

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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**THE HOLY FAMILY (FEAST) - 30TH / 31ST DECEMBER 2023
MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Suggested Donation for Newsletter 20p

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
MONDAY—MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, SOLEMNITY	1st	11.00am	OUR LADY'S	People of the Parish
TUESDAY - SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT, AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS & DOCTORS (MEMORIAL)	2nd	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Sean Lanigan RIP
WEDNESDAY - CHRISTMAS (BEFORE EPIPHANY) FERIA	3rd	11.00am 12 noon	HOLY CROSS HOLY CROSS	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Teresa & Dante Squitieri RIP
THURSDAY - CHRISTMAS (BEFORE EPIPHANY) FERIA	4th	9.30am 10.00am	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Michael Sweeney RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
FRIDAY - CHRISTMAS (BEFORE EPIPHANY) FERIA	5th	12 noon	HOLY CROSS	
SATURDAY - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)	6th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Hugh & Ellie Forker RIP
SUNDAY - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)	7th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Jean Gallagher RIP Margaret Doyle RIP

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉ'S

HOLY CROSS will be open again on **Wednesday 31st January 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

January 7th - Chris Ndubuisi

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS

January 7th - Olimpia & Ciprian Blaj

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING

January 7th - Emmanuel & Esther Obasi

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS

Saturday January 6th - Pauline Lynch

Sunday January 7th - Ifunanyachukwu Onwukwe

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS

Saturday January 6th - Sue Sullivan & Annette Scholes

Sunday January 7th - Jane and Monica Maina

OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY

Team A (Teresa, Maram, Juliana, Chiamaka)

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Sunday January 7th - TBC

A hearing loop system is available in both churches.

Please set your hearing aid to 'T' (Telecoil) setting in order for it to work.



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

New Year Message

First of all, I would like to thank you for your gifts, cards and best wishes during this Christmas season for which I am very grateful. Thank you also for all you do in the service of these parishes, giving your time and resources to benefit our communities in Bestwood, Bulwell and Hucknall.

Last year, 2023, was a challenging year for many of us with the rise in the cost of living, high interest rates, the severe storms and the humanitarian disasters we continue to witness caused by war and conflict in many parts of the world. Yet despite all these problems, the message of hope proclaimed during Advent and Christmas, a hope which can never be extinguished, will accompany us as we begin our journey into the new year.

My prayer for this year is for our parishes to work more closely together to bear more effective witness to our common faith in Christ Jesus. We need to break down the barriers of parochial exclusivity for the benefit of the wider Church and the thriving of our communities. As the number of priests continues to diminish, it is vital for more and more people to take on the responsibility of working in and for our parishes. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who already help in various ways to ensure the smooth running of our parish communities.

Bishop Patrick has called on all parishes to be places of welcome and to be more missionary in our activity, reaching out, first of all, to those people we know who for one reason or another have left the active practice of their faith, to listen to their concerns and anxieties and to offer a hand of friendship and reassurance. We are called to be missionary disciples, joyful in our faith and firm in our commitment.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to apologise to anyone I have upset or wronged due to my own human frailty and weakness over the last year and ask for your understanding and forgiveness.

May 2024 be a year of grace-filled activity as we journey together to build up the kingdom in our own locality, all for the glory of God.

May God bless you, your families and your loved ones in the coming year and beyond.

With my prayers for you all, Father Richard.

THANK YOU

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.

CANON ANTHONY DOLAN THANK YOU

Thank you all for your kind gifts, prayers and good wishes. Please be assured of my prayers. Canon Anthony
A 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.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Annie Fleming RIP who died recently. Her funeral service will be held on **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, FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

One does not only pray with the mind; the entire person prays, the person in his or her entirety, just as one does not pray only with one's feelings. The ancients used to say that the organ of prayer is the heart, and thus they explained that the whole person, starting from the centre — the heart — enters into a relationship with God.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Thank you to all of those who have registered their child/children on our First Holy Communion programme for 2024. We look forward to welcoming you to our programme which begins early January. You should have already received an email regarding the date of parents meeting. Your support and encouragement, along with ours during the programme are vital to your child's next steps in their faith journey.

*We would like to wish everyone a
Happy New Year.*

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will re-open on Wednesday 3rd January 2024. We would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year.

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