

Parish Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> December 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: Fourth Week of Advent**

Online Readings at [www.universalis.com/mass](http://www.universalis.com/mass)

**Our Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban’s burns this week:**  
**Katie Devine 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. We will resume after Christmas, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

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

**The annual Epiphany quiz is January 3rd at 7 30pm.** Bring your own drinks and nibbles and enjoy spending time together. This year there is an entry fee of £10 per team (maximum of 6 in a team - under 18s count as half an adult!) It’s always a fun night with questions to suit everyone... who will win the coveted wooded spoon for last place? Who will win the trophy? It could be YOU! (But only if you come!) St Alban's church hall - 7 30pm. Come with a team or come on your own and join one!

**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.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am.

**House Mass** if you would be willing to host a house Mass at 7pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 this weekend, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December.**

Fourth Week of Advent Year A

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 20 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	<b>Johnny Kearney RIP</b>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	<b>Family &amp; friends of Marie &amp; Terry Marshall Connell McNelis RIP</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Advent Feria	St Alban’s	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday 24 <sup>d</sup> The Nativity of the Lord	St Alban’s	4.00pm	Mass	<b>David Turner RIP</b>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> The Nativity of the Lord	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> The Nativity of the Lord	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	<b>Mary Flecher RIP</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>			No Mass	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	<b>Thanksgiving Friends and family of Ellen Taylor Ferdynand Wanke</b>
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	<b>Joe Devine RIP</b>

As we enter the third week of Advent, we reflect on the profound gift of God’s **love**, love that humbly enters our world through the birth of Jesus. This week invites us to open our hearts more fully to recognise the ways God’s love is present in our daily lives and share that love generously with those around us. May we be inspired to see Christ’s love in every act of kindness, every moment of forgiveness, and every gesture of compassion, preparing a place within us for His coming 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. This year we raised an amazing £3,403.44.

**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.

Christmas Service times

	St Hugh’s	St Alban’s
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December Carol Service</b>		7.00pm
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December Carol Srvce</b>	5.30pm	
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	6.00pm	4.00pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9.00am	10.30am
<b>26<sup>th</sup> December</b>	No Mass	No Mass
<b>January 1<sup>st</sup></b>		12.00pm

