

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT - 14TH/15TH DECEMBER 2024
MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation for
Newsletter 20p

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
MONDAY - ADVENT FERIA	16th			
TUESDAY - ADVENT FERIA	17th			
WEDNESDAY - ADVENT FERIA	18th	12.00noon	HOLY CROSS	For Fr Richard's recovery
THURSDAY - ADVENT FERIA	19th	9.30am 10.00am	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
FRIDAY - ADVENT FERIA	20th	12.00noon 7.00pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Requiem Mass for Phyllis Mannion RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	21st	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Shay Durkin RIP [3rd anniversary]
SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	22nd	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 8.00pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S HOLY CROSS HOLY CROSS	Sarah Cunningham RIP Mrs Jackie Stanslaus RIP Christmas Carol Service Reception of Olive Kendall RIP

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.**

<p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER December 22nd - Roseanna Stanforth-ward</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS December 22nd - Dominic Dixon & Lauren Whitehouse</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING December 22nd - Charles & Patricia Nyarkoh</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS Saturday 21st December - Teresa Doherty Sunday 22nd December - Renee Musa-Oputteh/Victorai Ifesemen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS Saturday 21st December - Maram & David Gillot & family Sunday 22nd December - Monica Maina & Alexander Mirie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER Team C (Antony, Gloria, Cynthia & Claire)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS Sunday 22nd December - Willow and Ruth</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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RECONCILIATION: Our Lady's Saturday 4.15pm—4.45pm: Holy Cross - Wednesday (after Mass)

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

<p>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>TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE 5.00pm Our Lady's</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY 9.00am Holy Cross 11.00am Our Lady's</p>
<p>CAROL SERVICES</p> <p>Sunday 15th December at 2.00pm at Our Lady's Sunday 22nd December at 5.00pm at Holy Cross</p>	

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT HOLY CROSS

We're looking for a few extra hands to help with our Christmas Cleaning Day on **Thursday, 19th December at 10:00 am**. Your help will make a big difference as we prepare for the festive season. If you're available, please join us. Thank you for your support!

TEA & BISCUITS AFTER SUNDAY MASS AT OUR LADY'S

Volunteers required to serve tea & biscuits after Sunday Mass. No prior skills required. Kindly contact the parish office if interested. Thank you.

HOLY CROSS 100 CLUB

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.

WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE

Are you struggling to make ends meet now that the winter fuel allowance has been cut? Age UK are encouraging all pensioners to apply for pension credit before the cut-off date of 20th December 2024. Helpline number 0800 99 1234 If you would like more information, Chris, Stephanie and Jackie will be available in the meeting room at Holy Cross church on Monday 16th December 9.30am to 11.30am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Bridget Tobin, Phyllis Mannion, Olive Kendall & Bettina Benski who have all died recently.

The Requiem Mass for **Phyllis Mannion** will be on **Friday 20th December at 12noon at Our Lady's**; and for **Olive Kendall** on **Monday 23rd December at 12.15pm at Holy Cross**. The funerals for Bridget Tobin and Bettina Benski will take place after Christmas. Details to follow.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

ADVENT "WALK WITH ME" BOOKLET

Now available at the back of church at a cost of £1.00.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Come and explore our Catholic faith and tradition through a different kind of meeting on the Bible for all the family this Sunday **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.

A CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

will be taken this **weekend 14th/15th December** at both churches for flowers for Christmas.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

<p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS HEATING FUNDRAISING. November Second Collection: £328.70 Total raised to date: £5126.35 Thank you to everyone.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WEEKEND COLLECTION 7TH/8TH DECEMBER HOLY CROSS £414.00 S/O £153 OUR LADY'S £413.94 S/O £540 POOR AND NEEDY PARISHES HOLY CROSS £149.30 OUR LADYS £331.36</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS - HOLY CROSS There will be no more meetings until further notice.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS AT HOLY CROSS at Michael Hallam's house Sunday at 4.00pm. If you require a lift please ring 0115 9630925.</p>

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