

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

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME— 4th/5th JULY 2020

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 ourladysbulwell@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

| DATE | INTENTION |
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| Sunday 5th July Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time | Jean Brady RIP |
| Monday 6th July Feria | Monsignor Sosing RIP |
| Tuesday 7th July Feria | Thomas Traynor RIP |
| Wednesday 8th July Feria | Nick & Renata Silver Wedding Anniversary |
| Thursday 9th July Feria | Neil Gallagher RIP |
| Friday 10th July Feria | Maria Poza RIP |
| Saturday 11th July Saint Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe (Feast) | Peg's Intentions |
| Sunday 12th July Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time | Monsignor Sosing RIP |

OPENING OF CHURCHES

My Dear Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds you all well and your managing to stay safe and stay well.

You will have heard and seen there has been talk about some Churches opening up in the coming weeks. This is not as easy as it appears because there are so many restrictions and implications to take into consideration before we can even begin that process.

In Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Bulwell we will begin the refurbishment of the Sacristy on Monday 6th July. Therefore, it is with a very heavy heart, I am very sorry to say and I know it will disappoint a number of you that Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, will not be opening until the end of September 2020.

With regards to Holy Cross Church Hucknall, there is a huge amount of work to do. And there is very few people to do it. Firstly, I have to think of my own health and if I am to continue to serve you and at the same time keep you safe. I have made the decision not to open Holy Cross Church until the same time as Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at the end of September 2020.

I know this is not the news you wanted to hear from me, however, with the way the Virus is going at present I feel the more churches that open up and the more pressure that's put on people to come to church and other mass gatherings, is just going to cause bigger problems for us all.

I truly believe what I am doing is in the best interest of your health and well-being, your family and the wider community as well as my own.

You have all done so well, throughout this pandemic, in maintaining your spiritual lives and I have seen and witnessed the creative ways in which you have supported one and another, Spiritually, Emotionally, and Charitably.

I know that there are many of us, who have and will continue to find this a very lonely and isolating time. Please do not struggle on your own, please reach out to one of us, Deacon Martyn and I are always on the end of our phones.

Please, please for the sake of another two months let us stand united in our love for each other and our Church and continue to do all the good things you are doing until it is much safer to open up 'Our beloved Churches of Holy Cross and Our5 Lady of Perpetual Succour'.

Bishop Patrick has asked me to remind you that the Sunday Obligation is still suspended until further notice for those who can't or do not want to put themselves at risk.

My friends let us continue to pray for each other and pray for that day when we can safely come back to the house of God 'Our Parish' but in the meantime let us glorify God in our every day life and the many blessings he is bestowing on us each and every day.

With abundance of gratitude and a promise of my prayerful support for each of you and your families.

John

Parish Priest

Serving the communities of Hucknall, Bestwood and Bulwell.