

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 20TH/21ST JANUARY 2024
MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Suggested Donation for Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	20th	11.00am	OUR LADY'S	Baptism of Chinenyenwa Obiakor and Wandipa & Manatsa Kandengwa
		5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Margaret Doyle RIP
SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	21st	9.00am	HOLY CROSS	Welfare of Vivien Flynn
		11.00am	OUR LADY'S	Marie Monique Grivon RIP
		12.30pm	OUR LADY'S	Baptism of Chidiebere Ude
MONDAY—FERIA	22nd			
TUESDAY - FERIA	23rd	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Catherine & John Heraghty RIP
		6.30pm	OUR LADY'S	Eph'pha'tha Healing Service
WEDNESDAY — SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP & DOCTOR (MEMORIAL)	24th	11.00am	HOLY CROSS	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		12 noon	HOLY CROSS	People of the Parish
THURSDAY - THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL (FEAST)	25th	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Michael Sweeney RIP & Irene McQuillan RIP
		10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
FRIDAY - SAINTS TIMOTHY & TITUS, BISHOPS (MEMORIAL)	26th	9.30am	HOLY CROSS	School Community
		7.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	27th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Patrick & Bridget Doyle RIP
		6.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Filipino Community - Novena
SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE	28th	9.00am	HOLY CROSS	May Kavanagh
		11.00am	OUR LADY'S	Margaret Doyle RIP

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.**

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER

January 28th - Paul Glover

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS

January 28th - Olimpia & Ciprian Blaj

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING

January 28th - Charles & Patricia Nyarkoh

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS

Saturday January 27th - Filipino Community

Sunday January 28th – Ngozi Okochi

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS

Saturday January 27th - Filipino Community

Sunday January 28th - Jane & Monica Maina, Gladys Gathira,

Alexander Mirie

OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY

Team A (Teresa, Maram, Juliana, Chiamaka)

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Sunday January 28th— 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.



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.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CAFOD

The Church relies on people getting involved. Our parish, our community, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our Church? Which aspects of Church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? **CAFOD**, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give some time and join in its mission. Could you help in your parish, inspiring our Church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Maybe you could raise a voice and campaign for justice, or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Roles are flexible to meet your availability, and full training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with Will, the local CAFOD worker, on wcruddace@cafod.org.uk or 07710 094455. Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS - HOLY CROSS

Please note that the Bible Study meetings at Holy Cross will continue this **Tuesday 23rd 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.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR ST MARGARET CLITHEROW 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. St Margaret Clitherow school is seeking to appoint a new 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

OUR LADY'S LITURGY GROUP MEETING

This coming **Thursday 25th January at 7pm** in church hall.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome into the Christian Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism, Chinenyenwa Obiakor, Wandipa & Manatsa Kandengwa and Chidibere Ude. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families.

SECOND COLLECTION—SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

Thank you all for your generous donations to the collection.

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.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

There will be a meeting on St. John's Gospel on **Wednesday 31st January at 7.00pm** in the parish hall at Our Lady's.

Everyone welcome to attend.

EPH'PHA'THA HEALING SERVICE

This **Tuesday 23rd January, 6.30pm to 8pm** at Our Lady's Church Bulwell NG6 9ES. Praise & Worship, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Healing Mass. Mass presided by Fr. John Martin. All welcome.

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

If during prayer we feel sluggish and empty, we must at that moment beg that Jesus' prayer also become our own. "I cannot pray today, I don't know what to do: I don't feel like it, I am unworthy". In this moment Jesus is before the Father, praying for us; let us trust in this! If we are trustful, we will then hear a voice from heaven, "You are God's beloved, you are a child, you are the joy of the Father in heaven".

To read the full reflection and find more resources visit

[Year of prayer \(dioceseofnottingham.uk\)](http://Yearofprayer(dioceseofnottingham.uk))

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**

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 please visit

bit.ly/dojusticenottingham

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION 13TH/14TH JANUARY: HOLY CROSS £295.64 S/O - £153 OUR LADY'S £671.35 S/O £540

SECOND COLLECTION SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND HOLY CROSS £200.34 OUR LADY'S £363.20

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