

Parish Newsletter 8th/9th November 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: Thirty-Second week of Ordinary Time
Online Readings at www.universalis.com/mass

Our Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban’s burns this week:
Holy Souls

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.

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.

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.

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.

DEANERY BLESSING OF GRAVES on Sunday 16th November 2.30pm. We will meet at Nottingham Rd Cemetery
with a short liturgy in the main car park (opposite Reginald Rd South) before blessing individual graves.

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.

As Advent approaches you are warmly invited to take some quiet time for reflection, prayer, and renewal with
Father Chris Thomas, a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, reflecting 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. The
Retreat is being held at the Presentation Sisters Convent, Chesterfield Road, Matlock DE4 3FT on **Saturday 29th**
November between 10.00am and 4.00pm. A suggested donation is £10, bring a packed lunch. For more details
email associates@pbvmengland.co.uk

Be Still and Know that I am God is a retreat being held between **Friday 14th and Monday 17th November** by Fr
Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God’s presence in
their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment. More details can be found
at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>

Bishop Patrick has received a letter from Monsignor Ante Vidovic, Charge d’Affaires at the Apostolic Nunciature,
thanking our Diocese for the contributions to the 2025 **Peter’s Pence** collection, which amounted to £9,705.47.
The Holy Father very much appreciates the generosity of parishioners throughout the Diocese of Nottingham,
whose donations will help to fund and support the charitable activities of the Holy See.

Thirty-Second 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 8 th Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	Anthea Brown RIP
Sunday 9 th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	St Hugh’s	9.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	Kevin & Philip Orrell RIP Raffaele, Carmelina & Albino Anzelmo RIP
Monday 10 th Saint Leo the Great, Pope and doctor (memorial)	St Alban’s	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday 12 th Saint Josaphat, bishop and martyr	St Hugh’s	10.00am	Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 13 th Feria	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	Sally Hardiman RIP
Friday 14 th Feria	St Hugh’s	10.00am	Mass	Holy Souls
Saturday 15 th Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	Jean & Roger Keelings Int. Agnes Smith RIP
Sunday 16 th Thirty-third Sunday of the year	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	Deceased members of the Deegan family

Please pray for Agnes Smith who died recently, may she rest in peace. Agnes’ funeral will take place on
Friday 28th November at 10am at St Alban’s.

Can you help? Prizes required for the Christmas Fair bottles, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, new items
for the gift stall including jewellery, perfume and hobby kits etc. Do you have the skills to make items for our
craft stall? All homemade crafts welcome. Please place any donations in the boxes in St Alban’s entrance.
CHRISTMAS FAIR PRIZE DRAW raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair will be available after Mass.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
10 th November	Social Group Meeting @ St Alban’s at 7pm
19 th November	St Hugh’s PPC @ 7pm
16 th November	Blessing of graves, Nottingham Road Cemetery @ 2.30pm
29 th November	Nottingham Playhouse Pantomime
7 th December	Derby Arena Pantomime
11 th December	First Holy Communion meeting @ St Alban’s, 7pm
13 th December	Christmas Fair @ St Alban’s
3 rd January	Epiphany Quiz @ St Albans, 7pm
12 th January	Baptism preparation meeting @ St Alban’s, 7pm
14 th January	Confirmation meeting @ St Alban’s, 7pm