

# THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—GAUDETE SUNDAY—11TH/12TH DECEMBER 2021 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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| SATURDAY—VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT                        | 11th | 5.00pm  | OUR LADY'S | Ellie & Hugh Forker RIP |
| SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT                                 | 12th | 9.30am  | HOLY CROSS | People of the Parish    |
|   |      | 11.00am | OUR LADY'S | Maurice Stanslaus RIP   |
|   |      | 2.00pm  | OUR LADY'S | Carol concert           |
| MONDAY - SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR (MEMORIAL)               | 13th |         | PRIVATE    |                         |
| TUESDAY - SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR (MEMORIAL) | 14th | 9.30am  | OUR LADY'S | Private Intention       |
| WEDNESDAY - (ADVENT FERIA)                                      | 15th | 12.00pm | HOLY CROSS | Betty Dunstall RIP      |
| THURSDAY - (ADVENT FERIA)                                       | 16th | 9.30am  | OUR LADY'S | Private intention       |
| FRIDAY - (ADVENT FERIA)   | 17th | 12 Noon | HOLY CROSS |                         |
| SATURDAY - VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT                     | 18th | 5.00pm  | OUR LADY'S | Pete Townsend RIP       |
| SUNDAY—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT                                  | 19th | 9.30am  | HOLY CROSS | People of the Parish    |
|   |      | 11.00am | OUR LADY'S | Richard Lenihan RIP     |

**Office Hours:** The office is open from Tuesday to Thursday, 9am to 1pm.

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER**  
Sunday 19th December — Lauren Whitehouse

**HOLY CROSS—WELCOMERS**  
19th December—Olimpia & Ciprian Blaj

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING**  
19th December — Raju/Aranya Abhilash

**OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS**  
Saturday 18th December — Filipino Community  
Sunday 19th December — Jane Gichanga

**OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS**  
Saturday 18th December— Filipino community  
Sunday 19th December — Monica & Jane Maina

**OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER (TEAM )**  
Team D (Antony, Gloria, Joanna & Chan)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT THE MOMENT

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

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### ADVENT PRAYER

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

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve**  
4.30pm *Our Lady's*  
6.30pm *Holy Cross*  
11.30pm *Carols then Midnight Mass Our Lady's*

**Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day**  
10am *Our Lady's*  
10am *Holy Cross*

**Sunday 26th December - Boxing Day**  
10am *Our Lady's*  
10am *Holy Cross*

**Saturday 1st January - New Year's Day**  
10am *Our Lady's*

#### ADVENT EVENTS

**Sunday 12th December**  
*Carol Service/Concert*  
2.00pm *Our Lady's*  
*Refreshments and raffle draw in the Parish Hall afterwards*

**Tuesday 21st December**  
**Reconciliation Service**  
**7.00pm Our Lady's**

*Please use this opportunity for individual Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is your time!*

**"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness."**

**"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."**  
**Pope Francis**

#### COVID19 UPDATE

From Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December face coverings in places of worship become mandatory by government law, so we ask everyone unless exempt to wear a mask. This will apply to Mass, weddings, Funerals or any other events in the church, and is in addition to ventilation and cleaning. Following the update on Covid guidelines we have received instructions from the Diocese to work from home. Breege and Maria will answer telephone calls during the office hours. We appreciate your understanding and co-operation during this time. At the time of writing there is no information about wearing masks in other settings, but it is strongly encouraged where people gather indoors with those they do not usually see, so those who run parish groups and events need to review their risk assessments and see if they need to meet, and if so should they be asking people to wear masks. This will of course vary depending on the group, its members, and the venue.

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AT HOLY CROSS & OUR LADY'S

We will have a retiring collection on the weekend of the 18th/19th December for flowers. If you would like to make a donation before then you can include your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Christmas Flowers" and put in the collection box or in the letterbox. Thank you.

#### CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets are now on sale for this raffle which is organised by Our Lady's school. Tickets cost 50p each or 5 for £2. The draw will take place in the hall after the Christmas Concert on 12th December.

#### FOUNDATION GOVERNOR—OUR LADY'S SCHOOL

There is vacancy at Our Lady's school for a Foundation Governor. These play an important part in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of a school. If anyone is interested in becoming a foundation governor please contact the school via 0115 9150500 or head@ourladyops.nottingham.sch.uk

#### FAITH IN FAMILIES

We cannot collect toys or food for the families but you can still help brighten a family's Christmas and remind them that there is hope and people out there who will help. Please search [Faith in Families' 2021 Christmas Appeal - JustGiving](#) to donate through their website or send a cheque to their offices.

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOBY JOHN

I, Fr Joby John, a Catholic priest of Syro-Malabar Rite from India am now here, in Our Lady's, Bulwell for you. I am excited a lot by your warm welcome, love and care of dear Fr John Martin. I was born and brought up in a family of two boys, in Kerala, the southern state of India. This is my first time ever in UK but your love and concern made me feel that I am at home with my family members. I must be thankful to you all, especially Bishop Patrick for providing me a beautiful place to live in. Being a priest of our Lord, I am here to help you on the journey to the Kingdom of God in all the means that we can. I am also asked by the Bishop, to take care of the Indian Catholic Community and all their spiritual needs. If Almighty God permits, I would be able to render the priestly ministry for you, for the next few years here in Our Lady's as well as in Holy Cross, Hucknall. Hence, I request your valuable prayers and support so that I may be strengthened by the heavenly graces. Let us together prepare ourselves for His wonderful Birthday.  
Yours in Christ Joby John

#### SECOND COLLECTION POOR AND NEEDY PARISHES

There will be a second collection this weekend 11th/12th December for the Poor and Needy Parishes.

#### BIBLE PRAYER GROUP HOLY CROSS

Please note that this group meets every Tuesday at 7p.m. in the meeting-room at Holy Cross Church. Everyone welcome.

#### CHRISTMAS VOICES FROM THE HOLY LAND

Friends of the Holy Land have produced this publication, 'Christmas Voices from the Holy Land', a collection of Christ-centred prayer resources for Advent and Christmas which speak powerfully to our journey through Advent to the Nativity of Jesus, and beyond. Please visit <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/shop/advent-book-2021> All funds raised from the sale of this book will be used in the charitable activities of Friends of the Holy Land, and so help those who have suffered in Gaza, the West Bank (including east Jerusalem), and the divided communities in Israel this Christmas.

