p.m.	Ecumenical Carol Service
Monday 20th	7.30 p.m.	Advent Penitential Service
Tuesday 21st	8.30 a.m.	Norah Adams R.I.P.
		<i>No Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	6.30 p.m.	Funeral reception Margaret Rau
Wednesday 22nd	1.30 p.m.	Requiem Mass Margaret Rau
<i>Oakwood</i>	7.00 p.m.	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 23rd	7.00 p.m.	Tommy Byrne R.I.P. (McCauley)
Christmas Eve:	4.00 p.m.	Patrick Murphy R.I.P. (Baldi Family)
	6.30 p.m.	Mary Fletcher R.I.P. <i>anniversary</i>
Christmas Day:	8.30 a.m. <i>Oak</i>	Christy Johnston R.I.P. (Family)
	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday 26th	8.30 a.m. <i>Oak</i>	People of The Parish
	10.00 a.m.	Raffaella Chiavazzo R.I.P. (Cuomo)
Monday 27th	10.00 a.m.	Norah Adams R.I.P.
Tuesday 28th	10.00 a.m.	Sharon Ford R.I.P. (Jim)
		<i>No Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wednesday 29th	10.00 a.m.	Betty Stack R.I.P. (Hogan)
<i>Oakwood</i>	7.00 p.m.	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 30th	10.00 a.m.	Tom Claffey R.I.P. (Nugent)
Friday 31st	10.00 a.m.	Sheila O'Regan R.I.P (Liam)
Saturday 1st Jan.	6.30 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd Jan.	10.00 a.m.	Les Brown R.I.P. (Family)
<i>Oakwood</i>	5.00 p.m.	Hilary Lodge & George Endsor R.I.P

There is opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Advent Penitential Service on Monday 20th December and also by request to Fr Gerry.

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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We give thanks for the safe return of Fr Gerry as we welcome him back to the parish this weekend. We look forward to hearing the highlights and perhaps some of the low moments of his time in Albuquerque. We once again say thank you to Fr Ka Fai for saying Mass for us over the past three months and for being available to us when we needed his guidance and help. We keep them both in our prayers.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Margaret Rau who died on Sunday last after a fall at home the previous week. Margaret's funeral will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday this coming week. We remember Joe and all her family and friends who mourn for her.

As Christmas approaches let us keep in mind all our sick, housebound and elderly parishioners and all who have care of them.

**The Parish Christmas Card 2010:** will again be available for people to sign after Mass this weekend. 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.

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

- **Greenery required** – if you can help with Holly or Ivy or other evergreens please bring them along and leave them in the church porch.
- 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.

**First Holy Communion 2011 - Sunday 19th June.**

The Introductory Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st February at 7.30 p.m. in St Alban's Parish Centre. Please make a note in your diary!

If you have children in Year 3 upwards, currently attending a non-Catholic school, and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion next year, then please contact Ann Kearney on 671629.

Further details of the programme will be published in the New Year.

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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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Connect 2 Last weekend, as part of our programme of looking at the lives of people in various parts of the world, we read about some of the people of Cambodia who are supported by Cafod. If you would like to make a regular contribution to the work you might:

- 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

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

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 or contact tom@ndcys.com.

Rota of Duties

Welcome

24/25 Dec.	To be arranged	
26 Dec.	10.00 a.m.	P. Orrell
1 Jan	6.30 p.m.	C. Shanks
2 Jan.	10.00 a.m.	C Lewis, A Fairbrother

Readers

24/25 Dec.	To be arranged	
26 Dec	10.00 a.m.	S Reid, L Collins
1 Jan	6.30 p.m.	C Mendonca, A Kearney
2 Jan.	10.00 a.m.	J Kissane, P Orrell

Counters:	26 December	2 January
	R & R Adinolfi	C Mendonca, D Kiddie

Collection 12 Dec: £653 + £168 Standing Orders
Total "New & Poor parishes " - £351.75 Thank You.

Advent Wreath Prayer

Reader: Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Joy. We light it and the candles of Hope and Peace again as we affirm our hope that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfil all of God's promises. *The first three candles are lit again.*

Reader: Today we light the fourth candle – the Candle of Love. God had such love for us that he sent his Son to live among us and share that love so that we, in turn, may love one another. *The fourth candle is lit*

Reader: Love is a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

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

Reader: We seek you among the despised and rejected knowing that there we will find your light shining in the darkness. **Response**

Reader: Like Joseph we wrestle with our disappointments and fears, our struggles and our joys. Give us the confidence to have the same trust as Joseph that things are working out according to your plan. **Response**

The First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above. No, Ahaz answered I will not put the Lord to the test.

Then Isaiah said: Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means God-is-with-us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Response to Psalm: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us". Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.