

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

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28th November 2010 – 1st Sunday of Advent Year A

Saturday	6.30 p.m.	George & Edie Grayley, R.I.P. John McEvoy R.I.P.
Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Philip Orrell R.I.P.
<i>Oakwood</i>	5.00 p.m.	For all The Faithful Departed
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.	Willie Deegan R.I.P. (Bridget & Family)
Friday	9.15 a.m.	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Saturday	6.30 p.m.	Giovanna & Michele Adinolfi R.I.P.
Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Rosa Chiavazzo R.I.P. (Cuomo)
<i>Oakwood</i>	5.00 p.m.	James Moore R.I.P. (Lily)

**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 our deceased relatives and friends, those from our parish who have died and all mentioned in the 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**

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. **RSVP by 5/12/10**

**Ecumenical Candlelit Carol Service - Oakwood 19th 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.

**Peter & Jo Batley** write: After 25 years of living in St Alban's Parish, we leave Derby on Dec 3rd, moving to London and then to Surrey. Our children have all moved on and Peter now works in London. We have loved and enjoyed being part of St Alban's parish community and will miss the many friends we have made over the years. Thank you to everyone in the parish that have supported our family and added much to our spiritual lives. A special thank you to Fr Gerry. Good luck to you all and you remain in our prayers.

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.**

**200 Club Draw:** Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December after 11.00 a.m. Mass

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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

3 & 4 Dec	John Bell weekend	See posters for details
12 Dec. 3 p.m.	Carol Service for Elderly & Housebound	St Alban's
18 Dec 10-3	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	Mass led by young people of the Parish	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!

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 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.

Rota of Duties 4/5 December 2010

	Sat 6.30 p.m.	Sun 11.00 a.m.
Welcomers	D Kiddie	P Orrell, S Caruth
Readers	A Forest, D Kiddie	P Wyatt, S Brown
Counters	M Raffermati, D Blackwood	
Collection	21 Nov £721 + £168 Standing Orders	
	Aid to the Church in Need - £429.15	Thank You

Second Collection Next Sunday for "New & Poor parishes of The Diocese"

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. We light our first candle, the Candle of Hope, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. *(Pause whilst the first candle is lit)*

Hope is a light shining in a dark place.

As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Response: Lord, you bring light to dark places.

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

We are searching for healing and forgiveness –

give us the courage to move out of the shadows and embrace your light. **Response**

We stay awake and wait for the coming of your kingdom when you will make all things new. Make our hearts ready, as we place all our hope in you. **Response**

The First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Response to Psalm: I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ. **This is the word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.