

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 6TH/7TH DECEMBER 2025 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation
for Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Brendan O'Boyle RIP
SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	7th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Bettina Bensi RIP Monique Grivon RIP
MONDAY - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF OUR DIOCESE (SOLEMNITY)	8th			
TUESDAY - ADVENT FERIA	9th	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Special intention for Alexander & Peter
WEDNESDAY - ADVENT FERIA	10th	12noon	HOLY CROSS	Madge Lanigan RIP
THURSDAY - ADVENT FERIA	11th	9.30am	ST MARGARET CLITHEROW SCHOOL	The School Community
FRIDAY - ADVENT FERIA	12th	7.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	13th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Monsignor David Forde RIP
SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	14th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Susan Bach RIP Rita Robertson RIP

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**
 continues this week at 7pm on
 Tuesday 9th December.



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

WORD OF THE WEEK: PEACE: In a world that's often filled with conflict and turmoil, we're called to be peacemakers. This doesn't mean simply avoiding arguments, but actively working towards reconciliation and understanding. In the season of Advent, we pray for peace in the world. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and he calls us to follow his example and to be peacemakers too.

Find a way to bring peace to a difficult situation or relationship this week

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 RECONCILIATION & MASS TIMES

**EXPOSITION & RECONCILIATION
OUR LADY'S.**

Tuesday 16th December 7.00pm

HOLY CROSS

Saturday 20th December 11.00am

Please use this opportunity for individual confessions or take this opportunity to spend some quite time with Our Lord.



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: holycrosshucknallandourladybulwell@dioceseofnottingham.uk

OUR LADY'S CAROL SERVICE – SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 2PM

Let us join together to make our Carol Service a great parish celebration as we prepare to welcome the birth of Jesus into our lives. Join us afterwards for tea, coffee and mince pies in the parish hall.

OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

will take place again this year with lots of prizes, including cash prizes of £200, £100 and £50 Amazon voucher. Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses and the draw will take place after the Carol Service on **Sunday 14th December**. This is one of our big fundraisers of the year, so your support is greatly appreciated. Any donations of prizes would be gratefully received.

HUCKNALL MUTUAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR CANCER PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

We've had a very positive response to the idea of running this new mutual support group at Holy Cross from January. So far, all volunteers that have come forward are available on Fridays. To help us finalize the actual hours please let the office know if you are interested in volunteering at this new venture. Sessions will be once per month in the daytime and, if we have enough volunteers on the rota, you wouldn't have to come every month. All that's needed is to help set up and clear away the meeting room, serve refreshments and provide a welcoming neutral space for people to have an opportunity to talk to and support others in a similar situation. We'll also need help distributing the promotional flyer to businesses and groups around Hucknall. Please let the office know if you can help with that.

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.

HOLY CROSS CAROL CONCERT - SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 5PM

led by Martin Ashiedu and the choir of Holy Cross. The concert will include readings and a special performance by the Nottingham African Community Choir plus a not-to-be-missed visitor for the children. Entry is free and all are welcome. Attendees are invited to the meeting room afterwards for a glass of wine and mince pies.

OUR LADY'S EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion this coming **Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 7pm** in the parish hall. Please make every effort to attend.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - OUR LADY'S

There is a selection of Christmas cards and children's Advent calendars at the back of church. These are from the Poor Clare Monastery and are marked with prices but please just make a donation if no price on item.

TRINITY SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT

Trinity school is putting on 'Carols by Candlelight' on **Tuesday 16th December at 7pm** at St Teresa's Church, Aspley (NG83EP). Please do join the pupils for an evening of carols, readings, and reflections by candlelight, with mulled wine and mince pies served from 6:30pm in the hall.

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 for you to collect. Thank you for your support for this charity.

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

with the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service as we await the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with a printable Advent prayer journal produced by the Team. To download your free copy visit www.ndcys.com/advent2025/

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS: now available at the back of church. They are £1.50 each.

SECOND COLLECTION - POOR AND NEEDY PARISHES: will be taken this weekend 6th/7th December at all Masses.

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS

HOLY CROSS will be open again on **MONDAY 22nd December 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.

NOVEMBER COLLECTION £328.80 . Total raised to date: **£10,250.98.**

NEXT SECOND COLLECTION FOR HEATING FUND - SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER.

COLLECTIONS

29TH/30TH NOVEMBER

HOLY CROSS £354.68 S/O £233 OUR LADY'S £552.51 S/O £498

HOLY CROSS CHURCH READER

Sunday 14th December— Chris Ndubuisi

WELCOMERS

Sunday 14th December - Nnamdi & Fum Anyameluhor

CHURCH CLEANING

Sunday 14th December - Charles & Patricia Nyarkoh

OUR LADY'S CHURCH

READERS Saturday 13th December - Teresa Doherty

Sunday 14th December - Loraine Chirara

WELCOMERS Saturday 13th December - Chris Reilly

Sunday 14th December - Janet Thornton, Monica Kiernan & Stef Fedyszyn

OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER

Team C (Monica, Jane, Muchene Family, Gladys and Alexander)

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Sunday 14th December - Chisom, Linda, Dianne & Akpevwen

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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