

Parish Newsletter 25th/26th October 2025

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Safeguarding The new “Parish Safeguarding Handbook” can be accessed from the Diocese Website
<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/departments/safeguarding> One copy is at the back of church

Scripture Readings: Thirtieth week of Ordinary Time
Online Readings at www.universalis.com/mass

Our Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban’s burns this week:
Parish volunteers

St Alban’s

St Alban’s Holy Gift Shop is open after Mass every Sunday in the parish hall. A place to buy cards, gifts, etc Come and take a look. Card and cash accepted.

St Hugh’s

St Hugh’s have a piety stall available in the meeting room with various religious items on sale. Please go and have a look after Mass. Sunday coffee mornings after Mass.

School admissions to Catholic Secondary Academies (Year 7) The deadline for applications for a school place is **31st October 2025**. Application forms are available on your ‘home’ Local Authority website. A supplementary information form should be completed and returned to the school by the deadline in order to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion (forms available from LA and school). Supporting *evidence should be included*, e.g. baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place. *If you do not have the required evidence, please contact the parish where your child was baptised.*

All Souls Day Mass Monday 3rd November at 6.30pm at St Alban’s we would like to invite you and your family to our special annual Memorial Mass to remember all those who have died. We will especially remember those that have died throughout the last year from our church communities. After the service, please join us for refreshments in the parish hall. At this Mass the families of Eileen McMenamin, Alicia Radford, Anne Hile, Dennis Horgan, Patricia Davis, Christopher Egan, Muireann Grooms, Alfonso Cuomo, Jennie Colder, John Twomey, Jane Turner and John Otter will be invited to light a candle for their deceased loved one. We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

MONTH OF HOLY SOULS November is traditionally the month when we remember all those who have died. Place the names of those you would like us to pray for in a ‘Dead List’ envelope and return it to church. Envelopes are in the entrance of St Hugh’s and St Alban’s. Masses will be celebrated during November for all those names included in our ‘November Dead List’ envelopes. The envelopes will remain on the Altar during the month of remembrance.

A Day Advent Retreat: Figures of Advent Saturday 29th November 11am – 4pm (Mass at 3pm) at Presentation Sisters Convent, Matlock, Chesterfield Road, Matlock DE4 3FT. As we enter the season of Advent, you are warmly invited to take some quiet time for reflection, prayer, and renewal with Fr. Chris Thomas, Priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, Director of the Irenaeus Project, author, and inspirational speaker. Together, we will reflect on the Figures of Advent, the prophets, Mary, Joseph, and John the Baptist, whose faith, courage, and hope prepared the way for Christ’s coming. Through their example, we are invited to open our hearts to God’s promise and rediscover the gentle joy and hopeful waiting of this holy season. In this Jubilee Year: “Pilgrims of Hope”, let us draw closer to the mystery of the Incarnation and renew our anticipation for the light of Christ who comes to dwell among us. Come and share in a day of prayer, scripture, and fellowship, as we prepare together for the celebration of Christmas. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. To register please email: associates@pbvmengland.co.uk

Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time Year C

Sunday Mass at St Alban’s is streamed at www.youtube.com/@stalbandsderby
Exposition of the blessed sacrament will be half an hour before each weekday mass starts.
Confessions half an hour before weekday mass at St Alban’s and St Hugh’s

Day & Date	Place	Time	Event	Mass Intention
Saturday 25 th Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	Les & Margaret Lemon RIP
Sunday 26 th Thirtieth Sunday of the year	St Hugh’s	9.00pm	Mass	Vera McMenamin RIP
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
		No weekday Mass		
Saturday 1 st Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	Frank Powell RIP
Sunday 2 nd All Saints (Solemnity)	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	Slawek Int.
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	Jimmy Kelly RIP

Please pray for Agnes Smith who died recently, may she rest in peace.

BIGGUNS AND LITTLUNS 11.00am – 1.00pm Monday morning, during term time, St Alban’s Parish Hall.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY coffee morning, last Wednesday of the month, St Hugh’s from 9.30am – 11.30am.

CHRISTMAS FAIR PRIZE DRAW raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair will be available after Mass.

Memorial Tree anybody wishing to order a leaf for our beautiful memorial tree can do so by contacting the office. The cost of a memorial leaf is £20.00.

Daily and Weekday Missal order. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the entrance at St Hugh’s or St Alban’s if you would like to order a Missal. Daily Missal £69.99 and Weekday Missal £55.00.

First Holy Communion for children in year 3 or above who wish to prepare for and receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The programme will begin in January 2026, and sessions take place during Mass on Sunday morning. Our first meeting for parents will take place on **Thursday 11th December** at 7pm at St Alban’s. Please collect a form from the entrance and return to the office along with a copy of your child’s Baptism certificate.

Confirmation from January, we will begin our next course for those who wish to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The programme is open to those who are year 8 to year 11 (up to and including 16 years of age). The sessions will generally take place on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested, then please collect an application form from St Alban’s or St Hugh’s entrance and hand it in along with a short letter outlining why you wish to undertake confirmation. Our first meeting for confirmation candidates and parents will take place on **Wednesday 14th January** at 7pm at St Alban’s. If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to speak to Fr Roji or Geoff Rowlands.

RCIA Discovering our faith programme for adults thinking about becoming a Catholic or wanting to grow in faith. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Roji or contact the parish office.

Dick Whittington Pantomime at Derby Arena on Sunday 7th Dec at 12.30pm. We have 50 tickets for parishioners. Please contact Linda on 07758 226331.

St Alban’s Social Group Meeting Monday 10th November at 7pm to discuss the Christmas Fair. Anyone involved in the Christmas Fair or anyone who would like to help please come along.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd November	All Souls Day Memorial Mass @ St Alban’s 6.30pm
10th November	Social Group Meeting @ St Alban’s at 7pm
12th November	St Hugh’s PPC @ 7pm
16th November	Blessing of graves, Nottingham Road Cemetery @ 2.30pm
29th November	Nottingham playhouse Pantomime
7th December	Derby Arena Pantomime
11th December	First Holy Communion meeting @ St Alban’s, 7pm
13th December	Christmas Fair @ St Alban’s
12th January	Baptism preparation meeting @ St Alban’s, 7pm
14th January	Confirmation meeting @ St Alban’s, 7pm