

MASSES AT CHRISTMAS

As the **4th Sunday of Advent**, falls on Christmas Eve, there will be only ONE Mass for the three communities of St Alban, St Hugh and The Church on Oakwood. **Saturday 23rd December at 6:30pm in St Alban's Church**

We hope you can join us for one of our four Masses at Christmas. **Christmas Eve Masses** 4.30pm at St Alban's 6.30pm at St Hugh's. (6pm Carol service) **Christmas Day Masses** 8.30am at The Church on Oakwood; 10.30am at St Alban's. **Boxing Day** 10:00am at St Hugh's.

Christmas Offering

Traditionally the collection taken at Christmas is given to the Parish Priest, however, this is no longer the case. If you would like Fr David to receive a Christmas offering, please put any donation in a sealed envelope, with the words "For the Parish Priest", and either give to the church office, an usher or hand it directly to him.

What is happening in December?

Services of Reconciliation

There will be a number of services of Reconciliation taking place around the Deanery during Advent: **Tuesday 19th Dec** - St Mary's, Bridge gate at 7pm; **Wednesday 20th Dec** - English Martyrs and **Thursday 21st Dec** - St Alban's. Priests will be available for confessions at these services.

Poor & Needy Parishes – 2nd Collection:

There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend (**16th /17th December**) for the Poor and Needy Parishes of the Diocese. Thank you.

Advent House Masses

This **Wednesday 20th December at 7pm** Mass will be at God's House (The Church on Oakwood).

Carol Service at The Church on Oakwood

The Oakwood group kindly ask for donations of mince pies to be enjoyed after the Carol Service on **Sunday 17th December at 6:30.**

Carols by Candlelight and Wassail

The music group at St Hugh's will be singing carols at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook on **Sunday 17th December from 7:30 pm.** All proceeds will be donated to the Treetops Hospice.

Carols and Blessing of Crib

The Knights of St Columba Council 92 invite us to Derby Market Place for the Blessing of the Crib, by Fr John Trenchard, and singing carols on **Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm.** All are welcome.

What is happening in the New Year?

Mass Times Changes in the New Year

From **Saturday 6th January 2018 the 6.30pm** Saturday Mass at St Alban's and 5pm Oakwood Mass will be unified into a single Mass on Saturday at 6.30pm at Oakwood. Please do keep both communities in your prayers. There will be an opportunity for all parishioners, especially welcomers, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, servers and readers from St Alban's (6:30) and the Church on Oakwood to gather together at Oakwood on **Friday 22nd December from 6 to 7pm** to chat together over a glass of mulled wine & a mince pie about the new opportunities.

First Reconciliation and Communion Programme

The first children's session begins **on Sunday 21st January at 10:15** in the parish hall.

Parents' Confirmation Meeting

Parents of candidates who are registered for the Confirmation Programme 2017 have their preliminary meeting to discuss the Parish Programme on **Thursday 4th January at 7.30pm** in St Alban's Parish Centre. Please bring the Briars Residential Weekend money (£46) to this meeting. (cheques made out to "St Alban's RCP")

Reconciliation

Will be offered at 9:00 – 9:45 am on Saturdays at St Alban's from **6th January 2018**, to align with the new Mass times / venues.

St Hugh's New Year Resolution

It's Advent, the church's new year. How would you like to commit yourself to a new year resolution and get more involved in the parish? Forms are available from church. Please take one away and decide what you might commit to doing. The forms will be brought up in the offertory on 8th January, the feast of the epiphany.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages 2018

7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

Vacancies

Derby City Catholic Youth Worker

The Catholic Parishes of Derby City seek a full-time Youth Worker to work with people (aged 11-18); inspiring and encouraging them and helping parishes develop and maintain opportunities for young people to grow to full maturity as members of the Catholic Church. **For an Application Pack & further details contact Fr David Cain at david_cain@me.com or 01332 672 914.** Closing date for applications **Monday 1st January 2018.**

Director of Youth Services

The Diocese seeks to appoint a professionally qualified Director of Youth Service who combines a deep personal commitment to their Catholic faith with a vibrant and enthusiastic passion for Catholic youth ministry and retreat provision among young people. This full-time post will be based at The Briars Youth Retreat Centre in Crich. **For further information contact [Teresa Clark on 01773 852044](mailto:Teresa.Clark@ndcvs.com) or bookings@ndcvs.com.** Closing date for all applications **3rd January.**

St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Stamford

St Augustine's has a vacancy for a permanent full-time head teacher commencing 1 September 2018. Full details are available from EPM, the school's HR providers, at headship@EPM.co.uk. Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Mrs Sue Bray, School Business Manager, on 01780 762094. The closing date for applications is noon Monday 22nd January 2018 with interviews being held on Friday 26th January."

Please Note

Boxes

There are still Planned Giving Boxes and Missio Boxes waiting to be collected from the foyer in St Alban's.

Christmas Posters

The Knights of St Columba (KSC) have delivered special Christmas posters to the church. Please take a poster and put it in your window at home.

Sacramental Policy

Baptism: Parents wishing to have their babies or young children baptized please contact Fr David or Deacon Juan Carlos.

Adults seeking Baptism or wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Fr David or Deacon Juan Carlos.

Marriage: Couples wishing to marry are required to give at least six months' notice. See Fr David or Deacon Juan Carlos.

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 Fr David or Angela Fairbrother 544146 for St Albans or Anne & Peter Rochford, 674234 for St Hugh's.

SCHOOLS: St Alban's Primary 01332 673823, St Benedict Secondary 01332 557032, St John Houghton Secondary 0115 9322896

PARISH NEWSLETTER – 16th/17th December

St Alban's Church – Chaddesden

Roe Farm Lane, Chaddesden, Derby, DE21 6ET

The Church on Oakwood

378 Bishop's Drive, Oakwood, Derby, DE21 2DF

St Hugh's Church – Borrowash

68 Derby Road, Borrowash, Derby, DE72 3HB

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Parish Priest: Fr. David Cain
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Hospital

If someone is in Hospital who would like a visit please let Fr David know or:

Royal Derby Hospital:
Urgent 01332340131

London Road Hospital:
Fr Mark 01332574474

Nuffield Hospital:
Fr John 01332343777

Kingsway Hospital:
Fr Ka Fai 01332514107

SANCTUARY LAMP: The Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban's burns in memory of Vincenzo & Giovanna Conteldo RIP. Please keep them in your prayers.

Statement to Live by: "I try to follow our school and classroom rules"

St Paul Sunday Missal References

Readings & Prayers p.454, Eucharistic Prayer for Rec I p.48 & Preface p.18

Services, Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday	16 th	6.30 pm	St Alban's	Audrey Essex RIP
	17 th	9.00 am	St Hugh's	Patricia Mary Vanke RIP
Sunday (<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>)		10.30 am	St Alban's	Charles Wilson's Intentions
		5.00 pm	Oakwood	The People of the Parish
		6.30 pm	Oakwood	Festival of Lessons & Carol Service
Monday (<i>Advent FERIA</i>)	18 th	9.15 am	St Alban's	Joan Calf RIP
		7.00 pm	St Alban's	Parish Carol Service
Tuesday (<i>Advent FERIA</i>)	19 th		No Mass	
Wednesday (<i>Advent FERIA</i>)	20 th	9.30 am	St Hugh's	J Patrick Hughs RIP (A Hile & Family & Julie)
		7.00 pm	Oakwood	Kevin Nolan's Intentions
Thursday (<i>Advent FERIA</i>)	21 st	9.15 am	St Alban's	Michael McArdle RIP
		2.00 pm	St Alban's	Carol Service with children from St Alban's School
		7.00 pm	St Alban's	Advent Service of Reconciliation
Friday (<i>Advent FERIA</i>)	22 nd	9.30 am	St Hugh's	Smith & Crowe Families RIP
ONE JOINT WEEKEND MASS FOR ST ALBAN'S, ST HUGH'S & OAKWOOD				
Saturday (<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>)	23 rd	6.30 pm	St Alban's	Mary Fletcher RIP
Sunday (<i>Christmas Eve</i>)	24 th	4.30 pm	St Alban's	Albino Anzelmo RIP (Anniversary)
		6.30 pm	St Hugh's	Tony Gregory RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

St Hugh's –

Saturday 23rd December
9.30am – 10.15am
or by appointment.

St Alban's -

By appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

No adoration this week

Welcomers for weekend 23rd/24th December

St Alban's	6.30 pm 23/12	E & M Taylor	
St Alban's	4.30 pm 24/12	Pam Carberry	
St Hugh's	6.30 pm 24/12	Vicky, Marco,	Ariana, Samuele

Readers for weekend 23rd/24th December

St Alban's	6.30 pm 23/12	Cheryl Bullman	Ellen Taylor
St Alban's	4.30 pm 24/12	Carl Mendonca	Christine Evans
St Hugh's	6.30 pm 24/12	Domini Gregory	
<u>Counters</u>	<u>St Alban's</u>	A Keogh	J Roppa
<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>St Hugh's</u>	Mrs Dennis	Mrs Hughes
<u>Flowers</u>	<u>St Hugh's</u>	Volunteer	