

## Parish Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

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#### Hospital Support

**In an emergency**  
please contact  
the nurse in  
charge on the  
ward.

**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: Fifth Week of Eastertide**

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

#### 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 Evening Prayer** will re-commence on **Monday 4th May, 7.15 for 7.30pm** at The Church on Oakwood, Bishops Drive, and the first Monday of the month thereafter.

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)

The next Dominican Young Adults Study Day, under the title **Human Origins - Creation and Evolution** is being held on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**, from 10.00am until 4.00pm, in the Frassati Centre, Leicester LE1 6HW. How do we reconcile the claims of modern science with the teaching of the Catholic Church? Are human beings nothing more than products of an aimless evolutionary process? Join the Dominican Young Adult Study Day led by Father Robert Verrill OP on 'theistic evolution': how to make sense of modern science's theory of evolution in light of Catholic teaching on God, creation, and the human person. The day will include talks, workshops, prayer, fellowship, and discussion, and lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend, but booking is essential, at [dya@english.op.org](mailto:dya@english.op.org)

The **Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage** is taking place on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June** led by Bishop Patrick. Arrivals are from 11.30am, with Mass at the Catholic Shrine at 3.45pm. For more details see the poster.

Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join a special overnight **Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June)**, taking place alongside the annual diocesan pilgrimage, with dedicated time, space and community for young adults. Staying at Elmham House (half board) pilgrims will share in the wider celebrations while also enjoying moments specifically for the young adult community and encounter. For any questions, contact Charles Archer, Young Adult Ministry Lead [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk)  
Bookings at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026)

The **Living Theology Summer School** is being held between **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, at the Loreto Spirituality Centre in Llandudno. Under the title Explore faith and theology, keynote Ethna Regan CHF will lead a range of courses given by experienced speakers. For more information visit: [www.loretocentre.org.uk](http://www.loretocentre.org.uk) or email: [info@loretocentre.org.uk](mailto:info@loretocentre.org.uk)

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## Fifth 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vigil	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	<b>Frank Powell RIP</b>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fifth Sunday of Easter	St Hugh's	9.00am	Mass	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	St Alban's	10.30am	Mass	<b>Agnes &amp; Paul Smith RIP</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> The English Martyrs (Feast)	St Alban's	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Easter Feria	St Hugh's	10.00am	Mass	<b>Private intention</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Easter Feria	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	<b>Sally Hardiman &amp; Tony O'Malley RIP</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Easter Feria	St Hugh's	10.00am	Mass	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	St Alban's	6.30pm	Mass	<b>Bridie Malone Int.</b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter	St Hugh's	9.00am	Mass	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	St Alban's	10.30am	Mass	<b>PJ Brett RIP</b>

**The month of May is dedicated to Mary.** We will therefore be reciting the Rosary before each weekday Mass throughout the month.

**Thank you!** A huge thank you from the Altar Servers for supporting their cake sale last weekend. They raised a massive £152.00. Thank you for your generosity. Some of our altar servers are off to the Briars next weekend for a retreat that has been crafted to celebrate their ministry, strengthen their faith and build lasting friendships with other altar servers from across the diocese. Please keep them in your prayers.

**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.

**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!

**St Alban's CVA** is looking to recruit a **Premises Officer** for 20 hours per week on a permanent basis. For more information please visit: [Premises Officer at St Alban's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Derby, Derbyshire | MyNewTerm](#) The closing date for applications is Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 <sup>th</sup> May	St Hugh's PPC, 7pm
7 <sup>th</sup> May	St Alban's PPC, 7pm
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Baptism preparation meeting, 7pm @ St Alban's
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation continues
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Mass for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion, 10am @ St Alban's
21 <sup>st</sup> May	First Holy Communion parents meeting, 7.15pm @ 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