

Parish Newsletter 6th/7th December 2025

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Hospital Support

In an emergency
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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: Second Week of Advent
Online Readings at www.universalis.com/mass

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.

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.

The African Catholic Community Choir, Nottingham, warmly invites you to its Christmas Carol service **A Christmas Story: The Coming of the Lord** on **Friday 19th December** at 7.00pm, in Saint Teresa’s Catholic Church, Nottingham (NG8 3EP). Come and experience the beauty of the season through scripture, music, and reflection as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. All are welcome to share in this evening of faith, song, and community spirit.

Second Collection for Poor and Needy Parishes to be taken this weekend, 6th & 7th December.

Second Week of Advent Year A

Sunday Mass at St Alban’s is streamed at www.youtube.com/@stalbansderby
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 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
Monday 8 th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of our Diocese (solemnity)	St Alban’s	10.00am	Mass	Mark & Helen Booton RIP
Wednesday 10 th Advent FERIA	St Hugh’s	10.00am	Mass	Holy Souls
Wednesday 10 th Advent FERIA	House Mass	7.00pm	Mass	
Thursday 11 th Advent FERIA	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	Mick Hardiman RIP
Friday 12 th Advent FERIA	St Hugh’s	10.00am	Mass	Holy Souls
Saturday 13 th Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	Thresiamma Alex RIP
Sunday 14 th Third Sunday of Advent	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	Anne Hile RIP
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	Michael Noonan RIP

Please pray for **Catherine Dunne** who died recently. Catherine’s funeral will take place on Tuesday 16th December at 1pm.

The second week of Advent invites us to reflect on **Peace**, not just the absence of conflict, but the deep, steady calm that comes from God’s presence. As the second candle is lit, its gentle flame reminds us that peace often begins quietly within our own hearts and then extends outward to our families, communities and the world. In this season of anticipation, we are called to make room for peace by slowing down, embracing stillness and allowing God’s promise of hope to guide our steps.



House Mass There will be a house Mass on **Wednesday 10th December at 7pm** in Oakwood. Please call the parish office for address details. if you would be willing to host a house Mass at 7pm on a Wednesday evening between now 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 th December	RCIA programme session 2 @ St Alban’s, 7pm
11 th December	First Holy Communion meeting @ St Alban’s, 7pm
13 th December	Christmas Fair @ St Alban’s 11am – 2pm
18 th December	Reconciliation 5pm – 6.45pm followed by Mass at 7pm
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