

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 - 24TH/25TH DECEMBER 2022 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SATURDAY - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY (SOLEMNITY)	24th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Oliver Begley RIP & Liam Dowling RIP
SUNDAY - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY (SOLEMNITY)	25th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	People of the Parish Catherine Heraghty RIP & Jackie Stanslaus RIP
MONDAY - SAINT STEPHEN (FEAST)	26th			
TUESDAY - SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST (FEAST)	27th			NO MASS
WEDNESDAY - THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (FEAST)	28th	11.00am	HOLY CROSS	Monsignor Forde's Intentions
THURSDAY - SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY (BECKET), BISHOP & MARTYR (FEAST)	29th	11.00am	OUR LADY'S	Breda Murphy RIP
FRIDAY - THE HOLY FAMILY (FEAST)	30th	11.00am	HOLY CROSS	Ted Parkinson RIP
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (SOLEMNITY)	31st	5.00pm 6.00pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Hickey Family Intentions Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
SUNDAY - MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (SOLEMNITY)	1st	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Sean Lanigan RIP James Queally RIP

<p>HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER January 1st - Vivien Flynn</p> <p>HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS January 1st—Andy & Sally Butkevicius</p> <p>HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING January 1st - Henrieta Obiora & Sylvia Aboakporo</p>	<p>OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS Saturday 31st December - Filipino community Sunday 1st January - Simon Fossett</p> <p>OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS Saturday 31st December—Filipino community Sunday 1st January - Volunteers</p> <p>OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY Team A (Teresa, Maram, Johannas, Julianna & Marianna)</p> <p>REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS Refreshments will resume on Sunday 8th January 2023</p>
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RECONCILIATION: Our Lady's Saturday 4.30pm—4.45pm Holy Cross - Wednesday (after Mass)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AND SERVICES

WEDNESDAY 28TH DECEMBER The Holy Innocents

11.00am Holy Cross

THURSDAY 29TH DECEMBER St Thomas Of Canterbury (BECKET)

11.00am Our Lady's

FRIDAY 30TH DECEMBER The Holy Family

11.00am Holy Cross

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. RICHARD – 2022

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we gather at this most special time of year, we rejoice as we celebrate the birth of our saviour, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

“In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God and the Word was God”

During Advent, we have reflected on the prophecies of the ancient prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah, the one who would set his people free, the one who would save us from our sins. John the Baptist, the last of the prophets, prepared a way for the Lord and rejoiced to see his appearing. John is the voice that cries in the wilderness, not a physical wilderness, but the wilderness of apathy and unbelief in the hearts of men and women. But what good is a voice without a word? As St. Augustine testified, a voice without a word is just an unintelligible sound without form or meaning. But John proclaimed the coming of the Word – the voice proclaims the Word.

“The Word became flesh and lived among us”

Christmas is a time of awe and wonder when we think that the eternal, all-powerful Word of God, the Son who is closest to the Father's heart, entered into the creation that had its being through him; and the one who existed before time itself entered into our history in flesh and blood like ours. This is the wonder of this Holy Season, when we think that God loves us so much that He became one of us for our sake. This Word of God brought hope into the darkened world, and the light that appeared over 2000 years ago still shines as brightly today.

As we gather together with family and friend this Christmas, let us all take some quiet time to reflect on the light and hope the Son of God brings into our lives and rejoice that he has saved us. With my prayers for you and your families this Christmas,

Fr. Richard

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 your prayers and your support throughout the year.

Mother Damian and the Poor Clare sisters

MARY'S MEALS

From 1st November 2022 to 31st January 2023 donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1,500,000. A collection was taken at Holy Cross Carol Concert and an amount of £131 was raised for Mary's Meals. Thank you to everyone. Your generosity is much appreciated.

HOLY CROSS BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the bazaar this year. Despite a poor attendance an amount of £628.04 was raised. Thank you again.

BIBLE STUDY HOLY CROSS

No further meetings of the group until further notice. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

The preparation for First Holy Communion will be back in our churches next year and not in schools [except for St Margaret Clitherow]. To register your child, please complete a form which is now at the back of church/on the website or email the office requesting one. Completed forms must be returned by **15th January** at the latest.

WARM SPACE AT OUR LADY'S MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉ

Every Thursday the café is open 10am-12.30pm in the Parish Hall. This will be open in between Christmas and the New Year.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed until Wednesday 4th January 2023. We would like to wish everyone a very Blessed and Peaceful Christmas.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell: Bridget Doyle Holy Cross, Hucknall: Rosaleen Walters
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WEEKEND COLLECTION 17TH/ 18TH HOLY CROSS £279.29 S/O - £136 OUR LADY'S £666.20 S/O £540