

Parish Newsletter 28th & 29th 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: Holy Week

Online Readings at www.universalis.com/mass

Our Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban's burns this week:

Karl Raj Da Costa 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.

There will be no Bigguns and Littluns for the next two weeks. We will resume on Monday 13th April.

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

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.

Called to Love is a **retreat for singles, dating, and engaged young adults** who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others, the retreat will be held at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, on **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May**. This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. To book, visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

Encountering Jesus in the Gospels: how to lead groups in reflective prayer. On Tuesday evenings between April and June join the Jesuit Institute online for a short online formation course building the skills and confidence needed to hold and guide groups of those who wish to deepen their relationship with Jesus, in conversation with others, through reflectively praying with gospel texts.

www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/encountering-jesus-in-the-gospels

Could you be our next Archives Volunteer? The **Archives Department** is hosting an Open Day at the McGuinness Centre, Brooklyn Road, Nottingham NG6 9ES on **Friday 17th April** between 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Are you an organised individual with an interest in Church history, genealogy, and basic Microsoft skills? The Archives Department would love to see you there!

CAFOD second collection raised £463.92 from St Hugh's and £414.00 from St Alban's.

Genuflect or Bow to the Tabernacle

Genuflect if unable, bow to the tabernacle or to the altar as a sign of reverence, humility, and honour for Jesus in the Eucharist. Physically lowering oneself before God mirrors spiritual humility: recognizing His greatness and our dependence on Him. It reminds us to leave sin and pride behind as we approach the altar or tabernacle.



Holy Week 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 28 th Vigil	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	Tony Murtagh RIP
Sunday 29 th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	St Hugh's	9.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
	St Alban's	10.30am	Mass	Michael Derry RIP
Monday 30 th Monday of Holy week	St Alban's	10.00am	Mass	John Staniland Int.
Wednesday 1 st Wednesday of Holy Week	St Hugh's	10.00am	Mass	Private intention
Thursday 2 nd Maundy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord's Supper	St Alban's	7.30pm	Mass	Margaret & John Orrell RIP
Friday 3 rd Friday of the Passion of the Lord – God Friday	St Hugh's	3.00pm	Passion of the Lord	
	St Alban's	3.00pm	Passion of the Lord	
Saturday 4 th The Easter Vigil	St Hugh's	6.00pm	Mass	
	St Alban's	8.00pm	Mass	
Sunday 5 th Easter Day of the Resurrection of the Lord	St Hugh's	9.00am	Mass	
	St Alban's	10.30am	Mass	Jim & Bridie Int.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, when the people welcomed Him with palm branches and shouts of praise. Yet within a short time, the same city would turn against Him and lead Him toward the Cross. This contrast invites us to reflect on the weakness of the human heart: how easy it is to honour Christ when faith is comfortable, and how difficult it can be to remain with him in moments of sacrifice and suffering. Palm Sunday reminds us that Jesus is not the kind of king who comes in worldly power, but one who comes in humility, peace, and self-giving love. As we begin this sacred week, we are called not only to celebrate Him with our words, but to follow Him faithfully in our daily lives, trusting that beyond the sorrow of the Passion lies the hope and joy of the Resurrection.



Music/sing along evening at St Hugh's on Saturday 18th April from 7pm. There will be a shared table. St Hugh's music group will provide the music. If you would like to sing a song, please let Mike know and he will ensure he has the music for your song choice. Please let Mike know either in person or by emailing him if you will be attending. All welcome to this entertaining night of music. monstlum1@gmail.com

Music and Merriment! Saturday 25 April from 7.30pm at St Alban's What is it: live music performance, a chance to get your karaoke on and the St Alban's bar will be open! You don't need to bring anything except yourselves and money for the bar! We will also be selling chip cobs for anyone who wants a bar snack! Lots of the parish remember St Alban's Club, a great place for parishioners to meet and put the world to rights over a pint and have a good old chat... we are trying to recreate this with our music and Merriment night! See you all there.

RETIRING COLLECTION for Easter flowers at both St Hugh's and St Alban's to be taken this weekend 28th & 29th March.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 st April	Bible Study Group, 7pm @ St Alban's – all welcome
15 th April	Confirmation preparation continues, 7pm @ St Alban's
18 th April	Music Night, 7pm @ St Hugh's
25 th April	Music Night, 7.30pm @ St Alban's
11 th May	Baptism preparation meeting, 7pm @ St Alban's
5 th June	Summer Music Concert, more details to follow or contact Lynne on 07712 236041