

Parish Newsletter 13^h/14th December 2025

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In an emergency
call The Royal Derby Hospital on 01332 340131 for the On-Call Catholic Chaplain

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. We break up on Monday 15th December and will be back on Monday 5th January.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY coffee morning, last Wednesday of the month, St Hugh’s from 9.30am – 11.30am.

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.

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. There will be a practice on Saturday 20th December at 10.00am.

St Hugh’s if there are any children coming along to **Christmas Eve Mass** and would like to take part in the nativity, please could you put your names on the sheet provided on the children’s liturgy noticeboard or contact Lisa Radford on 0750 7418268. There will be a quick rehearsal on Saturday 20th December at 10.30am.

House Mass There will be a house Mass on **Wednesday 17th December at 7pm** in Chaddesden. 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.

Over the next few weeks we will be trialling the **St Killians Votive Burning System**. The St Killians system is the safest, cleanest, most environmentally friendly votive system in the world. The candles in the system are completely smoke free, which will help preserve our statues and walls from smoke damage. Their system is endorsed for its safety by the largest insurer to the Catholic Church in the world. The system does not use any plastic or aluminium. All the candle wax from the system is recycled. The system is a lot cleaner than our current votive system, and wax spillage on the floors, stands and surrounding areas will be greatly reduced. We also hope the beauty of the system enhances your experience of lighting votive candles.

Retiring Collection for flowers at both St Hugh’s and St Alban’s next weekend, 20th and 21st December.

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Third 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 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
Monday 15 ^h Advent Feria	St Alban’s	10.00am	Mass	Holy Souls
Tuesday 16 th Advent Feria	St Alban’s	1.00pm	Funeral Mass for Catherine Dunne	
Wednesday 17 th Advent Feria	St Hugh’s	10.00am	Mass	Kathleen Mary Botton RIP
Wednesday 17 th Advent Feria	House Mass	7.00pm	Mass	
Thursday 18 th Advent Feria	St Alban’s	7.00pm	Mass	Agnes Smith RIP
Friday 19 th Advent Feria	St Hugh’s	10.00am	Mass	
Saturday 20 th Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	Johnny Kearney RIP
Sunday 21 st Fourth Sunday of Advent	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	Family & friends of Marie & Terry Marshall

The third week of Advent, often called Gaudete Week, is a time of **joyful** anticipation as the celebration of Christ’s birth draws near. The rose-coloured candle on the Advent wreath is lit to signify a lifting of the season’s tone, reminding us to rejoice in God’s nearness. This week emphasises hope, gratitude and the quiet but profound joy that comes from preparing one’s heart for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Fair such a success. To all our volunteers, your hard work and generosity are truly appreciated. Thank you also to our school families and local community for coming along and supporting on the day. Your presence made it a joyful and memorable occasion.

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.

Reconciliation services during Advent

St Hugh’s Wednesday 17th December 9.00am – 10.00am followed by Mass at 10.00am

St Alban’s Thursday 18th December 5.00pm – 6.45pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm

Christmas Service Times	St Hugh’s	St Alban’s
22nd Dec - Carol Service		7.00pm
Christmas Eve	6.00pm	4.00pm
Christmas Day	9.00am	10.30am
26th December	No Mass	No Mass
1st January		12 Noon

