

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—4TH/5TH DECEMBER 2021

MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SATURDAY—VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	4th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Loreta Hay RIP
SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	5th	9.30am	HOLY CROSS	People of the Parish
		11.00am	OUR LADY'S	Gerald Kiwanuka RIP
MONDAY - ADVENT FERIA	6th		PRIVATE	
TUESDAY - SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR (MEMORIAL)	7th	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Private Intention
WEDNESDAY - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF OUR DIOCESE (SOLEMNITY)	8th	12.00pm	HOLY CROSS	Madge Lanigan RIP
THURSDAY - (ADVENT FERIA)	9th	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Ray Augustine RIP
FRIDAY - (ADVENT FERIA)	10th	12 Noon	HOLY CROSS	
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	11th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Ellie & Hugh Forker RIP
SUNDAY— THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	12th	9.30am	HOLY CROSS	People of the Parish
		11.00am	OUR LADY'S	Maurice Stanslaus RIP
		2.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Carol Concert

Office Hours: The office is open from Tuesday to Thursday, 9am to 1pm.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER

Sunday 12th December — Vivien Flynn

HOLY CROSS—WELCOMERS

12th December—Dom Dixon/Lauren Whitehouse

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING

12th December — Colleen Cash / Rose

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS

Saturday 11th December — Johannas Gillott

Sunday 12th December— Judy Muthuri

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS

Saturday 11th December— Judith Crisp/Sue Sullivan

Sunday 12th December — Tom & Monica Kiernan

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 then 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

Sunday 12th December

Carol Service/Concert

2.00pm *Our Lady's*

Refreshments and raffle draw in the Parish Hall afterwards

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

SYNODAL PATHWAY 2021 MEETING

We will meet again in the New Year to follow up and discuss the other questions. The Bishop's pastoral letter and the time line details, as well as a link to the Vatican information along with Pope Francis' address to the Synod, are now on the website.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AT HOLY CROSS & OUR LADY'S

We will have a retiring collection on the weekend of the 18th/19th December for flowers. If you would like to make a donation before then you can include your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Christmas Flowers" and put in the collection box or in the letterbox. Thank you.

DISCOVER HOW JESUS IS SPEAKING TO YOU IN SCRIPTURE

On Tuesday 7th December at 7:30pm Sr Hyacinthe a Dominican Sister, catechist, tutor, writer and joy filled follower of Jesus will lead a workshop on Zoom introducing the 4 senses of Scripture. These skills are great ways to help us see how we can use and understand scripture more in our own lives and in catechesis too. Register for the talk by visiting www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/onlineevents

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT HOLY CROSS

The Children's Liturgy Team are hoping to start running again soon and are looking for adults who are willing to join in with leading and preparing the sessions. You don't need to be qualified in any way- it's a really simple process and the team will support you. Our children love these sessions but we can only provide them with your support. If you think you may be able to help, please see Sally Butkevicius or Rosaleen Walters after Mass or email s.butkevicius@ntlworld.com

FAITH IN FAMILIES

We cannot collect toys or food for the families but we can still help to bring a smile to their faces. 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. Thank you.

FR JOBY JOHN

A warm welcome is extended to Fr Joby who has very recently taken up an appointment in our Diocese. Father Joby John will be based here at Our Lady's and will cover work within both our Churches. Fr Joby will also serve the Syro-Malabar Communities in Nottinghamshire and beyond.

BIBLE PRAYER GROUP HOLY CROSS

Please note that this group meets every Tuesday at 7p.m. in the meeting-room at Holy Cross Church. Everyone welcome.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets are now on sale for this raffle which is organised by Our Lady's school. Tickets cost 50p each or 5 for £2. The draw will take place in the hall after the Christmas Concert on 12th December.

GOSPEL THOUGHTS

During the season of Advent the "Walk with Me Booklets" will replace the Gospel thoughts. There are plenty left at the back of Church at a cost of £1. We also have a number of Children's booklets left, please take one and encourage your child/children to use this book to learn about the story of Christmas.

SECOND COLLECTION POOR AND NEEDY PARISHES

There will be a second collection next weekend 11th/12th December for the Poor and Needy Parishes.

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.

