

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

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5th December 2010 – 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A

Saturday	6.30 p.m.	Giovanna & Michele Adinolfi R.I.P.
Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Rosa Chiavazzo R.I.P. (Cuomo)
Oakwood	5.00 p.m.	James Moore R.I.P. (Lily)
Tuesday	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday		
Oakwood	7.00 p.m.	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday	7.00 p.m.	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Friday	9.15 a.m.	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Saturday	6.30 p.m.	Patrick Noonan R.I.P.
Sunday	11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Oakwood	5.00 p.m.	James Clarke R.I.P.

From **Sunday 19th December** Mass at St Alban's will return to 10 a.m;
Mass at Oakwood will remain at 5 p.m. - at least until the New Year

Sacrament of Reconciliation on request – please speak to Fr Ka Fai

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 or speak to Fr Ka Fai.

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 all the sick and housebound of our parish, their carers and all who are mentioned in the parish books of Prayer Intentions.**

**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.

**My Day to Day** – A book of Daily Readings and Prayers for Advent.

Adult Copies available in the porch after Mass - £1.

Junior & Infant Copies available from Children’s Liturgy - 50p

**Advent Carol Service and Tea** – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010, 3.00 p.m.

Invitations are available in the porch for our elderly, sick and housebound parishioners. If you know of anyone who would like to attend this annual event please take an invitation and pass it onto them.

**All parishioners are welcome to attend the Carol Service.**

**Ecumenical Candlelit Carol Service** - Oakwood 19<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm,

Tea/coffee will be served after 5 p.m. Mass as well as after the service.

**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.

Parishioners are invited to a **Christmas Fayre** being run by The Day Group who meet daily in St Alban’s Parish Centre. **Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1 - 3 p.m.**

**Hampers – Gifts - Tombola – Raffle - Refreshments.**

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

The Introductory Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30 p.m. in St Alban’s Parish Centre. Please make a note in your new 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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Services and Events for Advent & Christmas

12 Dec.	3 p.m.	Carol Service for Elderly & Housebound	St Alban's
14 Dec	7 p.m.	Advent Service - St John Houghton School	
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

If there are any musicians who would like to assist at any of the Christmas & Advent Services at St Alban's please get in touch with Jo & Geoff Rowlands, Helen Booton or any member of the Music Group! Thank you!

Advent Retreat at The Briars: 10th-12th December 2010. Open to young people from Year 11 upwards, cost £73. An opportunity to look at the real meaning of Christmas. Booking Form available at www.ndcys.com

200 Club Draw: This Sunday, 5th December after 11.00 a.m. Mass

Rota of Duties 11/12 December 2010

	Sat 6.30 p.m.	Sun 11.00 a.m.
Welcomers	Cheryl Shanks	C. Lewis, A Fairbrother
Readers	A Turner, W Breslin	T Hurd, _____
Counters	F Holmes, M Allsopp	
Collection	28 Nov: £688 + £168 Standing Orders Thank you for your generosity	

Second Collection This Weekend for "New & Poor parishes of The Diocese"

Advent Wreath Prayer

Reader: Last week we lit the first candle on our Advent Wreath – the Candle of Hope, which reminded us of our hope in Christ. Today we light the second purple candle – the Candle of Peace – to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace who taught us the importance of being peacemakers and in whom true peace is found.

The two candles are lit

Reader: Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus.

Response: Lord, you bring light to dark places.

Help us, on our journey, to take your light with us.

Reader: We remember John the Baptist, a witness to the truth. May we burn with the same passion to bring an end to injustice. **Response**

Reader: We watch with those who wait and weep, longing to see the rule of justice and the reign of peace, a world where the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted. **R/**

The First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobras hole; into the vipers lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters well the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious. **This is the word of the Lord.**

Response to Psalm: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.