

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

CONTACT DETAILS:

Parish Priest: **FR. JOHN MARTIN** Tel: 0115 9278403
The Presbytery
Brooklyn Road, Bulwell, Mobile (FOR EMERGENCY ONLY):
Nottingham NG6 9ES 07714 460526

Parish Secretaries: Mrs Vivien Flynn
Mrs Breege Chapman Tel: 0115 9278403
Tuesday—Thursday 9am to 1pm

Parish Email: holycrosschurch@outlook.com & ourladybulwell@hotmail.co.uk
Website: www.bulwell-and-bestwood-catholic-churches.org.uk
Facebook: https://facebook.com/bulwellandbestwood

Parish Deacon: Rev. Martyn Swaby Tel: 0115 9770252
Retired Priest: Canon Anthony Dolan
Hall Booking: ourladybulwell.booking@gmail.com or Tel: 07932074298

SCHOOLS SERVING OUR PARISH:

PRIMARY SCHOOLS:
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell
Head Teacher — Mrs. Celine Toner
0115 9150500
St Margaret Clitherow, Bestwood
Head Teacher — Miss Christine Reilly
0115 9150296
Holy Cross, Hucknall
Head Teacher—Mrs. Tammie McNamara
0115 9534577

SECONDARY SCHOOLS:
Trinity School, Aspley
Head Teacher — Mr. Matthew Shenton
0115 9296251
Christ The King, Arnold
Head Teacher — Mr. Carlo Cuomo
0115 9556262

THE HOLY FAMILY (FEAST) – 27TH DECEMBER 2020

MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUNDAY <i>THE HOLY FAMILY (FEAST)</i>	27th	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Jackie Stanslaus RIP
		11.15am	HOLY CROSS	People of the Parish
MONDAY <i>THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (FEAST)</i>	28th	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Canon Bowman Short RIP (60th Anniversary)
TUESDAY - <i>SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY (BECKET), BISHOP AND MARTYR</i>	29th		PRIVATE	Medaille Trust Intentions
WEDNESDAY <i>SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</i>	30th	10.00am	HOLY CROSS	Ted Parkinson RIP
THURSDAY <i>SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF</i>	31st		PRIVATE	Patricia & Michael K's Intentions
FRIDAY (<i>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</i>)	1st	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Martin Family Intentions
SATURDAY (<i>SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT, AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS, (MEMORIAL)</i>)	2nd		PRIVATE	Bishop Patrick Intentions
SATURDAY— <i>VIGIL OF THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</i>	2nd	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Sean Lanigan RIP
SUNDAY - <i>THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</i>	3rd	9.30am	HOLY CROSS	Nicholas Williams RIP
		11.00am	OUR LADY'S	People of the Parish

Office Closed: The Office is now closed and will re-open on Thursday 7th January but will only be open for 5 hours as Breege and Viv will both remain on Furlough leave. If you need a Priest urgently please contact Fr John on his mobile. The Office phone will not be answered.

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

Feast of the Holy Family

My dear friends,

Today's celebration can teach us something about our faith. Falling on the Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family is a natural extension of Christmas Day itself, the next step in unfolding the mystery of the Incarnation.

Jesus, the eternal Son of God the Father, grew up and was formed in a human family – that Holy Family. God the Son chose to become “God-with-us”, he chose to become incarnate in Mary, he chose to be born in humble conditions; then he also chose to grow up as children do within the ordinariness of a human family. In honouring the Holy Family we see how Jesus redeemed everything about our lives, even our sometimes, dysfunctional families, showing us a better way, a holy way, to be family...

My friends, I have spoken to you before about the ‘*Servant of God Carlo Acutis*’ we see in our present time, that families are places of Holiness and where Holiness can grow. We see in this ordinary family like yours and mine where this ordinary couple Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, who were not especially religious, had worked in London and Germany, but finally settled in Milan in September 1991 and brought their son up in the practice of the faith. An ordinary family, please do not underestimate the power of your own holiness.

....Antonia Acutis, the mother of ‘*Servant of God Carlo Acutis*’, said her son lived a life centred on God. Antonia, also said her son, although extraordinarily obedient and mature for his age, was a young man who struggled with defects, like anyone else. A few of her last memories with her son, Antonia emphasised that, without her faith, which she believed was inspired and increased by the life of her son, she would not have been able to fully accept his death.

Antonia shared details of Carlo's personality and the graces she believed let him live his young life “filled with God.”

As we continue to enjoy what time we can with our ‘Own Holy Family’ over this Christmas holiday, allow the power of God's love to shine through you for your family!

Servant of God Carlo Acutis, Pray for our families and us. Amen