

Thank you!

I'd like to wish all of you a wonderful New Year with lots of happiness and blessings. Our Christmas celebrations have been fabulous! Lots of people came to celebrate the great feast – we counted 668 for our Christmas Masses. My thanks to everyone, who in any way, helped to make it really special. Many people work hard behind the scenes, not just at Christmas but throughout the year – special thanks to you all. The work you do for our parish is valuable, important and we are really grateful. Thank you also for the lovely cards and gifts and the very generous Christmas offering – I'll use it wisely...I promise! God's love and blessing to you all, Fr Paul

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 7.00pm and afterwards we will have a short meeting to finalise details for the Christian Unity Service.

Church Garden Benches:

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

Child Protection Representative:

The new 'Child Protection Representative' for St Alban's church is Sue Brown. Thanks go to Sue for taking on this important role in our community and many thanks to Mary Johnson who has recently stepped down as Child Protection Rep for our Parish.

The Catholic News:

The free Diocesan Newspaper – The Catholic news, is now available from Church.

Catechists meeting:

For those who have agreed to help with the young people in our parish who are preparing for Confirmation, there will be a meeting with Angela Gillespie on Wednesday 11th January in St Alban's Parish Centre at 7pm.

First Communion 2012:

Application forms for children who are due to make their First Communion this year are now available from church. Please fill in the form and return it to the Presbytery as soon as possible. Details of the programme of preparation will be given soon.

'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.

Confirmation 2012:

St Alban's, The Church on Oakwood and St Hugh's Borrowash 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:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the weekday chapel at St Alban's church (Tuesday 10am – 4pm) 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 7.30pm. 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 4 weeks of Advent, 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!

Spiritual Healing:

You are welcome to join us for an evening of Spiritual Healing on Tuesday 3rd January at 7.30pm in St Alban's Parish Centre. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

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
CAFOD Group

Hall Bookings: office@stalbandsderby.org.uk

Maria Neads 663602
Sue Brown 673066
Mary Woods 820319
Malcolm Taylor 602346
Steve Endsor 661819
Sandra Endsor 661819
Maureen Gray 832190
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



St Alban's Church

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The Church on Oakwood

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Parish Secretary: Diane Williams

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God 31st December / 1st January 2012 YEAR B (Weekdays Cycle 2) – DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2

Services, Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	31 st	6.30 pm	St Alban's	The People of the Parish
Sunday	1 st	10.00 am	St Alban's	Gorman & Watton Deceased Families
		5.00 pm	Oakwood	Frank Deacy RIP
Monday (<i>SS Basil & Gregory Nazianzen</i>)	2 nd	10.00 am*	St Alban's	John Brassington RIP
Tuesday	3 rd	9.15 am	St Alban's	Dick Ennis RIP
Wednesday	4 th	9.15 am	St Alban's	Thomas & Anne McArdle's Intention
		7.00 pm	Oakwood	Oakwood Partnership Evening Prayer
Thursday	5 th	7.00 pm	St Alban's	Ron Calfe RIP
Friday	6 th	7.00 pm*	St Alban's	Mary Fletcher, Bridie Lee & Tom Hardiman RIP
Saturday	7 th	6.30 pm	St Alban's	Michael Hinks RIP
Sunday	8 th	10.00 am	St Alban's	The People of the Parish
		5.00 pm	Oakwood	Mrs Rita Kearney 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 Brentnall on 01332 574474

For Nuffield & Kingsway Hospitals contact Fr

Paul Chipchase on 01332 514107

Alternatively have a word with Fr Paul.

Welcomers for weekend 7th/8th January 2012

St Alban's	Sat 6.30 pm	Dawn Kiddie
	Sun 10.00 am	Walter & Win Stone

Readers for weekend 7th/8th January 2012

St Alban's	Sat 6.30 pm	Ben Mason	Cheryl Ashcroft
	Sun 10.00 am	Trish Hurd	Kevin Boyle

Counters	D & S Reid
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Thought for the week!

"Get rid of anything that isn't beautiful,
useful or joyful."

(What a fantastic New year
Resolution!)