

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 2021

MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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
MONDAY - SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (FEAST)	27th			
TUESDAY - THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (FEAST)	28th	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Private Intention (Christine)
WEDNESDAY - SAINT THOMAS OF CANTEBURY (BECKET), BISHOP AND MARTYR (FEAST)	29th	12.00 Noon	HOLY CROSS	Sisters of Nazareth
THURSDAY - SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS	30th	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Paul Richards & Family Intentions
FRIDAY - SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS	31st	12.00 Noon	HOLY CROSS	Mother Damian & Poor Clare Sisters intentions
SATURDAY - MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (SOLEMNITY)	1st	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Melissa Caullay RIP
SUNDAY— SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	2nd	9.30am	HOLY CROSS	Sean Lanigan RIP
		1100am	OUR LADY'S	Dorothy Kotylak RIP

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER
 January 2nd - Jenny Thompson
HOLY CROSS—WELCOMERS
 January 2nd - Andy & Sally Butkevicius
HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING
 January 2nd - Fiola Onuoha / Fatima Simba

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS
 January 2nd — Alrica Sequeira
OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS
 January 2nd - Carmen & Steve Fitzgerald
OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY (TEAM)
 Team A (Teresa, Maram, Juliana & Mariana)

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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Christmas Message 2021 from Fr John

Dear Friends,

As we gather at this most sacred time of year with our families and friends, we have so much to be thankful to the 'Christ Child' for!

The joys of fun, laughter, moments of hope, wonder and times of pain, despair, bewilderment and loss!
 And yet our faith forges us on in hope; hope of a brighter horizon and that all will be well.

Throughout the last year we have both read and heard Jesus say, so many times in the Gospels, **'Your faith, has saved you'**! Your faith, which you put into welcoming the **Saviour of the World**, is what in my opinion sustains you in your personal relationship with Jesus. You are the eyes, ears, hands and feet of Jesus. You are his mercy, compassion and love in the world today. It is through your face that the face of God speaks, his message of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Compassion. Allow yourself to be the expression of Jesus in the manner you treat others. Be ever mindful of your Christian Baptismal Promises.

How can we say we love God, who we can't see? And not love our Neighbour who we can see?

The cost of discipleship is pricey, very pricey! Are we willing to allow ourselves to be pushed to the edge and take the risk or are we going to stay in our comfort zone? The choice is always ours?

This has been a very difficult year, if not for all of us, many of us. Our faith has been tried and tested but we have been proven to be worthy of God's abounding love and mercy, a love that never fails, a mercy that never gives up on us.

Please take courage and be open to all that God is offering you this Christmas through his only begotten Son Jesus. Set aside a few moments and allow the Christ Child of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Compassion to speak to the silence of your soul this Christmas so, hear him say to you with a voice of conviction, put your name.....

Your Faith Has Saved You!

May the richness of this holy night fill your hearts and homes with a blessed peace that only the Christ Child can give you and those you love! With an assurance of my love and prayers for you and your families this Christmas Season and always,

Peace John

I would like to thank all parishioners for your cards, good wishes, gifts and above all your prayers. I would like to wish you all a blessed Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Fr Anthony

We wish all the people at Our Lady's and Holy Cross a happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all the support throughout the year.

Mother Damian and the Poor Clare sisters

Monsignor Forde writes:

I am still in hospital (rehab), but hoping to be home soon. I can't write as well as I could at the moment so though you won't receive a card from me, be assured that you will all be remembered in my prayers at Christmas and beyond. Thank you for all your Christmas good wishes and please be assured of mine. "I pray that happiness be at your door. May it knock early, stay late and leave a gift of God's peace, love, joy and good health behind" Mgr. DF