

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

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2nd January 2011 - Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	6.30 p.m.	Johnny Kelly R.I.P. anniversary
Sunday	10.00 a.m.	Les Brown R.I.P. (Family)
<i>Oakwood</i>	5.00 p.m.	Hilary Lodge & George Endsor R.I.P
Monday	10.00 a.m.	Patricia Dawson R.I.P.
Tuesday	<i>No Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Wednesday		
<i>Oakwood</i>	7.00 p.m.	Joint Evening Prayer
Friday	9.15 a.m	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Saturday.	6.30 p.m.	William Stone R.I.P. anniversary
Sunday	10.00 a.m.	For all parishioners
<i>Oakwood</i>	5.00 p.m.	Barney Kelly R.I.P.

Sacrament of Reconciliation on request

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 details contact Shaun & Di Reid: 672091

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:** James Hughes, Dick Ennis, Elizabeth McCord and Rita Corrigan and all those who are in hospital.

Please remember all the housebound members of the parish:

Ken & Peggy Baines, Margaret Barry, Sally Baughan, Amanda Bucket, Shirley Cave, Isabel Clegg, Mary Connolly, Norah Creedon, Anne Donovan, Joan Eastwood, Rosa Farthing, Mary Goodwin, Thelma Hawksworth, Doreen Kitchin, Min Lebeter, Paddy Malone, Nellie Martin, Mary Murphy, Frank Powell, Joy Rath, Brian Turner, John & Phyllis Delay, Rose Buxton. Our thanks to the Eucharistic Ministers who regularly take them Holy Communion.

**Happy New Year!**

What will 2011 hold for us? Nobody ever knows in any detail! Normally we celebrate January 1<sup>st</sup> as the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. It highlights her part in giving birth to Jesus, who in his adult life and especially in his dying on the cross and being raised to new life, will be revealed as God. This year we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany on January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. It gives the New Year a slightly different flavour – the baby being visited by wise men from the East. We are reminded that all of our ‘small worlds’ actually belong to ‘much bigger worlds’ which include foreigners, strangers, people from the east, people different from ourselves. It is the baby who has the power to unite us all.

**A Big Thank You!**

To everyone who made our Christmas Celebrations special. More than 700 people came to our three Christmas masses at St Alban’s and approx. 50 to the Church on Oakwood. Our thanks to everyone who helped prepare and celebrate – our teams of Decorators, Cleaners, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and especially the Music Group – many of whom came to 2 or even 3 of the Christmas masses! The Children’s Liturgy Group lead the 4 p.m. mass so invitingly and suggestively and various other families our other celebrations. Thank you to all!

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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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My Sabbatical

I realise how lucky I am being able to go away for 100 days renewal! I would like to formally thank all of you for making it possible.

Many of you encouraged me to go and appreciated my need for renewal. All of you adapted while I was away: to different mass times; to a different priest in Fr Ka Fai; to taking more responsibility in the running of the parish. So a big thank you to you all. I would especially like to thank Shaun & Di Reid who looked after the administration and Peter Peek who looked after the church and the banking. My thanks too to the team at Oakwood who ensured the smooth running of their Sunday evening mass.

Parish Christmas Card is displayed on the main notice board. Thanks to all who signed it. £123 was donated and will be sent to Cafod for World Gifts.

Fr Gerry Collins died peacefully in Louth, Lincolnshire on Sunday 26th December. He was Parish Priest in Allestree, 1983 -89 and at Ashbourne, 1989 - 2001, when he retired. His funeral will take place on Wednesday January 5th at St Mary's Louth at 10 a.m.

200 Club Draw will take place next **Sunday 9th Jan.** at 11.15 a.m. All cheques and monies beforehand please. Thank you to all who support the 200 Club.

Rota of Duties 8/9 January 2011

	Sat 6.30 p.m.	Sun 10.00 a.m.
Welcomers	E Taylor, A White	Walter & Win Stone
Readers	D Kiddie, A Forest	C Cuomo, C Beech
Counters	John & Judith Davis	
Collection	19 Dec : £786 + £168 Standing Orders	
	26 Dec : £480 " " "	

Thanks to you all for the generous Christmas Offerings you made to me on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

First Reading: *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Response to the Psalm: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

Second Reading: *Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 2:1-12*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.