

## Parish Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> August 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: Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time**

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.

**Our Sanctuary Lamp at St Alban's burns this week:**  
**Mary & Tom Noonan RIP**

**BIGGUNS AND LITTLUNS** 11.00am-1.00pm Monday morning, during term time, St Alban's Parish Hall.

**Bigguns & Littluns has now finished for the summer, this will resume on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

**WELLNESS WEDNESDAY** coffee morning, last Wednesday of the month, St Hugh's from 9.30am – 11am.

**Wellness Wednesday has now finished for the summer, this will resume on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

**St Hugh's** There will be no **PAG coffee morning** after Sunday Mass between Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August as maintenance will be taking place. This will resume after the summer.

**Reply to Press Enquiries concerning the Amnesty International Report “A growing threat: the anti-rights movement in the UK”.** The Catholic Church works to uphold the God-given rights of all humanity, without exception. This includes the rights of those unjustly imprisoned, of refugees and migrants, of those who have been trafficked, and the right to life of all people from conception to natural death. Furthermore, we uphold the right to freedom of religion, conscience and expression as explained in the document of the Second Vatican Council, *Dignitatis Humanae*. Our belief in the dignity of every person, from which a proper understanding of human rights comes, animates all our work in the field of social justice in England and Wales.

#### Stop assisted suicide being legalised

Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11 September. Right To Life UK has launched an Easy Action tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

Congratulations to **Susan** and **Peter Thorburn** who celebrated their Diamond (60th) Wedding Anniversary last week. May Almighty God continue to bless their sacred covenant and keep them in His love.

**Credo:** Learn Catholicism



*Just 5 minutes a day can help you learn more and grow deeper in the faith.*

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## Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time 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 & half an hour before Saturday evening Mass at St Alban's**

| Day & Date                                                          | Place      | Time    | Event | Mass Intention                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|-------|-----------------------------------------|
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> August<br>Vigil                           | St Alban's | 6.30pm  | Mass  | <b>David Turner RIP</b>                 |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> August<br>Assumption of the Blessed V. Mary | St Hugh's  | 9.00am  | Mass  | <b>Antony Langden RIP</b>               |
|                                                                     | St Alban's | 10.30am | Mass  | <b>Mary &amp; Tom Noonan RIP</b>        |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> August<br>Feria                             | St Alban's | 10.00am | Mass  | <b>Ronnie Smith RIP</b>                 |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August<br>Feria                          | St Hugh's  | 10.00am | Mass  | <b>Seamus Reddy RIP</b>                 |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August<br>St. Bernard, abbot & doctor     | St Alban's | 6.30pm  | Mass  | <b>Mgr. James Hargreaves RIP</b>        |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> August<br>St. Pius X                        | St Hugh's  | 9.30am  | Mass  | <b>People of the Parish</b>             |
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August<br>Vigil                           | St Alban's | 6.30pm  | Mass  | <b>Frank &amp; Maureen O'Connor RIP</b> |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August<br>Twenty-First Sunday of the year   | St Hugh's  | 9.00am  | Mass  | <b>John Herbert RIP</b>                 |
|                                                                     | St Alban's | 10.30am | Mass  | <b>Ronnie &amp; Agnes Smith RIP</b>     |

Do you enjoy helping people? Do you have a clear and confident manner on the phone and good IT skills? Catholic Marriage Care is looking for an **Appointments Service Administrator** who is able to work a minimum of 8 hours per week, taking enquiries from people seeking relationship counselling or marriage preparation. For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email:

[karen@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:karen@marriagecare.org.uk)

More than half of all A-level grades at **Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy** in Derby were A\*-B this year. Fifty-four per cent of grades were A\*-B, 24 per cent were A\* or A and 80 per cent were A\*-C – a five per cent improvement on 2025 results. The average points score was 35.48 which represents further improvement for the fourth successive year and the average A-level grade is now a B. The results also include some outstanding individual achievements, with students securing exceptional combinations of A and A\* grades and progressing towards their chosen universities, apprenticeships, employment and further training. Congratulations to the students and the staff for the great result.

**Mission Together, 12 September 2026:** Join the 'Workshop for everyone' at Holy Cross Priory in Leicester. Pope Leo and Pope Francis ask all the baptised to build new relationships in the church through 'synodality' (walking together). Led by Dr Austen Ivereigh, Pope Francis' biographer and an invited expert at the synod on synodality, the workshop runs 10am - 3pm and will explore practical ways to listen and connect for mission. Caritas Leicester & Leicestershire suggest a donation of £20 to cover costs, though if this amount means you can't come just give what you can. Find out more at [bit.ly/synodalityleics](http://bit.ly/synodalityleics)

All are invited to a **Family Mass and Picnic** at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Bring a chair or picnic blanket, and arrive for Mass at 2.00pm, with a Marian Procession and Adoration too. More details from [jnoakes@englishmartyrs.com](mailto:jnoakes@englishmartyrs.com)

**Golden Jubilee of SPANNED** Our diocesan agency supporting people with additional needs (SPANNED) is 50 years old this year and will be marked by a Golden Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick at Saint Peter's Church, Hinckley, on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at 2.00pm. All are very welcome to share this wonderful milestone. If you are contemplating coming please contact Father Frank Daly, on 01455 634443, or [hinckleypriory@gmail.com](mailto:hinckleypriory@gmail.com) by 31<sup>st</sup> August, to help with catering arrangements.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**21<sup>st</sup> September** Baptism preparation meeting, 7pm @ St Alban's  
**14<sup>th</sup> November** Murder mystery, more information to follow