

Parish Newsletter:15th/16th 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-Third week of Ordinary Time
Online Readings at www.universalis.com/mass

Our Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban’s burns this week:
For those in the Parish who are grieving

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

**School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2021
and 31/08/2022.** The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. Application
forms are available on your ‘home’ Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish
your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *should also complete a supplementary*
information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the
school). You must also include the supporting *evidence** as required with this form, i.e. a baptism certificate
(photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don’t have a copy); 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.

Thirty-Third 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 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	9.00pm	Mass	
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	Deceased members of the Deegan family People of the Parish
Monday 17 th Saint Hugh of Lincoln, Patron of our Diocese (feast)	St Hugh’s	9.30am	Mass	
Wednesday 19 th Feria	St Hugh’s	10.00am	Mass	
Thursday 20 th Feria	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	Divotha Frances Temu RIP Holy Souls
Friday 21 st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (memorial)	St Hugh’s	10.00am	Mass	
Saturday 22 nd Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	Pat Malone RIP
Sunday 23 rd Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (solemnity)	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	John Herbert RIP
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	Patrick Gilmour RIP

Please pray for Agnes Smith and Anthony Murphy who died recently, may they rest in peace. Agnes’
funeral will take place on Friday 28th November at 10am at St Alban’s. Anthony’s funeral will take place on
Thursday 4th December at 10am at St Alban’s.

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.

Christmas Day dinner at St Alban’s Will you or someone you know be alone this Christmas Day. A lovely
group of volunteers are hosting Christmas Day dinner at St Alban’s Church Hall. There will be bingo, games
and lots of merriment. Transport can be arranged and there is no charge for the day. If you or someone you
know may be interested, please contact the parish office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 th November	Blessing of graves, Nottingham Road Cemetery @ 2.30pm
19 th November	St Hugh’s PPC @ 7pm
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