

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 - 9TH/10TH DECEMBER 2023 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation
for Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Paddy Hannifin RIP
SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10th	9.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Georgina & Emmanuel Intentions Hugh & Ellie Forker RIP Prayers for Vocations (Please see note)
MONDAY - ADVENT FERIA	11th			
TUESDAY - ADVENT FERIA	12th	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Josie & Leon RIP
WEDNESDAY - SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR (MEMORIAL)	13th	11.00am 12 noon	HOLY CROSS HOLY CROSS	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
THURSDAY - SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR (MEMORIAL)	14th	9.30am 10.00am	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Michael Sweeney RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
FRIDAY - ADVENT FERIA	15th	9.30am 7.00pm	HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OUR LADY'S	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Divine Mercy Chaplet
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	16th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Edward Giles RIP
SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	17th	9.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	People of the Parish Maurice Stanslaus RIP Prayers for Vocations

SECOND COLLECTION FOR POOR AND NEEDY PARISHES

This collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP No Bible Study at Holy Cross but will recommence in January	MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉ'S HOLY CROSS will be open again on Wednesday 27th December at 9.30am in the meeting room. OUR LADY'S every Thursday 10am—12.30pm in the Parish Hall. EVERYONE WELCOME.
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER December 17th - Lucas Ortega	OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS Saturday December 16th— Kathy Taylor Sunday December 17th – Loraine Chirara	A hearing loop system is available in both churches. Please set your hearing aid to 'T' (Telecoil) setting in order for it to work. 
HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS December 17th - Olimpia & Ciprian Blaj	OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS Saturday December 16th - Sue Sullivan & Annette Scholes Sunday December 17th - June & Monica Maina	
HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING December 17th - Henrieta Obiora & Sylvia Abookporo	OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER Team D (Anthony, Gloria, Cynthia & Claire) REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS Sunday December 17th—Willow & Ruth	

RECONCILIATION: Our Lady's Saturday 4.15pm—4.45pm: Holy Cross - Wednesday (after Mass)

23RD/24TH DECEMBER 2023 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 23rd December 5pm Our Lady's
Sunday 24th December 9am Holy Cross, 11am Our Lady's

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AND SERVICES

RECONCILIATION Saturday 16th December 11.00am - 12 noon Holy Cross church	SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE 5.00pm Our Lady's
ADVENT HOLY HOUR WITH RECONCILIATION Tuesday 19th December 7.00pm Our Lady's	MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY 9.00am Holy Cross
<i>Please use this opportunity for individual confessions</i> "The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness." Pope Francis	TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER Saint Stephen (Feast) 10.00am Our Lady's
	THURSDAY 28TH DECEMBER The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast) 10.00am Our Lady's

ADVENT PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord, lend your ear to our prayer. Light up the darkness of our minds with the grace of your loving kindness so that we may prepare worthily for the celebration of the birth of your Son; who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - OUR LADY'S



Our Lady's are holding their Carol Service on **Sunday 17th December at 2.00pm**. This is a very inclusive service with as many people as possible taking part. We would like to have people to sing the first verse of Silent Night in different languages, as an individual or as a group. If you can help with this or have any other suggestions to be included in the service please let Jane Rooksby or Bridget Doyle know. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS AT HOLY CROSS

This will now take place at Michael's house from this Sunday at 4.00pm. If you require a lift please ring 0115 9630925.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMIES

(Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020. The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is 15th January 2024. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for, if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion, you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline (forms are available from the LA and the school). You MUST also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, e.g baptism certificate .(photocopies acceptable).

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER

To God who blesses, we too respond by blessing — God has taught us how to bless and we must bless — through the prayer of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving. The Catechism writes: "The prayer of blessing is our response to God's gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing" (n. 2626).

HANDEL'S MESSIAH BY CANDLELIGHT

will be performed by Nottingham Cathedral Choir, orchestra and special guests on **Saturday 16th December at the Church of the Good Shepherd**, Woodthorpe NG5 4HT, as part of the church's diamond jubilee celebrations. The performance will begin at 7.00pm, with tickets (£5-£20) available from the parish office (0115 926 8288) or goodshepherd@dioceseofnottingham.uk or via Eventbrite: Handel's Messiah by Candlelight Tickets, **Saturday 16th Dec 2023 at 19:00** | Eventbrite

PLEASE PRAY FOR



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Dorothy Law RIP** who passed away recently. A life-long member of Our Lady's parish. Her funeral will take place at Wilford Hill this **Tuesday 12th December at 12.30pm**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Marguerita Umney RIP** who passed away recently and whose funeral will take place at Holy Cross Church on **Wednesday 20th December at 11am**.
We remember their families and friends at this difficult time. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

CHRISTMAS PARTY- OUR LADY'S

Come and join us for some festive fun at the Parish Christmas Karaoke and Disco Party in the Hall this **Saturday 9th December at 7.00pm**. Hot food and mince pies provided. Tea/coffee/refreshments available. Feel free to bring your own beer/wine. Raffle with plenty of good prizes. Good night guaranteed. Tickets available after Mass.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time? If so, becoming a foundation governor could be just the thing for you. Holy Cross school is seeking to appoint a new foundation governor. Foundation governors play a vital role in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of our schools. If you are interested or would like more information, please email: julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk

ADVENT "WALK WITH ME" BOOKLETS

Available at the back of church at a cost of £1.00. This is a booklet to help us reflect and pray daily. We also have a small number of children's Advent calendars available at a cost of 50p.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 2ND/3RD DECEMBER; HOLY CROSS £282.64 S/O - £153 OUR LADY'S £234.40 S/O £540

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