THE PARISHES OF
HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 15TH/16TH NOVEMBER 2025
MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation for Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	*15th*	*5.00pm*	*OUR LADY'S*	*Brendan O'Boyle RIP*
SUNDAY - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR *DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE POOR*	*16th*	*9.00am* *11.00am* ***2.00pm***	*HOLY CROSS* *OUR LADY'S* ***OUR LADY'S***	*Thanksgiving—Bill Flynn Birthday (80 years)* *Ivan Stanslaus RIP* ***Baptism of Olive Ani & Chimkasi Ojinnaka during Mass*** ***Remembering Service***
MONDAY - SAINT HUGH OF LINCOLN, PATRON OF OUR DIOCESE (FEAST)	*17th*			
TUESDAY - FERIA	*18th*	*9.30am* ***6.30pm***	*OUR LADY'S* ***OUR LADY'S***	*Leo McCormack RIP* **Ephphatha Healing Service**
WEDNESDAY - FERIA	*19th*	*12noon*	*HOLY CROSS*	*Sue Bach RIP*
THURSDAY - FERIA	*20th*	***11.00am*** ***12.00 noon***	***OUR LADY'S*** ***OUR LADY'S***	*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* *Unknown Deceased*
FRIDAY - THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (MEMORIAL)	*21st*	*7.00pm*	*OUR LADY'S*	*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet*
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (SOLEMNITY)	*22nd*	*5.00pm*	*OUR LADY'S*	*Intentions of Sr Juliana on the occasion of her Jubilee*
SUNDAY - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (SOLEMNITY) *WORLD YOUTH DAY*	*23rd*	*9.00am* *11.00am* ***12.30pm***	*HOLY CROSS* *OUR LADY'S* ***OUR LADY'S***	*Sarah Cunningham RIP* *Catherine & John Heraghty RIP* ***Baptism of Oghenegaren Erekaife & Mary Jane Okpara***

***RECONCILIATION - Our Lady's** - Saturdays 4.15 - 4.45pm **Holy Cross** - after Mass on Wednesdays*

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS IN OUR PARISH

HOLY CROSS
at Michael Hallam's house **Sunday at 4.00pm**.
If you require a lift please ring 0115 9630925.

FRIENDS OF JESUS OF NAZARETH COMMUNITY
at Our Lady's church - **Sunday at 4.00pm.**

If you are unable to attend, you can join in by saying the Rosary and the following prayer to the Holy Spirit in your homes:
O Holy Spirit, pull down the barriers and take away those inhibitions that prevent or hold back those whom God the Father has chosen, and whom His Son Jesus has called to follow Him to serve in His Vineyard. Empower them with courage and steadfastness in Faith to respond to His call, to the glory and praise of the Most Holy Trinity. Amen.

SCRIPTURE GROUP
The next meeting on Revelation Chapters 10 & 11 will be held on **Wednesday, 26th November at 7pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall.**

BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS HOLY CROSS
continue this week
Tuesday, 18th November at 7pm.

THE LEGION OF MARY
Our Lady's - Every Sunday after 11am Mass.
Everyone welcome to join.

WORD OF THE WEEK: Youth: Young people have a vital role to play in the life of the Church and in the world. They offer hope, inspiration and courage. The Church needs young people's voices, involvement, and leadership for it to grow and we are all called to be young in our outlook and our attitude so we can live life to the full.

Make the effort to have a positive and youthful attitude this week.
Help others to see hope in difficult situations.

MONASTERY UPDATE

As you may have heard, the former Poor Clare Monastery is to be demolished. The Diocese has appointed J H Hicks Demolition Ltd to carry out the demolition, with works scheduled to begin around 1st December 2025 and expected to last approximately four months (including a short Christmas break). Throughout the works, every effort will be made to minimise disruption to parish life — noisy activities will be avoided during church services, funerals, and other parish events. The parish hall will remain open, and safety measures such as secure fencing, clear signage, and dust suppression will be in place. We are in discussion with the Diocese to see if we can retain the chapel which adjoins the priest's sacristy of Our Lady's church for weekday Masses and other services.

REMEMBERING SERVICE

Our annual Remembering Service will take place this **Sunday 16th November at 2.00pm at Our Lady's Church**. Invitations have been sent to the relatives of all those whose funeral took place at Our Lady's or Holy Cross churches during the last twelve months. Anyone who would like to remember someone who has died during this year would be very welcome to join us. The names of all the deceased will be mentioned and candles lit for them.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Sunday 16th November - 2pm at Bulwell (Northern) Cemetery.
Fr Joe Wheat will meet everyone at the chapel off Hempshill Lane for prayers, then blessing of family graves. Fr Joe will also bless graves at Highwood Cemetery on request on the day.

Sunday 16th November—2pm at Wilford Hill
. Meet with Fr John McCay outside the Cemetery Chapel at 2pm.

EPHPHATHA HEALING SERVICE

This **Tuesday 18th November 6.30pm to 8.15pm**. Praise and Worship, Adoration, Prayer Ministry and Healing Mass presided over by Fr. John Martin. All welcome.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AT MASSES DURING NOVEMBER

During the month of November we will be remembering in our Masses all who have died. Please place the names of your loved ones, who you would like to be remembered, in a November Dead List envelope (available from the back of church) together with your offering. Names will then be placed on the altar and will be remembered during all Masses during the month.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMIES (RECEPTION YEAR) - CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 01/09/2021 AND 31/08/2022.

The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for, if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion, ***you should also complete a supplementary information form***, and return this form to the school by the deadline (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting ***evidence,*** as required with this form, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - YOUTH SUNDAY

If any young person is willing to be involved in next Sunday's Mass, at Our Lady's, please speak to Fiona Wadsley after Mass this weekend.

HOLY CROSS AUTUMN FAYRE

Despite a poor attendance at the fayre last weekend, we managed to raise a profit of £827.15. We would like to thank everyone involved in organising this event.

OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

takes place on **December 6th 7.00pm till 10.00pm**
in the parish hall. Let's celebrate the season together with good food, laughter and festive cheer. Bingo, quiz, raffle, music. Fun for all the family. Another great parish event. Free admission, tickets available at the back of church.

DOOR OF GRACE CATHOLIC YOUTH GATHERING

Age 18+, Inspiring Talks | Live Music | Testimonies | Activities | Refreshments | Fellowship.
Saturday 22nd November 2025 from 10.00am - 3.00pm in Our Lady's, Bulwell, Parish Hall.
Free entry; no booking needed .

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY

The parish of All Saints, Nottingham (NG8 3EP) is seeking to appoint a part-time, permanent **Parish Administrator**, working 10 hours per week (Mondays and Fridays), from a date to be agreed, and for £14.17 per hour. The parish is looking for someone with proven experience in administration and finance, ideally within parish, school, or charity settings. For an informal conversation about the role, contact Canon Stanley Ofoegbu
stanley.ofoegbu@dioceseofnottingham.uk or for an application form email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk
The closing date is this Monday 17th November.

250 CLUB WINNERS FOR OCTOBER

1st; 22 Maram Gillott, **2nd; 18** Maria Cummins, **3rd; 125**; Jean Durkin.
Please collect your prizes from the sacristy. If you would like to join this much-needed fundraising initiative please contact the office for a form.

DECEASED CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS OF THE DIOCESE

This **Monday, 17th November** Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass to mark the feast of Saint Hugh, and to pray especially for priests who have died in the last year. Mass will be at **1.00pm in Saint Barnabas Cathedral.**

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS

HOLY CROSS will be open again on Wednesday **26th November at 9.30am** in the meeting room.
OUR LADY'S meets every Thursday 10am—12.30pm in the Parish Hall. ***EVERYONE WELCOME.***

HOLY CROSS HEATING FUNDRAISING.
OCTOBER COLLECTION £303.84. Total raised to date: **£9,922.18.**
NEXT SECOND COLLECTION FOR HEATING FUND - SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER.

COLLECTIONS
8TH/9TH NOVEMBER
HOLY CROSS £445.73 S/O £233 OUR LADY'S £554.91 S/O £498

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
READER
Sunday 23rd November - Roseanna Stanforth-Ward
WELCOMERS
Sunday 23rd November - Charles Nyarkoh & Bodwell Mendy
CHURCH CLEANING
Sunday 23rd November –Charles & Patricia Nyarkoh

OUR LADY'S CHURCH
READERS Saturday 22nd November - Pauline Lynch
Sunday 23rd November - Young adults of the Parish
WELCOMERS Saturday 22nd November - Julieta Talanay & Maxille Anne
Sunday 23rd November - Young adults of the Parish
OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR NOVEMBER
Team B (John, Madeleine, Stef, Eric, Gloria and Claire)
REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS
Sunday 23rd November - 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.

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