

Christmas message:

Special Christmas blessings to everyone!

This is my first Christmas with you at St Alban's and the Church on Oakwood and I take this opportunity to thank you for the last 11 months (or thereabouts). It's been a really busy time, but I've thoroughly enjoyed ministering to you and sharing in faith and friendship. I wish you all every happiness during this special time and really look forward to working with you in 2012; together we'll continue to make sure our community grows closer in the love of our Lord Jesus.

God bless, Fr Paul

Red Mission Boxes:

If you have a red 'Missio' Mission box at home, please bring it in to church for collection as soon as possible. Remember to put your name on the label of the box.

The Church on Oakwood:

'25 years of ministry' DVD will soon be available. Price £5 on delivery. Sign your name on the sheet at church if you'd like a copy.

There will be a joint Evening Prayer on Wednesday 4th January at 7.30pm and afterwards we will have a short meeting to finalise details for the Christian Unity Service.

Spiritual Healing:

For the New Year diary...You are welcome to join us for the next evening of Spiritual Healing on Tuesday 3rd January at 7.30pm in St Alban's Parish Centre.

For those who have died:

We remember very specially the happy repose of the soul of Rose Buxton. Rose's funeral will take place at St Alban's on Wednesday 28th December at 1.30pm. We also remember Richard Maher and Yvonne Woodward whose funerals took place at St Hugh's, Borrowwash during the week. Please keep their families in your prayers at this sad time.

Church Garden Benches:

There have been some lovely benches specially made in memory of Mary and John McEvoy, who died earlier in the year, and the deceased members of St Alban's Players. You can see the benches at the back of the Parish Centre.

Christmas offering:

Traditionally the offertory collection for Christmas goes to the Parish Priest, A big 'thank you' from Fr Paul in anticipation!

'You are Living Stones':

This new document has been presented by Bishop Malcolm and The Bishop's Council, to be developed in all parishes in our Diocese. It looks at how we can effectively plan for the restructuring of our parishes and our deanery. There are a few copies of the document available from church. You are welcome to take a copy away with you to read through. Please return it to church when you have finished, for other people to look at it. Alternatively, visit the Diocesan website www.nottingham-diocese.org.uk where you will be able to look at it on line or download a copy.

Confirmation 2012:

St Alban's, The Church on Oakwood and St Hugh's Borrowwash are joining together to help young people prepare for Confirmation next year. Bishop Malcolm will be coming to St Alban's to celebrate Confirmation on Wednesday 11th July 2012. All young people in Year 9 or upwards who are interested are asked to fill in the form from church (on the table in the foyer) and hand it in to Fr Paul or Fr Ka Fai by Sunday 29th January. Meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings, 7 – 8.30pm in St Alban's parish centre. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday 1st February.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

There will be **no** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday (20th December) and throughout the Christmas holidays. Adoration will resume on Tuesday 10th January.

Epiphany Party:

You are very welcome to our parish 'Epiphany' Party on Friday 6th January at St Alban's parish Centre beginning at 7pm. There will be a special quiz for the 'wise men' among you!! Get your team ready now and enjoy a nice evening together. Bring your own bottle and something along for a shared table.

Cafod Connect2Rwanda:

Many thanks to all who responded to our Advent appeal. Through your generosity over the last 4 weeks, we have collected a further £322.30 which will be sent to our partners in Rwanda. £112.60 came from donations in lieu of sending Christmas cards to fellow parishioners and the balance from the small boxes and Cafod envelopes. If anyone wants more envelopes or a box for regular contributions, these are available from church.

The total amount of money sent this year is: £1484.

Thank you! Please take time to look at the Christmas cards in the church porch.

Sacramental Policy

Baptism: Parents who would like to have their babies or young children baptized please contact Fr Paul.

Adults seeking Baptism or wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Fr Paul, Shaun or Di Reid.

Marriage: Couples wishing to marry are required to give at least six months notice. See Father Paul.

Communion to the Sick and Housebound: If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would like Communion at home, contact Father Paul, Loreta or Derek Hay.

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Council Chair
Child Protection (Chaddesden)
Child Protection (Oakwood)
Readers
Planned Giving
Oakwood Committee
200 Club
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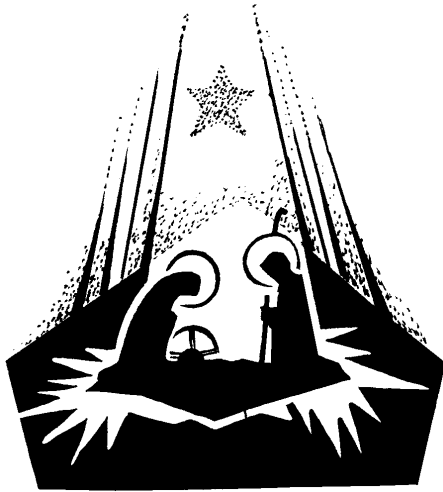
Hall Bookings: office@stalbandsderby.org.uk

Maria Neads 663602
Mary Johnson 678506
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Malcolm Taylor 602346
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Sandra Endsor 661819
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Sally Parlato 609207

Maria Neads 663602
Loreta & Derek Hay 280511
Jo & Geoff Rowlands 670040
Shaun & Di Reid 672091
Cecilia Lewis 674422
Angela Fairbrother 544146
Pat Orrell 664152
Jim & Sally Parlato 609207

SCHOOLS: St Alban's Primary 673823, St Benedict Secondary 557032, St John Houghton Secondary 0115 9322896

PARISH NEWSLETTER



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The Church on Oakwood

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Parish Secretary: Diane Williams

Christmas Day (and the Octave of Christmas) 24th/25th December 2011 YEAR B (Weekdays Cycle 2) – DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1

Services, Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	24 th	6.30 pm	St Alban's	Gorman & Watton Deceased Families
Sunday	25 th	8.30 am* 10.00 am	Oakwood St Alban's	The People of the Parish Mary Fletcher RIP
Monday (<i>St Stephen</i>)	26 th	10.00 am*	St Alban's	Father Paul's Family's Intention
Tuesday (<i>St John</i>)	27 th	10.00 am*	St Alban's	Mary Eaton RIP
Wednesday (<i>The Holy Innocents</i>)	28 th	10.00 am* 7.00 pm 1.30 pm	St Alban's Oakwood St Alban's	Con & Sheila O'Regan Service of the Word & Holy Communion Funeral Service of Rose Buxton RIP
Thursday (<i>St Thomas</i>)	29 th			No Mass
Friday (<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>)	30 th	10.00 am*	St Alban's	Nigel Melbourne's Intention
Saturday	31 st	6.30 pm	St Alban's	The People of the Parish
Sunday	1 st	10.00 am 5.00 pm	St Alban's Oakwood	Gorman & Watton Deceased Families Frank Deacy RIP

***Please note Mass changes**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

St Alban's – Saturday 5.45pm – 6.15pm

And if required after the evening Mass on Saturday at St Alban's and the Sunday Mass at The Church on Oakwood.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at other times on request.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

(No Adoration until Tuesday 10th January 2012)

Patients in our Hospitals:

If you know of anyone in Hospital who would like a visit from the Chaplain, please use the following numbers:

For The Derby Royal contact switchboard on

01332 340131 or Sr Mary on 01332 346920

For The Grove Hospital contact Fr Mark

Brennall on 01332 574474

For Nuffield & Kingsway Hospitals contact Fr

Paul Chipchase on 01332 514107

Alternatively have a word with Fr Paul.

Welcomers for weekend 31st December/1st January 2012

St Alban's	Sat 6.30 pm	Ellen Taylor	Alice White
	Sun 10.00 am	Avril Mather	Sheila Caruth

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St Alban's	Sat 6.30 pm	Anne Forrest	William Breslin
	Sun 10.00 am	Clare Beech	Taylor Fearn

Counters	M Rafferhati	D Blackwood
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Thought for the week!

"Affirmations motivate us to move forward. Try affirming someone today by giving a genuine word of approval".
(Philippians 2:3)