

Parish Newsletter 14th & 15th March 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: Fourth Week of Lent

Online Readings at www.universalis.com/mass

**Our Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban's burns this week:
 In memory of May Hart & Irene Taylor 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.

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

Ecumenical Lent Group – Monday evenings during Lent, 7.15pm, the Church on Oakwood next one - 16th March.

Sunday 22nd March: CAFOD Big Lent Walk, meeting at 2.00pm, Willford Village Tram Stop Car Park. All are welcome!

St. Patrick's Celebration. On **Sunday 22nd March** there will be music and celebrations after Mass at **St Alban's** to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We would love for you to join us. There will be a shared table, so please bring something along to share. We will also have a licensed bar. **The bar will help to raise funds for the parish. As this is a properly licensed bar, please do not bring any alcohol with you as this is against licensing laws.**

In June 2025 MPs voted for an extreme amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill, which would allow women to abort an unborn baby for any reason (including gender), up to birth. If passed this amendment will remove all legal protection for babies. This policy was not in any manifesto and was passed with less than two hours' debate. As Catholics, we must oppose this horrendous assault on vulnerable unborn life. The bill is due to be debated in the House of Lords on Wednesday 18th March. As a matter of urgency, please write to members of the Lords, asking them to reject this barbaric proposal. If you aren't sure what to say or whom to write to visit www.spuc.org.uk/abortion-decriminalisation or contact pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Respond to Our Lady's invitation, and join Bishop Patrick, in the **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026**. Departing from East Midlands airport on **Monday 13th July**, enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our diocese. Those with additional needs will be cared for by our health team and helpers' team. Mary invites us all to come to this holy place. More details from the tour operator: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham/>

Making the Sign of the Cross

The practice of making the Sign of the Cross as we enter the Church is a profound gesture that embodies our profession of faith, a sign of reverence, and an act of spiritual preparation. The Sign of the Cross is a shield of protection from evil and to invite the power of God's grace into our lives. This simple act connects the individual to the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the sacredness of the Church, and the spiritual protection of God's grace.



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Fourth Week of Lent 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 14 th Vigil	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 15 th Fourth Sunday of Lent	St Hugh's	9.00am	Mass	Robin Raiseborough RIP
	St Alban's	10.30am	Mass	Josanne Burke, Rae & Paulette Carter RIP
Monday 16 th Lenten Feria	St Alban's	10.00am	Mass	Holy Souls
Wednesday 18 th Lenten Feria	St Hugh's	10.00am	Mass	Maureen Fretwell RIP
Thursday 19 th St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	Int of Charlottle & Laura
Friday 20 th Lenten Feria	St Hugh's	10.00am	Mass	Private intention
	St Alban's	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 21 st Vigil	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	Karl Raj Da Costa RIP
Sunday 22 nd Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)	St Hugh's	9.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
	St Alban's	10.30am	Mass	Tom Noonan RIP

House Mass during Lent – the next house Mass will take place on **Monday 16th March at 7pm**. Please contact the parish office for the address details. If you would like to host a house Mass during Lent, please speak to Fr Roji or contact the parish office on 01332 672914.

Brain Teasers and Potatoes for school years 7 - 11. Join us for a brain-teasing night filled with puzzles, riddles and jacket potatoes at our Parish Brain Teasers & Potatoes Night. Gather your friends, test your code cracking skills, and enjoy great food in a welcoming faith filled space. **Friday 27th March 7pm – 9pm at St Alban's Parish Hall.** All are warmly invited. A suggested donation of £2.00 would be appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE – Our Summer Music Concert returns this year on 5th June. More details to follow. For more information, please contact Lynne on 07712 236041.

Prayer group. If you would be interested in helping to set up or simply participating in a prayer group, please contact Mike Gregory at St Hugh's.

Hi all, it's 3 years since I did my last **Big Lent Walk**; it doesn't feel that long. Well, here I am again, I'll be walking 200km over 40 days in solidarity with those who walk miles each day just to access safe water. We take it for granted that when we turn on our taps at home that clean safe water will pour out; we are the lucky ones! Many people around the world must walk for 6 hours to find clean safe water leaving little time for much else. Thank you so much to those people who have already sponsored me, your sponsorship will help bring clean, safe water to communities around the world. If you haven't sponsored me yet and you are thinking about it, please have a look at my just giving page. **Thank you – Sally**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 th March	Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation, 6pm – 8pm @ St Alban's
19 th March	RCIA continues, 7pm @ St Alban's
21 st March	Altar Server training, 10am @ St Alban's
22 nd March	St Patrick's Day Celebration after Mass @ St Alban's and @ St Hugh's
25 th March	Reconciliation, 9am – 10am @ St Hugh's
25 th March	Confirmation continues, 7pm @ St Alban's
18 th April	Music Night, 7pm @ St Hugh's
23 rd April	First Holy Communion parents meeting, 7.15pm @ St Alban's
25 th April	Music Night, 7.30pm @ St Alban's
11 th May	Baptism preparation meeting, 7pm @ St Alban's