

Parish Newsletter:29th/30th 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: First Week of Advent

Online Readings at www.universalis.com/mass

Our Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban’s burns this week:
Frank Powell RIP

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.

**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.

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 on **Sunday 21st December** during Mass. Please speak to Clare Booton, Emma
Eagles or contact the parish office if you would like to be involved.

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.

Second Collections	St Hugh’s	St Alban’s
CAFOD	£369.26	£464.26
Mission Sunday	£183.35	£193.84

First Week of Advent Year A

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 29 th Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 30 th Fist Sunday of Advent	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	Jim Murphy RIP
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	Sheila and Peter Caruth RIP
Monday 1 st Advent Feria	St Alban’s	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday 3 rd Saint Francis Xavier, priest (memorial)	St Hugh’s	10.00am	Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 4 th	St Alban’s	10.00am		Funeral service for Anthony Murphy
Thursday 4 th Advent Feria	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	Josephine Palfreyman RIP
Friday 5 th Advent Feria	St Hugh’s	10.00am	Mass	Albert Causton RIP
Saturday 6 th Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 7 th Second Sunday of Advent	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	Ann Teather RIP
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	Christopher Hurd RIP

As we enter the first week of Advent, we are invited to pause and prepare our hearts
with the beautiful theme of **hope**. In this sacred season, hope becomes our guiding
light, reminding us that God’s promises are faithful and that Christ’s coming brings
renewal to a weary world. Amid the busyness of daily life, may we allow this hope
to steady our steps, uplift our spirits, and draw us closer to the joy of Christmas.

House Mass if you would be willing to host a house Mass at 7pm on a Wednesday
evening between 7th December and 11th January, please contact the parish office.

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. **The first session will take
place on Thursday 4th December at 7pm at St Alban’s.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4 th December	RCIA programme session 1 @ St Alban’s, 7pm
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 11am – 2pm
22 nd December	Carol service @ St Alban’s 7pm
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

