

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

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SECOND WEEK OF CHRISTMASTIDE—1ST/2ND JANUARY 2022

MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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| 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 |
| | | 11.00am | OUR LADY'S | Dorothy Kotylak RIP |
| MONDAY - (CHRISTMAS FERIA) | 3rd | | | |
| TUESDAY - (CHRISTMAS FERIA) | 4th | 9.30am | OUR LADY'S | Oliver Lynch RIP |
| WEDNESDAY - VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY) | 5th | 7.00pm | HOLY CROSS | Gerald Kiwanuka RIP |
| THURSDAY - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY) HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION | 6th | 10.00 am | OUR LADY'S | Brew Family Intentions |
| FRIDAY - FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 7th | 12 noon | HOLY CROSS | |
| SATURDAY—SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 8th | 1.00pm | OUR LADY'S | Kenyan Mass |
| SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST) | 8th | 5.00pm | OUR LADY'S | Stephanie Doherty RIP |
| SUNDAY— THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST) | 9th | 9.30am | HOLY CROSS | People of the Parish |
| | | 1100am | OUR LADY'S | Ricarte Samson RIP |

Thank You and Happy New Year!

Dear Friends

On behalf of myself, Fr Joby, and our Poor Clare Sisters, we wish to thank you all for the many beautiful Christmas Cards, good wishes and the many very generous gifts you have given to us all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you who give, so very generously of yourselves to the running of the Parish. It is so important to remember, that this is **‘Your Parish’** and **‘Your Parish’** will only be as good and as generous as **you are**. And I know from personal experiences that we are blessed to have such a beautiful Parish. The list of people is endless. It takes one Priest to offer the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass but it takes an army of people to run a parish!! The workload to run the parish is so wide and varied, and with so many demands made upon all of us, the more parishioners that help the better it will be for all involved, if you can offer any free time please contact the office.

On a final note our diversity and the many different countries and cultures we come from enrich the beauty of our parish and blesses us in a way that we would not encounter if, it was not for our beautiful Faith.

We would not have encountered ‘Emmanuel God with us’ the ‘Christ Child of Bethlehem’ we are an ‘Easter People’, a people of Hope and Light. Allow this hope and light to permeate our hearts and homes, anew as we leave 2021 behind us and go boldly forward in Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Compassion with the flame of the Christ Child burning deep within us for all people, regardless of their beliefs, creed, colour, or gender!

Peace John

Epiphany Blessing of Chalk

The Church has a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany. Family and friends gather to ask God’s blessing on their homes and those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk blessed during the liturgy for the Feast of Epiphany and write above the home’s entryway, 20 + C + M + B + 22. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross and 2022 is the year.

The blessing has biblical roots, deeply tied to the Passover in the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt ... “take some of the blood [of the lamb], and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it ... The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.” (cf. Exodus 12:1-13)

It is no coincidence that the Epiphany blessing is traditionally written on the lintel of the main doorway and even some of the prayers echo God’s words of protection that he gave to Moses.

Fr John will bless chalk with Holy Water during the Masses on the Feast of the Epiphany and it will then be distributed after Mass. Parishioners then take the chalk home and use it while invoking God’s blessing upon their home.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER

January 9th - Vivien Flynn

HOLY CROSS—WELCOMERS

January 9th - Dominic Dixon & Lauren Whitehouse

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING

January 9th - Francis/Gloria Walker

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS

Saturday 8th January — Kevin Stevenson

Sunday 9th January — Tom Kiernan

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS

Saturday 8th January— Bev Remm & Noeleen Knight

Sunday 9th January — Monica & Jane Maine

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