

**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 – 19TH DECEMBER /20TH DECEMBER
MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

SUNDAY <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	20th	9.30am	HOLY CROSS	People of the Parish
		11.00am	OUR LADY'S	Sabastian & Victoria N's Intentions
MONDAY (<i>ADVENT FERIA</i>)	21st		PRIVATE	Canon Malachy Brett Intentions
TUESDAY - (<i>ADVENT FERIA</i>)	22nd		PRIVATE	Thomas Martin RIP
WEDNESDAY (<i>ADVENT FERIA</i>)	23rd		PRIVATE	Stephanie Doherty RIP
Thursday (<i>VIGIL MASS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</i>) CHRISTMAS EVE (<i>SOLEMNITY</i>)	24th	4.30pm	OUR LADY'S	Mary Newham RIP/Liam Dowling RIP
		6.30pm	HOLY CROSS	Nicholas Williams RIP
FRIDAY (<i>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD—CHRISTMAS DAY (SOLEMNITY)</i>)	25th	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Jackie Stanslaus RIP
		11.15am	HOLY CROSS	Private Intention
SATURDAY (<i>SAINT STEPHEN, PROTO-MARTYR (FEAST)</i>)	26th		PRIVATE	Mark Goonan RIP
SUNDAY - <i>THE HOLY FAMILY (FEAST)</i>	27th	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Jackie Stanslaus RIP
		11.15am	HOLY CROSS	Thanksgiving Mass (U,A R)

Office Closed: The Office is now closed and will re-open on Thursday 7th January but will only be open for 5 hours as Breege and Viv will both remain on Furlough leave. If you need a Priest urgently please contact Fr John on his mobile. The Office phone will not be answered.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to book a Mass intention for your loved ones, anniversaries, personal intentions etc., please put details in an envelope and either put them in the collection box or post to the Office. Can I just remind you if you have special dates for an intention please book in advance as dates get booked up quickly.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Our Lady's Monday 21st December 6.30 – 7.30pm**

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? PLEASE INFORM FATHER JOHN OR THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TEAM. CITY HOSPITAL: 0115 9691169 EXT 56187 QMC 0115 9249924 EXT 64964

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASSES & TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 4.30.PM
Holy Cross 6.30.PM

CHRISTMAS MORNING FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 10.00.AM
Holy Cross 11.15.AM

THE FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN SATURDAY 26 DEC

No Public Mass

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY 27 DEC

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 10.00.AM
Holy Cross 11.15.AM

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS MONDAY 28 DEC

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 10.00.AM

THE FEAST OF THE SAINT THOMAS OF BECKET BISHOP AND MARTYR,

TUESDAY 29 DEC

No Public Mass

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS WEDNESDAY 30 DEC

Holy Cross 10.00.AM

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS THURSDAY 31 DEC

No Public Mass

NEW YEARS DAY FRIDAY 1 JANUARY 2021

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 10.00.AM

Advent Prayer

On our journey through Advent, we pray for a renewed encounter with Jesus, as we prepare to celebrate His birth at Christmas

OFFERTORY & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS We would like to once again thank all of you who have continued to contribute financially in support of both Churches. It has been very much appreciated. As you are aware, the Parish always needs your continued support and especially at this time. Coronavirus has raised some very particular financial challenges for us. Even though we are now able to celebrate Public Mass again, the donations kindly received from those attending Mass is still considerably down and we cannot hire out our parish rooms either which was a main source of income for the Parish. We must, however, continue to pay for essentials such as our priests' living expenses, the upkeep of our buildings and other ongoing costs. Of course, we realise that the current emergency is affecting many people's income and they may not be able to continue their level of giving. If this is the case, we fully understand, and our prayers are with you. If you currently pay by standing order, this will continue as usual unless you tell your bank to vary it. If you usually give by envelope or loose plate, you can now donate via online or telephone banking. You can make individual donations whenever you wish, or you can set up a regular donation on a weekly or monthly basis. For the purposes of setting up a regular donation or a standing order via your online banking the parish bank details are as follows: **Our Lady's** : Lloyds Bank Account Our Lady's Nottingham RCP Acc No: **01642187** Sort code: **30 96 18**. **Holy Cross**: Lloyds Bank Account: Holy Cross Hucknall RCP Acc No: **01697003** Sort code: **30:96:18**. Please put your name (e.g. D SMITH) in the payment reference so we know the donation is from you. This is particularly important if we have a signed gift aid declaration from you. If you normally use numbered Planned Giving envelopes you should quote your envelope number as the payment reference (so: D SMITH, the holder of envelope 19, would quote D SMITH ENV 19). If you would like to donate by standing order, but you do not have access to the internet or do not bank online, please email: ourladybulwell@hotmail.co.uk - or directly to the Gift Aid Office: parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk. We can then organise emailing the necessary standing order paperwork to you. If you are a UK taxpayer you also have the option of adding Gift Aid to your donation, whereby the UK government adds a further 25% to your contribution. Anyone wishing to set up a new Gift Aid arrangement should contact the parish office via email: ourladybulwell@hotmail.co.uk: or parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Now, more than ever our parish relies on your donations to stay open and provide care and support to everyone in our community, so please consider giving generously to support our mission and ministry. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Donations are **WELCOMED** for Christmas Flowers in Church. Please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Christmas Flowers" and put in the collection box or through the letterbox. Thank you.

SCHOOLS : I would like to wish all the Children, Parents and staff of our Schools a Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year. I hope you will have time to rest and enjoy this wonderful time of year with all your families. Stay safe and well and please look out for each other. Fr John

PARISH FAMILIES IN NEED Christmas is fast approaching and if there is anyone within our parish family in need of our support please be 100 % assured that what we are offering is in total confidence so if you know of anyone who needs our help please contact Fr John direct.

STAYING SAFE As we celebrate this joyous season of Christmas we do so this year with a huge difference of not been able to be with those we love and hold dear. Whilst this is going to be difficult for many of us, protecting and keeping one another safe is the best gift we can give to each other. This Christmas also gives us the unique opportunity to look at how we can express our love, support and acts of charity towards one another. Some of the ways we can do this is through praying, been spiritually connected through our prayer, facetimeing, zooming and holding one another deep within our hearts as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Let us not forget that this will be a very difficult time for many who have lost loved ones and for those who are homeless, lonely and struggling with day to day life. Please be assured that I and the Poor Clare Sisters will be holding you and your families in our Prayers and remembering you in our daily Mass. May you all have a very safe and Blessed Christmas.