

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 THE YEAR 13TH/14TH JANUARY 2024 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation for Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	13th	11.00am 5.00pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Baptism of Maya Sofia Hall Stephanie Doherty RIP
SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR PEACE	14th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Rita Umney RIP Michael Sweeney RIP
MONDAY—FERIA	15th			
TUESDAY - FERIA	16th	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Nichole Doyle RIP
WEDNESDAY — ST ANTHONY, ABBOT (MEMORIAL)	17th	11.00am 12 noon	HOLY CROSS HOLY CROSS	Exposition of the Bless ed Sacrament People of the Parish
THURSDAY - FERIA	18th	9.30am 10.00am	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Canon Anthony Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
FRIDAY - FERIA	19th	9.30am 7.00pm	HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OUR LADY'S	School Community Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	20th	11.00am 5.00pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Baptism of Chinenyenwa Obiakor Margaret Doyle RIP
SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	21st	9.00am 11.00am 12.30pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Welfare of Vivien Flynn Marie Monique Grivon RIP Baptism of Chidiebere Ude

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS

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.**

Hospital: If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from a chaplain please contact Fr Slavic - RC Chaplin: 07773366120. or City Hospital: 0115 9691169 ext. 76187 or QMC Campus: 0115 9249924 ext. 83799

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER

January 21st - Chris Wisniewski

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS

January 21st - Dominic Dixon & Lauren Whitehouse

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING

January 21st - Coleen & Rose Cash

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS

Saturday January 20th - Johannes Gillott
Sunday January 21st — Lia Manu

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS

Saturday January 20th - Teresa/Pauline & Joel Paul/Melvin Sibi
Sunday January 21st - Jason Young & Monica Cassidy

OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY

Team A (Teresa, Maram, Juliana, Chiamaka)
REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS
Sunday January 21st— Emmanuel & Nana

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)



BAPTISM CLASS

Our next class for parents of children 6 years and under will take place on **Saturday 3rd February 2024 @ 10.30am** in Our Lady's Parish Hall. This class is for parishioners from both Holy Cross and Our Lady's. If you would like your child/children to be baptised, please email the office for a form. Completed forms need to be submitted to the office by **Sunday 28th January 2024.**

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome into the Christian Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism, Maya Sofia Hall. We congratulate her parents, godparents and family.

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.

BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS - HOLY CROSS

Please note that the Bible Study meetings at Holy Cross will resume this **Tuesday, 16th January**, at the usual time of 7.00pm.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS AT HOLY CROSS

This has now resumed at Michael's house every Sunday at 4.00pm. If you require a lift please ring Michael on 0115 9630925.

PETITION FOR CEASEFIRE IN GAZA

The petition for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, which was signed by Holy Cross parishioners, was handed in to Mark Spencer, M.P. for Sherwood, who showed great appreciation for the effort and promised to forward the petition to the Foreign Secretary. He was sympathetic to the arguments for an immediate ceasefire and the need for a debate on the issue in the House of Commons which he believes will take place, but in which he unfortunately won't be able to take part because of his ministerial role. Many thanks to all the parishioners who signed the petition.

DONA CARD READER MACHINE

We now have a Dona card reader in Our Lady's, Bulwell situated in the porch if you would like to use your payment card for your weekly offertory. It is very user-friendly; just follow the instructions on the screen. You are also able to gift aid your donation if you desire and you will only need to complete your details once if you use the same card for donations. We have this on a pilot scheme so we will decide at the end of the six months if it is worthwhile to continue.

SECOND COLLECTION—SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

Please note there will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the **Sick & Retired Priests' Fund**. This is an annual collection for the care of our retired diocesan priests. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

and Divine Mercy Chaplet will take place **every Friday 7pm to 8pm** in Our Lady's Church. Please do join us for this special time with the Lord.

OUR LADY'S CRIB OFFERINGS - CANAAN TRUST (HOMELESS)

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Crib offerings. A total of £378.04 was raised and this amount will be sent to Canaan Trust.

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

Prayer is dialogue with God; and every creature, in a certain sense, "dialogues" with God. Within the human being, prayer becomes word, invocation, hymn, poetry... The divine Word is made flesh, and in each person's flesh the word returns to God in prayer.

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

HELP SUPPORT OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Over the coming weeks and months we will begin to prepare some of our children to receive Holy Communion for the first time. As a parish, we can all help support our children by setting a good example for them to follow. We can do this by ensuring we show a good level of respect and reverence when receiving Holy Communion ourselves and by observing a period of quiet after receiving Holy Communion until Father Richard starts the final prayer. This quiet time will allow the children and ourselves to reflect on the wonderful and precious gift we have just received. Please let us all come together as a parish and support our young people by setting a great example. Thanking you in anticipation. **God Bless, Deacon Martyn**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING

Holy Cross and St Margaret Clitherow have already had their parents meeting and Our Lady's parents meeting will take place this coming **Thursday 18th January at 6.00pm in Our Lady's School.**

CANON ANTHONY WRITES:

For some time I have been considering the possibility that, in view of my increasing age and the limitations this brings with it, I might have to move to other accommodation. I have been very happy in the eight years and four months I have spent here in my home parish of Bulwell, and I am deeply grateful for the many acts of kindness shown to me by so many of you. It is with regret that I have taken the decision to move but, after much prayer and reflection, I am convinced it is the right one. I apologise for the short notice, but things have accelerated recently, such that on **Friday next, 19 January**, I will be leaving Bulwell and moving to the Mercy Care Centre in Derby which has the facility to care for my physical and emotional needs. There I will be living in one of a group of flats some of which are occupied by retired priests. This will give me the company I need but also the independence I need together with the peace of mind that goes with it. I pray that God will bless all of you as you continue to bear witness to Christ in Bulwell and Hucknall and I ask you to pray for me.

DO JUSTICE: FOR PARISHES

is an opportunity, ideal for Lent, to take up Pope Francis' invitation to become "a more synodal and missionary Church, a Church that adores God and serves the women and men of our time, going forth to bring everyone the consoling joy of the Gospel". Published by Caritas Social Action Network, it comprises three sessions with suggested follow-up, either as a 'top up' or review of mission for existing parish groups, or perhaps to set the ball rolling on work for social justice. To find out more about running *Do Justice* locally visit bit.ly/dojusticenottingham

OUR LADY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Members will meet this coming Wednesday 17th January at 7.00pm.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 6TH/7TH JANUARY: HOLY CROSS £515.32 S/O - £153 OUR LADY'S £421.84 S/O £540

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell: Bridget Doyle **Holy Cross, Hucknall :** Rosaleen Walters 07513 725395
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