

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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Christmas Message from Fr. Richard – 2023

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 friends 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

CHRISTMAS DAY—(SOLEMNITY) 25th 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.**

<p>HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER December 31st - Dominic Dixon</p> <p>HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS December 31st - Olimpia & Ciprian Blaj</p> <p>HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING December 31st - Charles & Patricia Nyarkoh</p>	<p>OUR LADY’S CHURCH—READERS Saturday December 30th - Filipino community Sunday December 31st – Ngozi Okochi</p> <p>OUR LADY’S CHURCH—WELCOMERS Saturday December 30th - Filipino community Sunday December 31st - Monica Kiernan</p> <p>OUR LADY’S CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY Team A (Teresa, Maram, Johannas, Juliana, Chiamaka) REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS Sunday December 31st—Jason Young</p>	<p>A hearing loop system is available in both churches. Please set your hearing aid to ‘T’ (Telecoil) setting in order for it to work.</p> 
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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)

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.

Canon Anthony

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