

Christmas Blessings:

Wishing you all the joy and blessings that come with the Christmas season! I promise to keep you all very much in my prayers during the Christmas Masses. Thank you for your continued support and everything you do to make our parish vibrant, happy and full of active faith. Have a fantastic Christmas time, Fr Paul.

2015 Sunday Missals:

There are a limited number of 2015 Sunday Missals still available from Church, priced £6.

Church Cleaning:

The Church on Oakwood is looking for volunteers to join their cleaning rota. Could you give up a few hours a month to help keep the Church looking fresh and clean? Contact Fran Wickes on tel: 07951 143648 if you are interested.

Christmas Collection:

The collection taken during the Christmas Masses is traditionally given to the Parish Priest. Fr Paul thanks you for your kind offerings!

Christmas Posters:

The Knights of St Columba (KSC) Derby Council has allocated a number of special Christmas posters to each parish. You are welcome to take a poster and put it in your window at home to witness the real meaning of Christmas. The KSC Derby Council have been providing posters for Christmas and Easter for over 35 years and are always actively involved in raising money for various local charities. We thank the KSC for all the work they do in and around our deanery. Take a look at the crib in the Derby Market place.

Parish Epiphany Quiz Night:

Keep this date free! On Saturday 10th January in the Parish Centre we have our annual Epiphany Quiz – a chance to win the much coveted 'Epiphany Trophy' and claim to be the cleverest team in the parish!! Everyone is welcome. Come along and enjoy a great evening. Bring your own drinks and food, nibbles will be provided!

Mass Times after Christmas:

Fr John Paul Leonard will be celebrating Mass in the parish on Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st December at 10am. Fr John Paul has recently joined the clergy of Derby Deanery. We welcome him and wish him every happiness in his ministry in the Diocese.

Passing on God's love and our prayers:

Following on from last weekend, cards are available in Church to write the names of those you would like to pray for who, for whatever reason, don't join us for our community celebrations. Please remember to pass on a card to them and let them know we are keeping them in prayers.

200 Club Prize Draw for December:

Congratulations to our winners of the December draw:

1st Prize – £200 - Liz Annetts, No. 57

2nd Prize – £30 - Sally Parlato, No. 60

3rd Prize – £20 - Sandra Endsor, No. 46

Second Collection:

Last week's collection raised £329.15 for our Poor and Needy Parishes. Thank you for your generosity.

St Alban's Carol Service:

Our parish Carol Service will take place this Monday (22nd December) at 7pm. The service will be followed by mince pies, coffee and tea in the Parish Centre. Come and join in the real meaning of this season.

Diocesan Year Books:

The new 2015 Diocesan Year Book is now on sale from Church for just £3.00. It gives all the information needed for the parishes, chaplaincies and schools throughout the Diocese. There are some fantastic articles this year.

Mass Intentions:

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention: on behalf of a family member, a friend or a deceased loved one, or simply as a gift, there are Mass Intention envelopes available from Church.

Sanctuary Lamps:

If you would like to sponsor a Sanctuary Lamp for any intention or as a gift, forms are available from Church.

Bethlehem Peace Light:

A light lit from a candle in the Church of The Nativity in Bethlehem has arrived at St Alban's Church this weekend and it will remain lit through to the Feast of the Epiphany. This initiative has been supported by the Scouts and Guides of Europe and this chain of light is a symbol for actively lived charity, warmth and love. By accepting the Peace Light from Bethlehem, we hope to help overcome the darkness caused by hate, egoism and materialism. We pray for peace in the world and contentment in our lives.

Christmas Crib Offerings:

This year the crib offerings will go to help the work of Faith in Families. When saying a prayer at the crib during Christmas, please consider putting a donation in the basket provided to help with their work. Thank you.

'Crossing the Threshold':

Following the success of the 'Crossing the Threshold' evangelisation project in the Diocese, parishes in the Derby deanery were asked to consider taking part in it. Three parishes have agreed to pilot the project locally: St Alban's Chaddesden, English Martyrs Alvaston and Christ the King Mackworth. It is a parish based project with the purpose of helping us to undertake evangelisation activities in the parish through the forming of an 'evangelisation team'. It will be an opportunity for us to look at what our mission is as a Church community and identify threshold points within the parish where we can both develop our own understanding of what it means to be members of the Church, whilst reaching out and be of service to those who no longer come to Church. More information to follow in the new year.

Youth Group:

There will be no Youth Group over the Christmas holiday. It will resume Wednesday 14th January 2015.

Sacramental Policy

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

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

Marriage: Couples wishing to marry are required to give at least six months notice. See Father Paul or contact the Parish Office.

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: 280511

PARISH NEWSLETTER



St Alban's Church

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Parish Secretary: Clare Boyle

Fourth Sunday of Advent 20th/21st December 2014 YEAR B (Weekdays Cycle 2) – DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 4

Services, Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Saturday	20 th	6.30 pm	St Alban's	The People of the Parish
Sunday	21 st	10.00 am	St Alban's	Rachel Grimmett & Simon Bunney's Intention
		5.00 pm	Oakwood	Chris Parkinson's Intention
Monday	22nd	9.15 am	St Alban's	Fr Tom Lindon RIP
Tuesday	23 rd	9.15 am	St Alban's	Patricia McDermott's Intention
Wednesday (Vigil Mass)	24th	6.00 pm	St Alban's	Family and Friends of Father Paul
Thursday (The Nativity of the Lord)	25th	8.30 am	Oakwood	Fr Michael Markey RIP
		10.00 am	St Alban's	Kaolin McCrossan's Intention
Friday (St Stephen)	26th	10.00 am	St Alban's	Con and Sheila O'Regan RIP
Saturday	27 th	6.30 pm	St Alban's	Mary Fletcher RIP
Sunday	28 th	10.00 am	St Alban's	William Stone RIP
		5.00 pm	Oakwood	The People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

St Alban's: Saturday 5.45 pm – 6.15 pm.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at other times on request.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

No adoration this week.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week our Sanctuary Lamp burns for Rachel Grimmett & Simon Bunney's intention. Please keep them in your prayers during the week.

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 Royal Derby Hospital: Contact switchboard on 01332 340131 or Sister Mary Barry on 01332 346920.

For Grove Community Hospital: Fr Mark Brentnall or Fr Slavic Hermanowicz on 01332 574474.

For Nuffield Hospital: Fr John Trenchard on 01332 343777

For Kingsway Hospital: Fr Paul Chipchase on 01332 514107.

Alternatively, you can have a word with Fr Paul at St Alban's.

Welcomers for weekend 27th/28th December

St Alban's Sat 6.30 pm Ellen Taylor
Sun 10.00 am Win & Walter Stone

Readers for weekend 27th/28th December

St Alban's	Sat 6.30 pm	Ellen Taylor	Malc Taylor
	Sun 10.00 am	Mark Booton	Sue Brown
Oakwood	Sun 5.00 pm	Sandra	Andrew
Counters		John & Judith Davies	

Catholic Schools:

St Alban's Catholic Primary -
01332 673823

St Benedict Catholic
Voluntary Academy -
01332 557032

St John Houghton Catholic
Voluntary Academy -
0115 9322896