

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT— GAUDETE SUNDAY – 12TH DECEMBER /13TH DECEMBER MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUNDAY <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> <i>GAUDETE SUNDAY</i>	13th	9.30am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	People of the Parish Maurice Stanslaus RIP
MONDAY <i>ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND</i> <i>DOCTOR (MEMORIAL)</i>	14th		PRIVATE	Mary D's Family's Intentions
TUESDAY - (ADVENT FERIA)	15th		PRIVATE	Dorothy Kotylak RIP
WEDNESDAY (ADVENT FERIA)	16th		PRIVATE	Mick Hubbard RIP
THURSDAY (ADVENT FERIA)	17th		PRIVATE	Nora C & Family's Intentions
FRIDAY (ADVENT FERIA)	18th		PRIVATE	Thanksgiving Mass in honour of Sacred Heart of Jesus
SATURDAY (ADVENT FERIA)	19th		PRIVATE	People of the Parish
SATURDAY VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	19th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	John & Joe Reid RIP
SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	20th	9.30am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	People of the Parish Sabastian & Victoria N's Intentions

Office Closed: Breege and Viv have both been placed on Furlough leave. If you need to contact the office please email and your query will be dealt with as soon as possible. Please be patient with us but if you need to contact Fr John urgently please ring the office number.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. As we cannot attend daily Mass, we can use this prayer to express our faith in Christ and His Presence in the Eucharist, and ask Him to unite Himself with us.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT THE MOMENT

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? PLEASE INFORM FATHER JOHN OR THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TEAM. CITY HOSPITAL: 0115 9691169 EXT 56187 QMC 0115 9249924 EXT 64964

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SAINT JOSEPH



On the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. WITH A FATHER'S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph". [1] Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God's providence. Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as Patron of the Catholic Church by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Mt 12:34). My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how "our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How

many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices, and interceding for the good of all". [6] Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all. The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal. For the Holy Father's full letter please see our website.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASSES Booking required

Thursday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Our Lady's 4.30 pm

Holy Cross 6.30pm

Friday 25th December - Christmas Day

Our Lady's 10.00am

Holy Cross 11.15am

Sunday 27th December—The Feast of the Holy Family

Our Lady's 10.00 am

Holy Cross 11.15 am

A seat can be booked using the Diocesan booking system available at: www.massbooking.uk If you are not online please ring this number: 07395614050. Seats for Christmas Eve Mass can be booked on Friday 18th December & for Christmas Day on Saturday 19th Dec. The telephone line will be open on both of these days between the hours of 9am—12 Noon. Please do not ring the office number to book a seat for Mass, either book on-line or call the telephone number on the days and times listed.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Holy Cross Thursday 17th December 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Our Lady's Monday 21st December 6.30 – 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations are welcomed for Christmas Flowers in Church. Please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Christmas Flowers" and put in the collection box or through the letterbox. Thank you.

SEA SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2020 In order to make a donation, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk or contact the office on 02079011931 or email: info@stellamarismail.org

UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND VACCINATION In the light of the recent breakthrough in COVID-19 vaccine development, the Department for Social Justice has issued a follow up to its September 2020 statement. For full details please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/>

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPELS: Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared a series of reflections on the 'Christmas gospels', the gospel passages read from 17th December until 6th January. Video of the talks can be accessed by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

HOLY CROSS PPC ZOOM meeting of the Hucknall PPC will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 16th December 2020.

DIOCESAN CAROL SERVICE The Diocese will celebrate a short online carol service on **Friday 18th December at 6pm** on Bishop Patrick's YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/BishopPatrickMckinney>) with readings, music, prayers and reflections. Please join as a family and invite others to join you.

FAITH IN FAMILIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Just Giving Campaign – Faith in Families have a page setup to take your donations direct at: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fifxmas2020> **Through their website** – just use the donate button and apply through JustGiving. Make sure to add a note to say Christmas appeal. <https://faithinfamilies.org/support-us/ways-to-support/donate-online/> **By cheque** – You can send a cheque made payable to Faith in Families to the office. Please add a note to say it's for the 2020 Christmas Appeal. *Faith in Families. 2020 Christmas Appeal 7 Colwick Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 5FR.* Thank you so much for your generous support to those who need it most.