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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 20TH/21ST DECEMBER 2025 MASS TIMES. SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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Suggested Donation for Newsletter 20p

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20th	11.00am 5.00pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Exposition and Reconciliation Brendan O'Boyle RIP
21st	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Intentions of all altar servers Anthony Dore RIP
22nd			
23rd	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Josephine Ludlam RIP (Legacy Benefactor)
24th		HOLY CROSS	NO MASS
	5.00pm 11.30pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Catherine and John Heraghty RIP Romesh and Raja Perera RIP
25th	10.00am 10.00am	OUR LADY'S HOLY CROSS	Monsignor David Forde RIP Nicholas Williams RIP
26th			
27th	5.00pm 6.00pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Brendan O'Boyle RIP Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
28th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	C M Joseph RIP Friends of Jesus of Nazareth Community
	21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th	21st 9.00am 11.00am 22nd 23rd 9.30am 24th 5.00pm 11.30pm 25th 10.00am 10.00am 26th 27th 5.00pm 6.00pm	5.00pm OUR LADY'S

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

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS IN OUR PARISH

HOLY CROSS

FRIENDS OF JESUS OF NAZARETH COMMUNITY

at Michael Hallam's house Sunday at 4.00pm.

at Our Lady's church - Sunday at 4.00pm.

If you require a lift please ring 0115 9630925.

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.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

The next meeting will now be in the New Year. Dates to be confirmed.

BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS HOLY CROSS

are paused until Tuesday 13th January 2026.



THE LEGION OF MARY

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

WORD OF THE WEEK: LOVE: In the season of Advent, we are reminded of the great love that God has for us and the love we should have for each other. We know that Jesus Christ is the true example of love, and we celebrate this gift of love at Christmas time.

> Think of someone who you love this week and make an effort to show and tell them that you love them.

ADVENT PRAYER: Let us pray. Lord, lend your ear to our prayer. Light up the darkness of our minds with the grace of your loving kindness so that we may prepare worthily for the celebration of the birth of your Son, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Wednesday 24th December **Christmas Eve**

Our Lady's 5.00pm Vigil Mass Our Lady's 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass



Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

Our Lady's 10.00am Holy Cross 10.00am

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026



Registration is now open for all candidates who wish to receive these Sacraments at Holy Cross and Our Lady's Church. Registration forms are available at the back of church and completed forms need to be returned to the parish office by Sunday 11th January 2026. Applications are welcome from baptised Catholics who are in School Year 3 and above. If you have any questions please contact the parish office on 0115 9278403 or email: holycrosshucknallandourladysbulwell@dioceseofnottingham.uk

HOLY CROSS 100 CLUB

Congratulations to our winner for the draw in November: No. 27 John Fendley. Please collect your prize from the sacristy. Help raise funds for Holy Cross church by joining the 100 club. The draw costs just £4 a month. Registration forms are available at the back of church. **VOLUNTEERS FOR WELCOMING AND COLLECTING AT HOLY CROSS**

We need volunteers to greet parishioners and visitors on Sundays and during special events. Welcomers play an important role in making

everyone feel at home and part of our Church family. We also need help with collections during Mass. We would love to hear from you if you are willing to join either of these ministries. Please contact the office. **HUCKNALL MUTUAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR CANCER PATIENTS.**

THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

Thank you to all those who've offered to volunteer to facilitate this new group for our wider community. The group will run on the final Friday of every month, from 10am until 11.30am in the meeting room at Holy Cross church. The first session will be on Friday 30th January 2026. It's open to anyone who is in cancer treatment now, or has previously been in treatment, or the friends and family of people in that situation. It's an opportunity to share a cuppa with people in a similar situation and offer mutual support, at a time when it can be too difficult to share your feelings in depth with loved ones. Flyers will shortly be available for advertising in the wider area. Please let the office know if you can help to circulate them. This group is open to ALL, not only the Hucknall community, and it's an opportunity to continue the work of being missionary disciples into 2026.

RED MISSIO BOXES OUR LADY'S

Please bring your red boxes for emptying to the sacristy for Emmanuel to collect. When counted, they will be returned to the back of church.

OUR LADY'S 250 CLUB WINNERS

November 2025: 1st No. 224 Mary Wilson, 2nd No. 1 Breege Chapman, 3rd No. 132 Eloise Williams. Please collect your prize from the sacristy. Many thanks.

DONA MACHINE

We now have contactless giving at Holy Cross and Our Lady's with a brand-new donation machine. Rather than giving cash in the collection baskets you can now give using the DONA machine. It is simple and allows you to Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. You can also use it to make purchases from the repository and for second collections. Banks are making it increasingly difficult to deposit cash from our weekly collection, so the more people who give by Standing Order or by using the contactless machine, the better. Try

it out and see just how easy it is. **OFFICE CLOSURE**

The office is now closed and will reopen **Tuesday 6th January**. Breege and Maria wish everyone a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year.

MONASTERY WORK

As was previously notified, the former Poor Clare Monastery is to be demolished. The works which were scheduled to begin around 1st December 2025 will now begin on the 5th January 2026. It is still expected to last approximately four months. Throughout the works, every effort will be made to minimise disruption to parish life. The parish hall will remain open, and safety measures such as secure fencing, clear signage and dust suppression will be in place. We remain 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.

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS

HOLY CROSS will be open again in the New Year in the meeting room. OUR LADY'S meets every Thursday 10am—12.30pm in the parish hall. EVERYONE WELCOME.

HOLY CROSS HEATING FUNDRAISING

NOVEMBER COLLECTION £328.80. Total raised to date: £10.250.98. NEXT SECOND COLLECTION FOR HEATING FUND - SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER

COLLECTIONS 13TH/14TH DECEMBER

HOLY CROSS £342.64 S/O £233 OUR LADY'S £405.13 S/O £498

HOLY CROSS CHURCH READER

Sunday 28th December-Chris Wisniewski WELCOMERS

Sunday 28th December - Abigail Alcantara **CHURCH CLEANING** Sunday 28th December - Henrietta Obiora &

Sylvia Abaokporo

OUR LADY'S CHURCH

READERS

Saturday 27th December - Filipino Community Sunday 28th December - Rejoice Amieghemen WELCOMERS Saturday 27th December - Filipino Community

Sunday 28th December - Monica Maina & Alexander Mirie **OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER**

Team C (Monica, Jane, Muchene Family, Gladys and Alexander) **REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS**

Sunday 28th December - Kenyan Community

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