

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 6TH / 7TH JANUARY 2024 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation for Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)	6th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Hugh & Ellie Forker RIP
SUNDAY - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)	7th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Jean Gallagher RIP Margaret Doyle RIP
MONDAY—THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)	8th			
TUESDAY - FERIA	9th	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Sue Meagher RIP
WEDNESDAY—FERIA	10th	11.00am 12 noon	HOLY CROSS HOLY CROSS	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Stephanie Doherty RIP
THURSDAY - FERIA	11th	9.30am 10.00am 12.30pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Anna & Pawel Skrobut RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Funeral Service for Annie Fleming RIP
FRIDAY - FERIA	12th	9.30am	HOLY CROSS SCHOOL	School Community
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	14th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Rita Umney RIP Michael Sweeney 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 14th - Lucas Ortega

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS

January 14th - Andy & Sally Butkevicius

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING

January 14th - Henrieta Obiora & Sylvia Abaokporo

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS

Saturday January 13th - Our Lady's School

Sunday January 14th – Loraine Chirara

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS

Saturday January 13th - Kath Huckerby & Sam Cropley

Sunday January 14th - Monica Kiernan & Janet Thornton

OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY

Team A (Teresa, Maram, Juliana, Chiamaka)

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Sunday January 14th—Kenyan Community

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 together more closely 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.

BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS - HOLY CROSS

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

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

Please note there will be a second collection next weekend at all Masses for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.

PLEASE PRAY FOR



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Annie Fleming RIP who died recently. Her funeral service will be held this **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, SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

Christ is the Mediator, the bridge that we cross to turn to the Father. He is the only Redeemer, He is the Mediator par excellence. Each prayer we raise to God is through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, and is fulfilled thanks to his intercession. The Holy Spirit extends Christ's mediation to every time and every place. There is no other name by which we can be saved: Jesus Christ, the only Mediator between God and humanity.

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 shortly. 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.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 30TH/31ST DECEMBER; HOLY CROSS £348.11 S/O - £153 OUR LADY'S £775.92 S/O £540

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