

Parish Newsletter:22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> 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-Fourth week of Ordinary Time**  
Online Readings at [www.universalis.com/mass](http://www.universalis.com/mass)

**Our Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban’s burns this week:**  
**Persecuted Christians**

**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** Anybody that has ordered tickets, please speak to Linda or contact the parish  
office to arrange payment. **Last few tickets available** Derby Arena on Sunday 7th Dec at 12.30pm. £20 adult &  
£15 children. Please contact Linda on 07758 226331.

**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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Advent Gospel Reflection** anybody who was **Confirmed or made their First Holy Communion last year** and  
any young people hoping to be **Confirmed or receive their First Holy Communion this year** are warmly invited  
to be part of a Gospel Reflection during Advent. Please speak to Clare Booton, Emma Eagles or contact the parish  
office if you would like to be involved.

All young adults are warmly invited to join for a **Young Adults Christmas Party** at Saint Mary’s, Derby, for Mass,  
mulled wine, mince pies, games, and prizes on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December** from 2.00pm. No sign up required.  
Contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk) for more info!

Thirty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time Year C

Sunday Mass at St Alban’s is streamed at [www.youtube.com/@stalbandsderby](http://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 22 <sup>nd</sup> Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	<b>Pat Malone RIP</b>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (solemnity)	St Hugh’s	9.00pm	Mass	<b>John Herbert RIP</b>
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	<b>Patrick Gilmour RIP</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs (memorial)	St Hugh’s	9.30am	Mass	<b>Agnes Smith RIP</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feria	St Hugh’s	10.00am	Mass	<b>Holy Souls</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feria	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	<b>James Murphy RIP</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feria	St Alban’s	10.00am	Funeral Mass	<b>Holy Souls</b>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	<b>Jim Murphy RIP</b>
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	<b>Sheila and Peter Caruth RIP</b>

**Please pray for Agnes Smith and Anthony Murphy who died recently, may they rest in peace.** Agnes’  
funeral will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 10am at St Alban’s. Anthony’s funeral will take place on  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Jesuit Institute is offering an **Advent Online Retreat** between **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**,  
giving participants an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God is at work in their lives  
in the lead up to Christmas. Details, and booking information, is at: [www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat---advent](http://www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat---advent)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

29 <sup>th</sup> November	Nottingham Playhouse Pantomime
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Derby Arena Pantomime
11 <sup>th</sup> December	First Holy Communion meeting @ St Alban’s, 7pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair @ St Alban’s
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Epiphany Quiz @ St Albans, 7pm
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Baptism preparation meeting @ St Alban’s, 7pm
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Confirmation meeting @ St Alban’s, 7pm