

Parish Newsletter Christmas 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: Christmastide

Online Readings at 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.

BIGGUNS AND LITTLUNS 11.00am – 1.00pm Monday morning, during term time, St Alban’s Parish Hall. We will
resume after Christmas, on Monday 5th 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!

House Mass if you would be willing to host a house Mass at 7pm on Wednesday 7th 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.

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.

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Christmastide 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
Wednesday 24 th The Nativity of the Lord	St Alban’s	4.00pm	Mass	David Turner RIP
Wednesday 24 th The Nativity of the Lord	St Hugh’s	6.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Thursday 25 th The Nativity of the Lord	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	
Thursday 25 th The Nativity of the Lord	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	Mary Fletcher RIP
Friday 26 th			No Mass	
Saturday 27 th Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	Thanksgiving Friends and family of Ellen Taylor
Sunday 28 th The Holy Family (Feast)	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	Ferdynand Wanke
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	Joe Devine RIP

Please pray for Eddie Duncombe who died recently, may he rest in peace. Eddie’s funeral will take place on
Monday 12th January at 12 noon.



Happy and Holy Christmas to all

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song, we
praise you for the great wonder of Jesus’ birth in
a lowly manger. We praise you for the Word
made flesh, for His glorious arrival as a helpless
child. May His light shine in our hearts and the
world, bringing peace, love, and hope. Help us
to truly remember this gift, to share in the
angels’ song, and to bring your love to all. In
Jesus’ name, Amen

Wishing everyone a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. May God who by the incarnation has joined earth to heaven grant you peace and joy and make you heralds of the Gospel.

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

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
17 th January	Healing Mass, 1.30pm @ St Alban’s