

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

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - 25TH DECEMBER 2025
MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation
for Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	20th	11.00am 5.00pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Exposition and Reconciliation Brendan O'Boyle RIP
SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS	21st	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Intentions of all altar servers Anthony Dore RIP
MONDAY - ADVENT FERIA	22nd			
TUESDAY - ADVENT FERIA	23rd	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Josephine Ludlam RIP (Legacy Benefactor)
WEDNESDAY - ADVENT FERIA	24th		HOLY CROSS	NO MASS
VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)		5.00pm 11.30pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Catherine and John Heraghty RIP Romesh and Raja Perera RIP
THURSDAY - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY (SOLEMNITY)	25th	10.00am 10.00am	OUR LADY'S HOLY CROSS	Monsignor David Forde RIP Nicholas Williams RIP
FRIDAY - SAINT STEPHEN (FEAST)	26th			
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE HOLY FAMILY (FEAST)	27th	5.00pm 6.00pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Brendan O'Boyle RIP Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
SUNDAY - THE HOLY FAMILY (FEAST)	28th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	C M Joseph RIP Friends of Jesus of Nazareth Community

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 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.

Christmas Message 2025

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

During the season of Advent we reflected on the prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah. We were invited to prepare a way for the Lord in our hearts so that when we celebrated his birth we would be ready to welcome him with true joy.

The Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke present us with the infancy narratives, beginning with the genealogies, situating the birth of Jesus in the context of his human descent. Jesus is true God and true man wholly and entirely, and it is important to recognise his humanity equally with his divinity.

Christmas is a time to reflect on the birth of God's only Son and what this means for us. The Word of God became flesh and entered into time and creation which was made through him and for him, laying aside his power and glory to become helpless and defenceless. This defining event in our history is about trust: not our trust in God, but God's trust in us in the persons of Mary and Joseph, two inexperienced parents (Joseph being the guardian of Jesus) with no material support, alone in an unfamiliar town. God entrusted his only-begotten Son to Mary and Joseph in a world full of danger and peril, born in poverty in a cellar of a stranger's house.

The shepherds were the first to hear the good news about the birth of the saviour from the angel. David, the youngest son of Jesse was a shepherd before he was anointed by Samuel as the future King of Israel, and since one of the titles of the Messiah is Son of David, it was appropriate that the shepherds were the first to welcome Jesus as one of their own.

Whilst St. Matthew and St. Luke concentrate on the human ancestry of Jesus, St. John focusses on his divinity in the prologue of his Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word." St. John makes it clear that the Word was with God and the Word was God, since before the beginning, existing from all eternity, who became flesh and entered the world that had its being through him, unrecognised and unaccepted by his own people, giving power to become children of God to those who did accept him and welcome him.

The eternal light has entered the world, and although there is so much darkness in the world, the darkness cannot overcome the light that Jesus brings, a beacon of hope for all people.

Christmas is a time of peace and joy, a time to reconnect with family and friends.

Wishing you and all your loved ones a blessed and joyful Christmas,

Fr. Richard.



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