

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—18TH/19TH DECEMBER 2021 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SATURDAY—VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	18th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Pete Townsend RIP
SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	19th	9.30am	HOLY CROSS	People of the Parish
		11.00am	OUR LADY'S	Richard Lenihan RIP
MONDAY - (ADVENT FERIA)	20th	No Mass		
TUESDAY - (ADVENT FERIA)	21st	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Funeral Mass for James Joseph McCaffery
WEDNESDAY - (ADVENT FERIA)	22nd	12.00pm	HOLY CROSS	
THURSDAY - (ADVENT FERIA)	23rd	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Geoff Scholes RIP
FRIDAY - VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)	24th	4.30pm	OUR LADY'S	Liam Dowling RIP
		6.30pm	HOLY CROSS	People of the Parish
		11.30pm Carols	OUR LADY'S	
		Midnight Mass	OUR LADY'S	Fr John's intentions
SATURDAY - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)	25th	10.00am	HOLY CROSS	Nicholas Williams RIP
		10.00am	OUR LADY'S	People of the Parish
SUNDAY — THE HOLY FAMILY (FEAST)	26th	10.00am	HOLY CROSS	People of the Parish
		10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Jackie Stanslaus RIP

Office Hours: The Office will close on Thursday 23rd December and will re-open on Tuesday 4th January

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER

Christmas Eve — Volunteer needed
 Christmas Day—Lucas Ortega
 December 26th—Vivien Flynn

HOLY CROSS—WELCOMERS

Christmas Eve— Blaj Family
 Christmas Day—Andy & Sally Butkevicius
 December 26th— Dom Dixon & Lauren Whitehouse

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING

26th December — Arnold / Antonia Chiy

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS

Christmas Eve — Pauline Lynch
 Midnight Mass— Volunteer needed
 Christmas Day — Pietro Albano
 December 26th— Volunteer needed.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS

Christmas Eve — Kath Huckerby, Sam Cropley & Sue Sullivan
 Midnight Mass — Volunteer needed
 Christmas Day — Volunteers needed
 December 26th— Patsy Wesson

OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER (TEAM)

Team D (Antony, Gloria, Joanna & Chan)

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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ADVENT PRAYER

On our journey through Advent, we pray for a renewed encounter with Jesus, as we prepare to celebrate His birth at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4.30pm Our Lady's

6.30pm Holy Cross

11.30pm Carols

Midnight Mass Our Lady's

Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day

10am Our Lady's

10am Holy Cross

Sunday 26th December - Boxing Day

10am Our Lady's

10am Holy Cross

Saturday 1st January - New Year's Day

10am Our Lady's

ADVENT EVENTS

Tuesday 21st December

Reconciliation Service

7.00pm Our Lady's

Please use this opportunity for individual Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is your time!

"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness."

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just." Pope Francis

CRIB DONATIONS

Our parish will adopt Friends of the Holy Land as the beneficiary of our crib collections. FHL help the most deprived Christian families, especially those living around Bethlehem, in Gaza, Israel and Jordan.

COVID19 UPDATE

From Friday 10th December face coverings in places of worship became mandatory by government law, so we ask everyone unless exempt to wear a mask. This will apply to Mass, weddings, funerals or any other events in the church, and is in addition to ventilation and cleaning. Ventilation will be increased in churches and we strongly advise that you wrap up warm as the church may be colder than normal. Following the update on Covid guidelines we have received instructions from the Diocese to work from home. Breege and Maria will answer telephone calls during the office hours. We appreciate your understanding and co-operation during this time. We have now been informed that halls and community centres are also on the list of required for a face covering unless eating and drinking, so any activities, hirers or groups need to be aware of this. People who run parish groups and events need to review their risk assessments and see if they need to meet. This will of course vary depending on the group, its members, and the venue.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AT HOLY CROSS & OUR LADY'S

We will have a second collection this weekend 18th/19th December for flowers. Thank you.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR—OUR LADY'S SCHOOL

There is vacancy at Our Lady's school for a Foundation Governor. These play an important part in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of a school. If anyone is interested in becoming a foundation governor please contact the school via 0115 9150500 or head@ourladyops.nottingham.sch.uk

FAITH IN FAMILIES

We cannot collect toys or food for the families but you can still help brighten a family's Christmas and remind them that there is hope and people out there who will help. Please search [Faith in Families' 2021 Christmas Appeal - JustGiving](#) to donate through their website or send a cheque to their offices.

NB—Due to financial difficulties Faith in Families is merging with a larger agency and charity, Adoption Focus. They have decided to stop the collection boxes as they feel this source of fundraising has come to a natural end - the income from this method has dropped tremendously over the years. If you are a box holder, please would you bring it to church so that a final donation can be made before the end of the year. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul of John Bullin RIP who passed away recently. John is the son of the late Jack Bullin RIP who died earlier this year and was a parishioner of Holy Cross church. Also we pray for the repose of the soul of James Joseph McCaffery RIP whose funeral Mass takes place at Our Lady's this Tuesday 21st December at 10am followed by Cremation at Bramcote Crematorium. We pray especially for their family and friends at this difficult time.

THANK YOU

Thank you to AW Lymn Funeral Directors for once again supplying the Christmas Trees that adorns our churches and thank you to the volunteers who decorate them.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOBY JOHN

I, Fr Joby John, a Catholic priest of Syro-Malabar Rite from India am now here, in Our Lady's, Bulwell for you. I am excited a lot by your warm welcome, love and care of dear Fr John Martin. I was born and brought up in a family of two boys, in Kerala, the southern state of India. This is my first time ever in UK but your love and concern made me feel that I am at home with my family members. I must be thankful to you all, especially Bishop Patrick for providing me a beautiful place to live in. Being a priest of our Lord, I am here to help you on the journey to the Kingdom of God in all the means that we can. I am also asked by the Bishop, to take care of the Indian Catholic Community and all their spiritual needs. If Almighty God permits, I would be able to render the priestly ministry for you, for the next few years here in Our Lady's as well as in Holy Cross, Hucknall. Hence, I request your valuable prayers and support so that I may be strengthened by the heavenly graces. Let us together prepare ourselves for His wonderful Birthday.

Yours in Christ Joby John

CHRISTMAS VOICES FROM THE HOLY LAND

Friends of the Holy Land have produced this publication, 'Christmas Voices from the Holy Land', a collection of Christ-centred prayer resources for Advent and Christmas which speak powerfully to our journey through Advent to the Nativity of Jesus, and beyond. Please visit <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/shop/advent-book-2021> All funds raised from the sale of this book will be used in the charitable activities of Friends of the Holy Land, and so help those who have suffered in Gaza, the West Bank (including east Jerusalem), and the divided communities in Israel this Christmas.

