

## Parish Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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#### Hospital Support

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 Christmastide**

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

#### St Alban's

#### St Hugh'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 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. A group for all ages. An opportunity to meet new people and enjoy watching the children explore and play. We do activities for the children and the adults should they wish to join in. But it's also fine for you to sit back and relax with a coffee and cake.

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

**Derby Deanery Youth Choir** - For children aged 7 upwards every Tuesday 6:30pm until 7.15pm @ St Alban's Church. (£1 a week) Derby Deanery Choir for adults every Tuesday at 7.30pm.

**RCIA** will recommence on 8<sup>th</sup> January at St Alban's at 7.00pm.

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.

**School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/20:**

application for a school place is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *should also complete a supplementar* by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting *evidence* (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy); failure to supply the require in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

**Congratulations** and prayerful wishes to Jim and Bridie on their Diamond wedding Anniversary.

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## Second 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vigil	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Second Sunday after Christmas	St Hugh's	9.00am	Mass	<b>Tony Gregory RIP</b>
	St Alban's	10.30am	Mass	<b>Diamond Wedding of Bridie &amp; Jim Deegan Eddie Duncombe RIP</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria	St Alban's	10.00am	Mass	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany of the lord (Solemnity) Holy Day of Obligation	St Alban's School	9.10am	Mass	
	Parishioners welcome			
	St Hugh's	11.00am	Mass	<b>Holy Souls</b>
	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday after the Epiphany	St Hugh's	10.00am	Mass	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Thursday after the Epiphany	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	<b>Carmel Hollowed</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Friday after the Epiphany	St Hugh's	10.00am	Mass	
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	<b>Deceased members of the Ashcroft &amp; Bulman families People of the Parish</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)	St Hugh's	9.00am	Mass	
	St Alban's	10.30am	Mass	<b>Monsignor Cummins int.</b>

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.

**Baptism Preparation** for parents will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> January at St Alban's at 7pm.

**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.

**Baptism of the Lord**, over the last year we have welcomed nearly twenty children into the Catholic Church at either St Alban's or St Hugh's. **on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January** we will welcome those children and their families to celebrate this with us on the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord. St Hugh's 9.00am and St Alban's 10.30am.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 <sup>th</sup> January	RCIA, St Alban's 7.00pm
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Baptism of the Lord. St Hugh's 9.00am & St Alban's 10.30am
11 <sup>th</sup> January	First session for First Holy Communion children 10.15am St Alban's
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
18 <sup>th</sup> January	First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Baptism preparation meeting @ St Alban's, 7pm