

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

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MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (SOLEMNITY) - 31ST Dec 2022 / 1st January 2023 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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
MONDAY - STS BASIL THE GREAT, AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS (MEMORIAL)	2nd			
TUESDAY - CHRISTMAS (BEFORE EPIPHANY) FERIA	3rd	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Tess Stanley RIP
WEDNESDAY - CHRISTMAS (BEFORE EPIPHANY) FERIA	4th	12.00 noon	HOLY CROSS	Monsignor D Forde Intentions
THURSDAY - VIGIL OF EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)	5th	7.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Clare Booton Intentions
FRIDAY - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY) HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	6th	9.30am 7.00pm	OUR LADY'S HOLY CROSS	Lily O'Boyle RIP
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)	7th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Queally Family Intentions
SUNDAY - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)	8th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	People of the Parish Walter Suswillo RIP

<p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER January 8th - Lauren Whitehouse</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS January 8th —Dominic Dixon & Lauren Whitehouse</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING January 8th - Coleen & Rose Cash</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS Saturday 7th January - Julie O'Boyle Sunday 8th January - Ngozi Okochi</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS Saturday 7th January—Bev Remm & Noleen Knight Sunday 8th January - Monica Cassidy & Jason Young</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY Team A (Teresa, Maram, Johannas, Julianna & Marianna)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS Sunday 8th January —</p>
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RECONCILIATION: Our Lady's Saturday 4.30pm—4.45pm Holy Cross - Wednesday (after Mass)

Thank you and Happy New Year

I would like to begin by saying thank you for your generous good wishes, cards and gifts I received over the Christmas season.

I really do appreciate your generosity.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have given so much in terms of time and effort for the good of the whole parish. Thank you also for your welcome and friendship since I arrived in your parish at the beginning of February 2022. It has been a great source of strength for me as I began my ministry among you.

When I arrived back in February I expressed my vision for our communities to move forward together. As your priest, I expressed my desire to work with you on an equal basis, having respect for your own vocations which are just as important as my own. There is such a great wealth of gifts and talents in our parish, diverse yet complementary. By working together, our parish could become something amazing if we have the courage to step out together into the unknown – scary and exciting at the same time. I am convinced that together we can achieve anything, and with the Holy Spirit to guide us and work within us, we can become the Church that he wants.

This coming year there will be a greater emphasis on **Mission** and **Outreach** following the pattern of the Early Church. The Church began with just a handful of disciples and has grown over the past two millennia into 2.5 billion Christians on the planet – more than a quarter of the world's population which now stands at over 8 billion. This is only possible with commitment and a lively faith.

So as we move forward together in 2023, and beyond, I hope that we can build on the strong foundation of our parish and, as living stones, build up the kingdom of God in our small corner of the world. Only God can help us achieve this and we pray that the Holy Spirit will be with us and guide us to become the Church He wants us to be.

May the Lord bless you and your families during this coming year and bring your hopes and dreams to fulfilment.

Fr. Richard

The Synod – Continental Stage Consultation. All the Synod feedback from parishes, dioceses, and national Bishops' Conferences around the world has been gathered, considered, discerned, and distilled into a Report which is now being given to each continent to consider in light of their own tradition, history, experience, and religious perspective. Within Europe we now have the opportunity to consider the Synodal feedback from around the world and to report on:

- A) What we feel resonates with our own experiences – list the top three priorities from those given;
- B) Consider what are the challenges and tensions in each of those three areas;
- C) Define the next steps which move us (parish, deanery, diocese, the Church) forward.

Please engage with this consultation by:

- A) Completing the form available in church;
- B) Complete the feedback form on-line at: <https://forms.office.com/e/2Yfs77hHsp>;
- C) Follow the QR code and access the on-line diocesan consultation.



All responses should be received by 9th January 2023 so they can be included in the overall diocesan response. Let us dream of the Church the Holy Spirit is calling us to become.

<p style="text-align: center;">THANK YOU</p> <p>Thank you to all those who give up their time on a regular basis to cover the essential Ministries in the church. As this is the time we start to think about new year resolutions and looking forward to the year ahead, why not consider offering some time to the Church. These roles are essential for the Church to survive and grow and it would be good to have as many people on board as possible so that the workload can be shared. If you would like to join any of the ministries within the church e.g, welcoming, reading, cleaning, RCIA, Children's Liturgy, Café etc., please speak to Fr Richard or the office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RISE PARK CATHOLICS AND SURROUNDING AREA: The next meeting is on Saturday 14th January 10.30 – 12noon at Rise Park Community centre for friendship and support. This month we will discuss Catholic outreach in the area and exchange contact information. Thank you to those who came to our last meeting from Our Lady's, Good Shepherd and the Cathedral.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BIBLE STUDY HOLY CROSS No further meetings of the group until further notice. Thank you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023</p> <p>The preparation for First Holy Communion will be back in our churches this 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 between Christmas and the New Year</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LAY CHAPLAIN JOB VACANCY The Trinity School (Secondary) and its 4 feeder providers are part of the Nottingham deanery and with one talented Lay Chaplain already in post we are looking for a Lay Chaplain to help lead and coordinate an effective joined up provision for these schools. For an informal discussion about the role and our schools, please contact Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust directly. Please contact Tom Baptist at t.baptist@lolcatholicmat.co.uk. Details of this post and an online application form are available on our website: https://www.lolcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies/</p>
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WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR