

**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

MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Thursday (VIGIL MASS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD) CHRISTMAS EVE (SOLEMNITY)	24th	4.30pm	OUR LADY'S	Mary Newham RIP/Liam Dowling RIP
		6.30pm	HOLY CROSS	Nicholas Williams RIP
FRIDAY (THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD—CHRISTMAS DAY) (SOLEMNITY)	25th	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Jackie Stanslaus RIP
		11.15am	HOLY CROSS	Private Intention
SATURDAY (SAINT STEPHEN, PROTO-MARTYR (FEAST))	26th		PRIVATE	Mark Goonan RIP
SUNDAY - THE HOLY FAMILY (FEAST)	27th	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Jackie Stanslaus RIP
		11.15am	HOLY CROSS	People of the Parish
MONDAY—THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (FEAST)	28th	10.00am	OUR LADY'S	Canon Bowman A Short RIP (60th Anniversary)
TUESDAY—SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY (BECKET), BISHOP AND MARTYR	29th		PRIVATE	Medaille Trust Intentions
WEDNESDAY—SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS	30th	10.00am	HOLY CROSS	Ted Parkinson RIP
THURSDAY—SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS	31st		PRIVATE	Patricia & Michael Kodua's Intentions

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.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. As we cannot attend daily Mass, we can use this prayer to express our faith in Christ and His Presence in the Eucharist, and ask Him to unite Himself with us.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE POOR CLARE SISTERS

We wish all our dear parishioners a happy and grace-filled Christmas. God bless and reward you, one and all, for your generous support of our Community throughout this difficult year in so many ways, especially through your gifts in kind and your own prayers and concern for us. We have very much missed being able to worship with you. You can be sure that you and your families, with all your joys and sorrows, are enfolded day by day in our hearts before the Lord. May we all experience Him as Emmanuel, God-with-us, this Christmas, now and every step of the way.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2020 FROM FR JOHN

My dear Friends,

We find ourselves once again preparing for this great 'Feast of Christmas'!

I just love this time of year when we gather with our families and friends and when we are especially encouraged to live in the spirit of *Peace* and *Good Will* to all *People*. It is a wonderful time of the year for us to renew our spirits and inner refreshment with each other. The glow from the crib which heralds the birth of the Christ-Child warms the hearts of the young and the not so young, when we allow it to do so!

This year our family gatherings are going to be very different if not for all of us, for many of us! We will be celebrating in a much smaller way, but non-the less the message of Christmas is the same!

So my friend's at Christmas, let us be like Christ, reconciling with our loved ones and forgiving them, sharing our gifts with them, and I am talking about the gifts of those inner thoughts and feelings that we may not normally share. Let us also remember those who are without good things of this earth, comforting the sick, making time for the lonely, especially the elderly and those who are abandoned or forgotten. Let us not just rejoice with our loved ones and friends, but let us remember those who have no one to reach out to them, allow yourself to be the one to reach out, as you would like someone to reach out to you. And most of all let us share the *Joy* and *Hope* that is only to be found in the light of Christ Birth, empower and enable those you love and meet, know that Jesus is truly their Lord and Saviour, the Prince of Peace!

'The Birthday of Jesus'

May be as part of our celebration of the *'Birthday of Jesus'* we may want to stop and pause at this time of Pandemic and ask ourselves! What is Jesus saying to **US** this Christmas? What's his Birthday Message to **ME**? There will be many who will have lost a loved one and many people's lives will have been turned upside down due to COVID-19. The big question for us to ask ourselves is, what's the blessing God is blessing me (us) with this Christmas 2020? As we celebrate Jesus Birth, let us dig deep down into the depths of our hearts and connect with the God who loves us unconditionally.

I would like to send my personal gratitude to each of you and your families for being a part of our faith-filled and dynamic community here at Holy Cross and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. May the beauty, peace and joy of this most blessed and holy season envelop you all with the infinite love of God, and the wonder of the birth of His only Son, our Saviour and brother, Jesus.

John