

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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SCHOOLS SERVING OUR PARISH

PRIMARY SCHOOLS
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell
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Trinity School, Aspley
Head Teacher — Mr. Matthew Shentor
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Head Teacher — Miss Jo Love
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THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The RCIA is a programme for any non-Catholic or Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments or are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith. The classes will begin in September. If you are interested and would like to know more, please speak to Fr Richard or Deacon Martyn or contact the office.

RCIC - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

The RCIC is a programme for children age 7 to 15 years who have not been baptised and who wish to prepare for the Sacraments. Please contact the Office for more information.
If any parishioner would like to offer their help /support with RCIC, please speak to Fr Richard or Deacon Martyn.

EXAM RESULTS MESSAGE

To all our students receiving their exam results; some of you will be delighted, some disappointed. No matter what the result of the examination, God will still love you, protect you and walk with you. We can trust Him with our lives because he has created us and ultimately knows what is best for us and he promises to be with us, forever.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICHARD

As we are now in the midst of the summer holidays, I would like to wish all of you (belatedly) a peaceful and restful break. Thankfully the weather has been decent for the most part and provides a good opportunity for outdoor activities. Many of you will be going, or planning to go, to better climes and I wish you safe travels and an opportunity for relaxation with family and friends. Hopefully when September arrives and the new academic year begins, you will all be refreshed and eager to take up the tasks ahead. Please be assured of my prayers and best wishes during this relatively quiet period. We are only halfway through the month of August, so still plenty of time left to enjoy the remainder of the holidays.
May God bless and keep you all in his unfailing love. Father Richard.

HOLY CROSS 100 CLUB

Help raise funds for Holy Cross church by joining the 100 club. The draw is just £4 a month and you have a chance to win prizes of £100, £50 or £25 each month. At the moment we only have 32 members. To be able to give these prizes and maximise fundraising, we need more parishioners to join. Please consider signing up to support your church. Registration forms are available at the back of church.

MARCH FOR LIFE

As Catholics we must do all that we can to defend human life, in all forms and at all stages. But our belief that life is a sacred gift from God is not shared by all. Under the new government, decriminalisation of abortion and assisted suicide will both soon be debated in Parliament. On **Saturday 7th September** there will be an opportunity to witness to our belief in the value of life with the annual March for Life in Westminster. More information is available at www.marchforlife.co.uk/2024-event-page. There will be a coach going from Nottingham; for information, and to book, contact Marielangford@live.co.uk (07948 151 264).

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN CHURCH

Please note that there will be no Adoration in church on a Wednesday or Thursday during the summer holidays. This will be reviewed in September and dates will be published when it recommences.

A TIME OF REFLECTION & PRAYER

There will be a service of reflection and prayer in Our Lady's church hall on the first Wednesday of each month. The next one will be on Wednesday **September 4th**. The service consists of quiet time with music, reading and discussing the Gospel of the coming Sunday, and a decade of the Rosary. The service will be from **7.30pm-9.00pm**. Please come and join us.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome into the Christian Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism, Axle Kofi-Ofuafor, Nuriel Odumuko, Chimkasinma Uzodinma-Madu, Stanley Ebueny, Efe Stanley and Ojotule Ogbodo. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families.



CEMETERY SUNDAY OUR LADY'S

Please note that this year our service at Bulwell will take place on **Sunday 15th September at 1.00pm** in the Chapel at Bulwell Northern Cemetery. The service is to remember all deceased family and friends buried there. This is a change from the usual November date in the hope for better weather and longer daylight time. Please let anyone know who would wish to attend.

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER: THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

In the final hours of his life, Jesus' constant dialogue with the Father becomes all the more intense, as he approaches his saving death and resurrection. In those moments, the crucified Lord takes upon himself the burden of all the sins of the world. For our sake, he experiences the distance separating sinners from God, and becomes the supreme and eternal intercessor. In our prayer may we always be mindful that the Lord never ceases to pray for us, uniting us to his own eternal dialogue of love with the Father in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

To read the full reflection and find more resources, visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS - HOLY CROSS

No Bible study at Holy Cross until further notice.
There will be a break for the summer.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS AT HOLY CROSS

at Michael Hallam's house **Sunday at 4.00pm**.
If you require a lift please ring Michael on 0115 9630925.

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 17TH/18TH AUGUST 2024
MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Suggested Donation for
Newsletter 20p

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| SATURDAY - VIGIL OF TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 17th | 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm | OUR LADY'S HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S | Marriage Convalidation - Victoria Ehighaleh & Gianni Zingerle Baptism of Axle Kofi-Ofuafor & Nuriel Odumuko Thanksgiving—Charles & Renata Towlson (30th Wedding Anniversary) |
| SUNDAY - TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 18th | 9.00am 11.00am 12.30pm | HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S | Caroline Ohadike RIP Mr J.A. Stanslaus RIP & Birthday Thanksgiving for Vanessa Chiemela Okochi Baptism of Chimkasinma Uzodinma -Madu |
| MONDAY - FERIA | 19th | | | |
| TUESDAY - SAINT BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR (MEMORIAL) | 20th | 9.30am | OUR LADY'S | Edward and Mary Finnegan |
| WEDNESDAY - SAINT PIUS X, POPE (MEMORIAL) | 21st | 12noon 1.00pm | HOLY CROSS HOLY CROSS | Andy Butkevicius RIP Baptism of Stanley Ebueny, Efe Stanley and Ojotule Ogbodo |
| THURSDAY - THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY (MEMORIAL) | 22nd | 9.30am | OUR LADY'S | Deceased members of Doyle family |
| FRIDAY - FERIA | 23rd | 12noon 7.00pm | HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S | Andy Butkevicius RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet |
| SATURDAY - VIGIL OF TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 24th | 5.00pm | OUR LADY'S | Stephanie Doherty RIP |
| SUNDAY - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 25th | 9.00am 11.00am | HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S | Andy Butkevicius RIP Joseph Omae Mosesti RIP |

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS

HOLY CROSS will be open again on **Wednesday 25th September at 9.30am** in the meeting room.
OUR LADY'S every Thursday 10am—12.30pm in the Parish Hall. **EVERYONE WELCOME.**

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER

August 25th – Marie Mendy

HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS

August 25th - Olimpia & Ciprian Blaj

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING

August 25th - Coleen & Rose Cash

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS

Saturday 24th August - Pauline Lynch

Sunday 25th August - Ifunanyachukwo Onwukwe

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS

Saturday 24th August - Teresa Doherty & Pauline Lynch

Sunday 25th August - Monica Maina & Alexander Mirie

OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR AUGUST

Team D (Antony, Gloria, Cynthia & Claire)

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Sunday 25th August - Jason Young

A hearing loop system is available in both churches. Please set your hearing aid to 'T' (Telecoil) setting in order for it to work.



RECONCILIATION: Our Lady's Saturday 4.15pm—4.45pm: Holy Cross - Wednesday (after Mass)

WEEKEND COLLECTION 10TH/11TH AUGUST: HOLY CROSS £476.53 S/O £153 OUR LADY'S £888.01 S/O £540

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