

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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**EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - 30TH / 31ST MARCH 2024
 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Suggested Donation
for Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - THE EASTER VIGIL	30th	7.30pm	OUR LADY'S	Felix & Aurora Orbe RIP
SUNDAY - EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	31st	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Thanksgiving Mass for Sophia Ankrah - 80th birthday Joseph Omae Mosei RIP & John Rwaburundi RIP
MONDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	1st			
TUESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	2nd	11.00am	OUR LADY'S	Margaret Doyle RIP (80th Birthday)
WEDNESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	3rd	12.00noon	HOLY CROSS	Steve Atkin Birthday thanksgiving
THURSDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	4th	11.00am	OUR LADY'S	Tony Molloy RIP
FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	5th	12.00noon	HOLY CROSS	People of the Parish
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	6th	11.00am 5.00pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Baptism of Ida Horridge Ned Bowe RIP
SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	7th	9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Seaghan O'Lanagain RIP Catherine & John Heraghty RIP Divine Mercy Sunday Service

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS

HOLY CROSS will be open again on **Wednesday 24th April 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

April 7th - Lauren Whitehouse

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS

April 7th - Andy & Sally Butkevicius

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING

April 7th - Colleen & Rose Cash

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS

Saturday April 6th - Pauline Lynch

Sunday April 7th - Ifunanyachukwo Onwukwe

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS

Saturday April 6th - Sue Sullivan & Annette Scholes

Sunday April 7th - Jane Maina & Gladys Gathira

OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR APRIL

Team D (Antony, Gloria, Cynthia and Claire)

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Sunday April 7th - 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)



EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR RICHARD - CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

During Lent we prepared ourselves, through works of penance, prayer and Christian charity, in order to approach Easter with hearts and minds raised up to God with Christ Jesus as our focus and goal. Now we are bathed in the healing light of the Resurrection, the light of God's unfathomable love which fills the whole of creation and transcends time and space, a light which never fades, a light which penetrates to the very depths of our being with healing in its rays. Sometimes we can feel overwhelmed by the darkness we encounter in our lives, and for each of us that darkness takes different forms. Yet Christ, who is the Light of the World, the light that darkness could not overcome, is powerfully present in our lives, and in his resurrection from the dead we rejoice that he has saved us. He is our constant companion on our journey of life, the one who will never desert us, the one who loves us more than we will ever know. So as we enter into Paschaltide, let us keep our eyes fixed on him who is the Resurrection and the Life, so that the peace and joy he brings may find a home in our hearts, not just for Easter, but for the rest of our lives. I wish you, your family and all those you love all the blessings Easter brings, both now and in the future. **May God bless you all. Fr. Richard**

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

will be held at Our Lady's Church on **Sunday 7th April** starting at 2.30pm to 3.45pm. Guest speaker is Fr Simon Gillespie. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for 1 hour at the end of the service. "I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust My mercy. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive." *Quote from Sister Faustina's Diary.*



CANON ANTHONY DOLAN RIP



It was with much sadness that we heard of the death of Canon Anthony Dolan on Saturday 16th March. Canon Anthony died with his family at his side and tenderly cared for by the doctors and nurses at the Derby Royal hospital. The Bishop asks that we now commend the happy repose of his soul to Almighty God in our prayers, remembering also his sister Moira and all his family. Canon Anthony's funeral arrangements are: **Reception of Canon Anthony's body into Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on Monday 8th April at 6.00pm, with Mass of the Annunciation. Requiem Mass in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, celebrated by Bishop Patrick on Tuesday 9th April at 11.00am.** May Canon Anthony now rest in God's peace and rise in glory.

CONFIRMATION

The Bishop will be visiting our parishes on **November 8th 2024** to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation in Our Lady's church at 7pm. We are inviting all young people from Year 9 upwards, who would be interested in making their Confirmation this year, to write a letter by hand to Father Richard. In it, they should explain why they would like to receive this Sacrament. Please then hand the letter in after weekend Mass at either church. If any adults are wishing to be Confirmed please contact the parish office for further details. If anyone would be interested in helping Steve and Michelle Brogan to support our young people on their journey towards Confirmation, then please contact the office or speak with Fr Richard. Candidates' hand-written letters should be submitted by **Sunday 7th April.**

PARISH FACILITIES MANAGER VACANCY

Serving the parishes of Our Lady's, Bulwell, Holy Cross, Hucknall and Holy Family, East Nottingham. The Facilities Manager will work 18 hours a week with parish admin staff to coordinate the buildings and grounds maintenance, ensuring all statutory Health and Safety checks are carried out, and keep the buildings and grounds in good order. **Closing date: Monday 8th April 2024.** <https://ccen.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Facilities-Manager-Job-pack.pdf>

A DAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Sisters of St Joseph of Peace invite you to a Day for Young People: 15-18yrs (9am -12 noon), 19 -25yrs (2-5pm) and 25+ (6-8pm) on **Saturday 27th April** at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Hall, Nottingham, NG6 9ES, with time for prayer, reflection, discussion, fun and getting to know other young people in a relaxed and friendly environment. The Retreat will be led by the Verbum Dei Missionary Community. **For more information, contact maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com**

250 CLUB WINNERS

January 2024: 1st No. 24. Michael Sweeney, 2nd No. 39. Greta Swaby, 3rd No. 108. Josephine Tucker. **February 2024:** 1st No. 32. Shane Fitzgerald, 2nd No. 1. Breege Chapman, 3rd No. 71. N Watts. **March 2024:** 1st No. 48. Gaye Smith-O'Brien, 2nd No. 46. Jean Durkin, 3rd No. 13. Dianne Connelly. Please collect your prize from the Sacristy.

RCIA CANDIDATES

Please remember in your prayers Leslie, Shannon, Dannielle and Dean who are being welcomed into our Church this Easter. May the grace of the Holy Spirit, which will be poured out upon them at Easter, strengthen them in their Christian vocation.

EASTER OFFERING

Please note that your Easter Offerings go to our churches and not to Fr Richard. This is due to the stipend Fr Richard receives monthly from the parish. If you would like your Easter donation to go to Fr Richard directly, please mark his name on the outside of the envelope and this will ensure that he receives it.

As always thank you for your financial support for our parishes.
A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, EASTER DAY

Saint Luke tells us that of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one came back to thank the Lord. This passage reminds us of the importance of gratitude. It shows the great difference between hearts that are thankful and those that are not; between people who see everything as their entitlement and those who receive everything as grace. As Christians, our prayer of thanksgiving is inspired by gratitude for the love of God revealed in the coming of Jesus, his Son and our Saviour. To read the full reflection and find more resources, visit: dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Gather together with Bishop Patrick on **Saturday 15th June** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham as we seek Our Lady of Walsingham's intercession for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese. For more information, see the poster at the back of church.

We will be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham and have arranged a bus which will leave Our Lady of Perpetual Succour church at 7.45am and costs £26; we have 24 seats available. Please contact the office if you would like to reserve your seat.

Happy Easter. Alleluia, Alleluia!

WEEKEND COLLECTION 23RD/24TH MARCH: HOLY CROSS £359.99 S/O - £153 OUR LADY'S £1675.61 S/O £540

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