

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

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AND SERVICES

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm Our Lady's

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am Holy Cross

11.00am Our Lady's

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 23rd/24TH DECEMBER 2023 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation for Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	23rd	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Mary Ryder RIP
SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	24th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	People of the Parish Mrs Jackie Stanlaus RIP
SUNDAY—VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY (SOLEMNITY)	24th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Liam Dowling RIP & Oliver Begley RIP
MONDAY—THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY (SOLEMNITY)	25th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Nicholas Williams RIP Catherine & John Heraghty RIP
TUESDAY - SAINT STEPHEN (FEAST)	26th	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Dorothy Law RIP
WEDNESDAY - SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST (FEAST)	27th	11.00am 12 noon	HOLY CROSS HOLY CROSS	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Service of the Word and Holy Communion
THURSDAY - THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (FEAST)	28th	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	JJ McAndrew RIP
FRIDAY - SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY (BECKET), BISHOP & MARTYR (FEAST)	29th	12 noon	HOLY CROSS	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE HOLY FAMILY (FEAST)	30th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Margaret Doyle RIP
SUNDAY - THE HOLY FAMILY (FEAST)	31st	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Rita Umney RIP Margaret Doyle RIP

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.**

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER

December 31st - Dominic Dixon

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS

December 31st - Olimpia & Ciprian Blaj

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING

December 31st - Charles & Patricia Nyarkoh

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS

Saturday December 30th - Filipino community

Sunday December 31st - Ngozi Okochi

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS

Saturday December 30th - Filipino community

Sunday December 31st - Monica Kiernan

OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY

Team A (Teresa, Maram, Johannas, Juliana, Chiamaka)

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Sunday December 31st—Jason Young

A hearing loop system is available in both churches. Please set your hearing aid to 'T' (Telecoil) setting in order for it to work.



CHRISTMAS DAY

VIGIL MASS OUR LADY'S 5.00PM READER: Johannas Gillott **WELCOMERS** Kath, Sam, Julieta and Maxilleanne

HOLY CROSS 9.00AM READER: Lauren Whitehouse **WELCOMERS:** Andy & Sally Butkevicius

OUR LADY'S 11.00AM READER: Ifunanyachukwu Onwukwe **WELCOMERS:** Annette Scholes & Teresa Doherty

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

MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR FORDE

Parkinson's disease prevents me from writing 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".

HOLY CROSS PETITION FOR CEASEFIRE

We are appealing to our Member of Parliament for Sherwood, through his influence with our Government, to press the Government of Israel to show compassion and arrange a ceasefire for a lasting settlement that is equitable to both sides, with whoever succeeds in representing the Palestinian people in Gaza. The petition for signing will be at the back of church after Mass this weekend. Thank you for your support.

PLEA FOR WELCOMERS ON A SUNDAY MORNING AT OUR LADY'S.

We now only have 3 teams which makes it very demanding on their time and goodwill. Please think about joining this important Ministry - just a few more volunteers will really help to keep it running smoothly. The more teams we have, the less you will be called upon. Thank you for your support

250 CLUB WINNERS

October 2023: 1st No. 230. Michelle Smith, 2nd No. 19. Kathleen Huckerby, 3rd No. 236 Bridget Doyle

November 2023: 1st No 8. Angela Brown, 2nd No. 1. Breege Chapman, 3rd No. 55 Aniaku Voke

December 2023: 1st No. 144. Rita Connell, 2nd No. 41. Mary Carson, 3rd No. 16. Sharon Sweeney.

Please collect your prize from the Sacristy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anne Fleming RIP** who died recently. Her funeral service is **Thursday 11th January at 12.30pm at Our Lady's**. We remember her family and friends at this difficult time. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

There is no better way to pray than to place oneself like Mary in an attitude of openness, with a heart open to God: "Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want". That is, a heart open to God's will. And God always responds.

To read the full reflection and find more resources visit: dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY- OUR LADY'S

A big THANK YOU to everyone who bought tickets for the Christmas raffle and to those who supported the party in the hall. A total of £700.00 was raised for Church funds. A tremendous effort given the ongoing cost of living problems.



We would like to wish everyone a very blessed and peaceful Christmas.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed until Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 16TH/17TH DECEMBER; HOLY CROSS £ 381.67 S/O £153 OUR LADY'S £478.50 S/O £540

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