

**THE PARISHES OF  
HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR  
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF  
BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.**

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**EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN**

Dear Friends

I hope this Easter Greeting finds you all well and coping as best you can with the huge challenges this Covid-19 has brought into our lives, homes and families. I would like to offer to all of you who work in the front line services, a special word of encouragement and promise of place in my prayers at this difficult time as you go about your daily work.

As we enter into the 'Easter Triduum' let us do so with our hearts wide open to whatever God asks of us as we accompany him in these 3 days where we Celebrate his Passion, Death and Glorious Resurrection.

This is an Easter like no other for you and I. I believe that Jesus is teaching us something big time, and is asking us first and foremost to trust in him. And this is not easy; Jesus never said it would be easy to be a disciple of his. As we only have to look at how hard his, own disciples found it to be faithful followers. Jesus never gave up on them and he is not going to give up on us, all he asks is for us to trust in him.

My friends, there are a couple of things I want you to do as you prepare for these Liturgical Celebrations.

- Dig deep into your own holiness and spiritual life.
- Open your heart to God's will for you this Easter.
- How do I use these blockages that stand in our way of us coming together as a church community.
- What is God trying to teach us, this Easter and how can we be open to God will?
- What can I do that will make this Easter special for me? And my family?

This is a God given moment for us, to show him how we have managed in so many creative ways, that despite Covid-19 we have accompanied him at His Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection.

When Easter Day arrives, allow yourselves to truly live in the joy of Jesus Resurrection!

With my love and prayers to you and your families now and always

Fr John Martin Parish Priest

**OFFERTORY & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING  
THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS**

Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to make their offerings during the period our churches are closed. This is much appreciated; our Parish needs your continued support at this time as we need to continue to pay for essentials such as our priests' living expenses, the upkeep of our buildings and other ongoing costs. Of course, we realise that the current emergency is affecting many people's income and they may not be able to continue their level of offerings. If this is the case, we fully understand, and our prayers are with you. If you currently pay by standing order, this will continue as usual unless you tell your bank to vary it. If you usually give by envelope or via cash in the collection, you could now donate via your online or telephone banking. You can either make individual payments whenever you like, or you can set up a regular gift by Standing Order. This can be stopped at any time, for example, if you wish to resume giving by cash or envelope once Sunday Mass is resumed. For the purposes or setting up a regular gift via your online banking, the parish bank details are:

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**  
Lloyds Bank Account Name: Our Lady of P Suc Bulwell  
RCP Account Number: **01642187 Sort code: 30 96 18**  
**Holy Cross**

Lloyds Bank Account Name: Holy Cross RCP Hucknall  
**Account Number: 01697003 Sort Code: 30 96 18**  
Please put your name (e.g. A Jones) in the payment reference so we know the gift is from you. This is particularly important if we have a signed gift aid mandate from you. If you normally use numbered gift aid envelopes you should quote your envelope number as the payment reference (so A Jones, the holder of envelope 20, would quote A Jones ENV 20). If you are a UK taxpayer, you also have the option of adding Gift Aid, whereby the UK government adds a further 25% to your donation. Anyone wishing to set up a new Gift Aid arrangement should contact the parish office via email: Our parish relies on donations to stay open and provide care and support to everyone in our community. Please consider giving generously to support our mission and ministry. Thank you for your support.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 18TH/19TH APRIL 2020**

With immediate effect, all public worship in Catholic churches is suspended until further notice. This is to support the country and civil and NHS authorities in keeping people safe and managing the spread of the Covid-19 virus. All parish Masses, prayer groups, meetings and activities are suspended. This will continue until further notice. Further information will be posted on the parish website.

**SUPPORTING EACH OTHER**

**If you, or someone you know needs help**, can you please let us know by contacting the office on 0115 9278403 or by email at [ourladybulwell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ourladybulwell@hotmail.co.uk). Several parishioners have offered to help and you can speak confidentially to Fr John who can then put someone in touch. Alternatively anyone over 60 years with underlying health issues or anyone who is over 70 and isolating can contact AGE UK Notts on 0115 8440011 who need help with shopping or deliveries or just a friendly phone call. Help is available so please get in touch.

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

Fr John will continue to say Mass in church in private, praying for all of us and the wider community. The intentions for those Masses this week will be; Saturday 18th; Ellie Forker RIP, Sunday 19th Mary Burrows RIP and CB Intentions; Monday; 20th Jackie Stanlaus RIP, Tuesday 21st; AMc I Intentions, Wednesday 22nd; Rosemary & Mike & Family's Intentions, Thursday 23rd; Gael Dowdeswell RIP, Friday 24th; Paul & Rosie & Family Intentions, Saturday 25th; Tom & Peggy Sweeney RIP, Sunday 26th People of the Parish.

We continue to remember in our prayers all key workers who are continuing to go to work, look after us and put themselves at risk; NHS, teachers, shopworkers, delivery drivers, all emergency services ..... Please pray especially that all communities, in this time of trial and testing, may be spared the worst of this illness and continue to love one another and be patient and kind.