

# Parish Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## St Alban's Church

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### Hospital

#### Support

**In an emergency**

call The Royal Derby Hospital on 01332 340131 for the On-Call

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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: Third Week of Eastertide**

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

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

**Mary Noonan 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION** to be taken next week, 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> April for the Clergy Formation Fund.

**Cake Sale** – the Altar Servers will be holding a cake sale at St Alban's after Mass on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**. The Altar Servers are raising money for their upcoming Altar Servers Retreat at the Briars. Please bring along some change to support them if you are able.

St Colette's Pregnancy Support Centre is seeking to appoint a **part-time pregnancy support co-ordinator**. Based in a parish hall close to the centre of Nottingham, the role involves coordinating efforts to deliver practical support to women who are pregnant in challenging circumstances. Training will be available. The role will be paid (living wage) for equivalent of 16 hours per week (on a choice of days by agreement). A willingness to work flexibly is important; a job share would be considered for the right candidates. The start date is 4<sup>th</sup> May or as soon as possible after. For more information (full job description) and / or an informal discussion, please contact John on 07757815625, or email [pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

The annual Saint Augustine Webster **Diocesan Melwood Pilgrimage** to the site of Melwood Abbey will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**, at 12 noon, at Low Melwood Farm, Owston Ferry, DN9 1AD. The Pilgrimage will start with the Rosary and Procession, and then Mass held in one of the farm's barns. Please bring a chair, picnic (optional), and appropriate footwear for country footpaths. All are very welcome.

Between **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** the Jesuit Institute is holding a 6-day online **Retreat in the lead up to Pentecost**, offering an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God as at work in the everyday lives of those taking part. For details, and to book, visit:

[www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat---pentecost](http://www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat---pentecost)

Come away with your spouse and pray ... Get away from the bustle of everyday life. Give your spouse the gift of time – to deepen your love in Christ. A **Retreat for Married Couples** is being held at the Carmelite Priory, Oxford, between **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**. You and your spouse will learn about Saint John Paul II's Rule for Married Couples and experience the deep spiritual union, available in sacramental marriage! To book, visit: [www.wojtylaci.com/marriage-retreats-events/marriage-retreat-at-boars-hill-carmelite-priory-outside-oxford](http://www.wojtylaci.com/marriage-retreats-events/marriage-retreat-at-boars-hill-carmelite-priory-outside-oxford)

## Third Week of Eastertide 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 18 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Easter	St Hugh's	9.00am	Mass	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	St Alban's	10.30am	Mass	<b>Mary Noonan RIP</b>
		No weekday Mass		
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)	St Hugh's	9.00am	Mass	<b>John Francis Dillon RIP</b>
	St Alban's	10.30am	Mass	<b>Alfonso Cuomo RIP</b>

**First Holy Communion Parents Meeting cancelled** – the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April has been cancelled.

**Mass for children preparing for their First Holy Communion.** There will be a slow-paced Mass accompanied by explanations on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am**. This Mass is for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families. It will be followed by refreshments in the hall and the opportunity to ask any questions you or your child may have. This will really help the children to understand the parts of the Mass more fully and will support their journey to receiving their First Holy Communion.

**Team Games and Toasties for school years 7 - 11.** Join us for a fun night filled with games and toasties at our Parish Team Games and Toasties Night. Gather your friends, get ready for some friendly competition, and enjoy great food in a welcoming faith filled space. **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm – 8.30pm at St Alban's Parish Hall.** All are warmly invited. A suggested donation of £2.00 would be appreciated.

**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.

**Pentecost Sunday 24th May**, we would love to celebrate the diversity of our parish community with an International Mass on Pentecost Sunday. The church will be decorated with flags from around the world, especially those representing the countries within our parish, and some of the readings during Mass will be shared in different languages. We warmly invite volunteers to help by bringing a flag from their country, reading in another language, or taking part in a liturgical dance during Mass. Everyone is also welcome to wear traditional clothing from their homeland. After Mass, we will gather for a shared table of food from around the world, so please bring a dish from your culture to share. If you would like to take part or feel you can help with the organisation of this, please speak to Louise Franik after mass or email [louisebooton@hotmail.com](mailto:louisebooton@hotmail.com) or contact the parish office on 01332 672914. We look forward to celebrating this joyful Pentecost together!

**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.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24 <sup>th</sup> April	Team Games & Toasties youth night, 6.30pm – 8.30pm @ St Alban's
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Music Night, 7.30pm @ St Alban's
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Confirmation continues, 7pm @ St Alban's
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Baptism preparation meeting, 7pm @ St Alban's
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Mass for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion, 10am @ St Alban's
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost Sunday, International Mass 10.30am @ St Alban's
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Music Concert, more details to follow or contact Lynne on 07712 236041