

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.


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FR RICHARD HARDSTAFF Please continue to pray for Fr Richard for his speedy recovery.

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 MASS TIMES AND SERVICES


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| <p style="text-align: center;">RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT</p> <p>Saturday 14th December 3.00pm - 4.45pm Our Lady's Wednesday 18th December 12.30pm - 1.00pm Holy Cross <i>Please use this opportunity for individual confessions</i> "The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness." Pope Francis</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CAROL SERVICES</p> <p>Sunday 15th December at 2.00pm at Our Lady's Saturday 22nd December at 6.00pm at Holy Cross</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5.00pm Our Lady's</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.00am Holy Cross 11.00am Our Lady's</p>  |
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SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT - 7TH/8TH DECEMBER 2024 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation for
Newsletter 20p

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| SATURDAY - VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 7th | 5.00pm | OUR LADY'S | Ellie & Hugh Forker RIP |
| SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 8th | 9.00am 11.00am | HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S | Madge Lanigan RIP William Kofi Karikari RIP |
| MONDAY - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF OUR DIOCESE (SOLEMNITY) | 9th | | | |
| TUESDAY - ADVENT FERIA | 10th | | | NO MASS |
| WEDNESDAY - ADVENT FERIA | 11th | | | NO MASS |
| THURSDAY - ADVENT FERIA | 12th | 10.00am | OUR LADY'S | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| FRIDAY - SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR (MEMORIAL) | 13th | 7.00pm | OUR LADY'S | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet |
| SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 14th | 5.00pm | OUR LADY'S | Maurice Stanslaus RIP |
| SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY | 15th | 9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm | HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S | Sarah Cunningham RIP Edward Giles RIP Christmas Carol Service |

CHURCHES TOGETHER Christmas Carols **Saturday 14th December 10:30am** Main Street, Bulwell followed by coffee at Ravensworth Road Methodist Church. Please come to support this event; children are especially welcome and are encouraged to dress up.



FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

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 5th January 2025**. 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: holycrosshucknallandourladysbulwell@dioceseofnottingham.uk

ADVENT "WALK WITH ME" BOOKLET

Now available at the back of church at a cost of £1.00. This is a booklet to help us reflect and pray daily as we journey towards the feast of Christmas.

HOLY CROSS 100 CLUB

Congratulations to our winner for the draw in November: No. 5 Sindhu Sebastian. Please collect your prize from the sacristy. Help raise funds for Holy Cross church by joining the 100 club. The draw costs just £4 a month. Registration forms are available at the back of church.

RED MISSIO BOXES OUR LADY'S

Please bring your red boxes to the sacristy. Emmanuel will count and then leave at the back of church for you to collect.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMIES (RECEPTION CLASS) - children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is **15th January 2025**. For every Catholic school application, a supplementary information form must be completed and returned to the school by the deadline; Applicants must also include the baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; contact the parish of baptism for a copy if needed). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence may affect the chances of a place.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY PARISHES

will be taken at all Masses this **weekend 7th/8th December**.

WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be no Masses during this week as Fr Daren is away. Weekend Masses remain unchanged.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Come and explore our Catholic faith and tradition through a different kind of meeting on the bible for all the family. **Sunday 8th and 15th December from 3.00pm - 4.30pm** in **Holy Cross meeting room**. A programme of video presentations, activities for the children, readings, reflection and prayer. Contact Chris Wisniewski 07716571418 for more information.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a collection next **weekend 14th/15th December** at both churches for flowers for Christmas.

OPERATION ELF

supports parents in prison to give their child a Christmas gift. Pact - the Catholic prisons charity - are urgently needing gifts for prisoners' children in the diocese this Christmas. If you are able to help by buying a simple gift for a child, please bring to Mass next weekend and we will forward to the local Pact team.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS

HOLY CROSS will be open again on **December 18th at 12.30pm** in the meeting room.
A light lunch with mince pies will be available. All welcome.

OUR LADY'S every Thursday 10am—12.30pm in the Parish Hall. **EVERYONE WELCOME.**

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| <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER</p> <p>December 15th - Dominic Dixon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS</p> <p>December 15th - tbc</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING</p> <p>December 15th - Coleen and Rose Cash</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS</p> <p>Saturday 14th December - Renata Towson Sunday 15th December - Kathy Taylor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS</p> <p>Saturday 14th December - Kath Huckerby & Sam Cropley Sunday 15th December - Jason Young & Monica Cassidy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER</p> <p>Team C (Antony, Gloria, Cynthia & Claire)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS</p> <p>Sunday 15th December - Jason Young</p> | <p>A hearing loop system is available in both churches. Please set your hearing aid to 'T' (Telecoil) setting in order for it to work.</p>  |
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HOLY CROSS HEATING FUNDRAISING.

Summer BBQ: **£1,002.00**; Autumn Fayre and International Food Festival: **£1,504.84**; October Second Collection: **£260.80**;
-Individual Donations Received: **£2,030.00** ****Total raised to date: £4,797.65**** Thank you to everyone.

BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS - HOLY CROSS

will continue this **Tuesday 10th December** at **7pm** in the meeting room.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS AT HOLY CROSS

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

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell: Bridget Doyle Holy Cross, Hucknall: Rosaleen Walters 07513 725395
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RECONCILIATION: Our Lady's Saturday 4.15pm—4.45pm: Holy Cross - Wednesday (after Mass)