

Parish Newsletter: 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</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: First Week of Christmastide**

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

**Our Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban’s burns this week:**  
**Deceased members of the Taylor & Hart family**

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 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!

**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.

**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.

First Week of Christmastide 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 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> The Holy family	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	<b>Joe Devine RIP</b>
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	<b>Holy Souls</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> St Thomas of Canterbury (Becket), Bishop and Martyr (Feast)	St Alban’s	10.00am	Mass	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> St Sylvester I pope	St Hugh’s	10.00am	Mass	<b>Holy Souls</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)	St Alban’s	12 noon	Mass	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saints Basil the Great, and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors (memorial)	St Hugh’s	10.00am	Mass	<b>Tony Gregory RIP</b>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vigil	St Alban’s	6.30pm	Mass	<b>Diamond Wedding of Bridie &amp; Jim Deegan</b>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Second Sunday after Christmas	St Hugh’s	9.00am	Mass	
	St Alban’s	10.30am	Mass	

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



*Happy New Year*

*As we step into the new year may our faith grow stronger  
and our trust in God’s plan and His promise make all  
things new. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous new  
year.*

It was wonderful to see so many people stepping into our church for the Christmas celebration. The liturgy  
was spiritually enriching and grace filled, the church looked beautiful, the music uplifting and everyone was  
made very welcome. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen.

Many thanks to all parishioners for the many lovely Christmas cards and presents and I take this opportunity  
to wish you and your families a very happy, healthy and holy New Year. Fr Roji

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3<sup>rd</sup> January Epiphany Quiz @ St Albans, 7pm  
12<sup>th</sup> January Baptism preparation meeting @ St Alban’s, 7pm  
14<sup>th</sup> January Confirmation meeting @ St Alban’s, 7pm  
17<sup>th</sup> January Healing Mass, 1.30pm @ St Alban’s