

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 3RD / 4TH FEBRUARY 2024
 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Suggested Donation for Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	3rd	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Anne Fleming RIP & Michael Sweeney RIP
SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	4th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Canon Anthony's recovery Shelley Doyle RIP & Peter Hickey RIP
MONDAY—SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR (MEMORIAL)	5th			
TUESDAY - SAINTS PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS OF JAPAN (MEMORIAL)	6th	1.30pm	OUR LADY'S	Requiem Mass for Catherine Kime RIP
WEDNESDAY – FERIA	7th	11.00am 12 noon	HOLY CROSS HOLY CROSS	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Intentions of Canon Anthony
THURSDAY - FERIA	8th	9.30am 10.00am	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Dorothy Law RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
FRIDAY - FERIA	9th	12 noon 7.00pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Joseph Omae Mosei RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Martin Kilbane RIP
SUNDAY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK (DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER)	11th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Joseph Ikenna Ngige RIP Catherine & John Heraghty RIP

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS

HOLY CROSS will be open again on **Wednesday 28th February 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 February 11th - Dominic Dixon</p> <p>HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS February 11th - Dominic Dixon & Lauren Whitehouse</p> <p>HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING February 11th - Henrieta Obiora & Sylvia Abaokporo</p>	<p>OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS Saturday February 10th - Kevin Stevenson Sunday February 11th - Prisca Bumah</p> <p>OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS Saturday February 10th- Julieta & Maxille Ann Talanay Sunday February 11th - Jason Young & Monica Cassidy</p> <p>OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY Team B (John, Madeleine, Stef & Eric)</p> <p>REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS Sunday February 11th - Kenyan community</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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RECONCILIATION: Our Lady's Saturday 4.15pm—4.45pm: Holy Cross - Wednesday (after Mass)



PLEASE PRAY FOR
 Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Catherine Kime RIP** who died recently.
 Her Requiem Mass will be held this **Tuesday 6th February at 1.30pm at Our Lady's.**

We remember their families and friends at this difficult time. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS - HOLY CROSS

Please note that the Bible Study meetings at Holy Cross will resume this **Tuesday, 6th February** at the usual time of 7.00pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Setright RIP** who died recently. Her body will be received into church on **Monday 12th February at 6pm.** Her Requiem Mass will be held on **Tuesday 13th February at 11.30am at Our Lady's.**



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.

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.

WALK WITH ME

The Walk with Me booklets for Lent are now available to buy from the back of both churches. This is a booklet to help us reflect and pray daily during our Lenten journey. They cost £1 each.

PARISH QUIZ AND BINGO NIGHT

Back by popular demand! In Our Lady's hall on **Saturday February 24th.** Eyes down at **7.00pm** prompt. £50.00 in cash and other prizes to be won. Chip butties, refreshments and a raffle. Bring your own wine/beer etc. Bring the kids. Great family night out. FREE admission but you will need a ticket to get in. Tickets available after all weekend Masses or from Chris Burrows tel/text. 07702 528394.

YOUNG ADULTS' RETREAT

Jesus Youth is organising a **Young Adults' Retreat** for those aged 18-23 at The Briars, Matlock (DE4 5BW) on the **weekend of 23rd - 25th February.** Come join us for this Catholic Youth Weekend, where we'll explore deeper into aspects of Gender and Identity through the core theme for the weekend, the reality that we are 'Created For Love'. To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/2JCX9JWCQRBdi21g7>

**VACANCY - ADULT FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR
 HOLY FAMILY PARISH, NOTTINGHAM**

seeks to appoint to the part-time role of Adult Faith Formation Coordinator. Already an essential part of the leadership and ministry in the parish for the last 6 years, due to the current post-holder's retirement, applicants are invited for this exciting and developing role. For information and an application pack, please contact Diane Williams, Community Coordinator. Tel: 0115 9118266 or Email: ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk

**Closing date for applications Monday 26th February.
 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

CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS

If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on **Monday 4th March from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.** More information can be found on the poster at the back of church, or contact Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service: julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.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**

CANON ANTHONY UPDATE

Canon Anthony continues his recuperation in Mansfield Community Hospital but hopes to move to his new home in Derby very soon. Please continue to pray for a full and speedy recovery for him.

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

The Pope recalled an occasion when someone said to him: "You talk too much about prayer. It is not necessary". The Pope's reply was emphatic: "Yes, it is necessary. Because if we do not pray, we will not have the strength to go forward in life. Prayer is like the oxygen of life. Prayer draws down upon us the presence of the Holy Spirit who always leads us forward. For this reason, I speak a lot about prayer."

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

A spiritual challenge for Lent. During the past year there have been over 200,000 abortions in England and Wales. This means many lives lost; many women harmed; many families hurt. The Church tells us that abortion is wrong. But what can we as Christians do about it? 40 Days For Life is the answer. During Lent Christians will be praying outside the largest abortion clinic in Nottinghamshire. We will also be offering practical, compassionate and non-judgemental help to any woman who feels pressured into abortion so that she has a genuine pro-life alternative. And we will be witnessing to the power of prayer. Will you join us? If you would consider it, come to the launch of our campaign on Sunday 4th February at 3pm, in Cathedral Hall (NG1 5AE). You can find out about this spiritual movement spreading around the world and have a chance to hear Rachel MacKenzie, of Rachel's Vineyard, which offers spiritual healing to post-abortive women. More details are available at www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham or email 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com. Alone, we cannot change our society. But we are not alone!

'For with God nothing is impossible.' (Luke, 1:37)

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION 27TH/28TH JANUARY: HOLY CROSS £319.69 S/O - £153 OUR LADY'S £804.70 S/O £540

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