

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

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE
5.00pm Our Lady's
WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY
9.00am Holy Cross
11.00am Our Lady's



HOLY CROSS CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Sunday 22nd December at 5.00pm at Holy Cross led by Martin Ashiedhu and the choir of Holy Cross church.
The concert will include readings, a special performance by the Nottingham Catholic African community choir plus a not-to-be-missed visitor for the children. Entry is free of charge.
There will be mince pies and a glass of wine in the meeting room afterwards. All are welcome.

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT - 21ST/22ND DECEMBER 2024 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation for
Newsletter 20p

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	HOLY CROSS	Sarah Cunningham RIP Mrs Jackie Stanslaus RIP & Birthday and Family Thanksgiving for Njideka Ude Christmas Carol Service Reception of Olive Kendall RIP
		11.00am	OUR LADY'S	
MONDAY - ADVENT FERIA	23rd	5.00pm	HOLY CROSS	Requiem Mass for Olive Kendall RIP
		8.00pm	HOLY CROSS	
TUESDAY - VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY (SOLEMNITY)	24th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Catherine and John Heraghty RIP
WEDNESDAY - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY (SOLEMNITY)	25th	9.00am	HOLY CROSS	For the people of the parish For the people of the parish
		11.00am	OUR LADY'S	
THURSDAY - SAINT STEPHEN (FEAST)	26th			NO MASS
FRIDAY - SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (FEAST)	27th			
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE HOLY FAMILY (FEAST)	28th	5.00pm 6.00pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Edgardo Samaniego RIP Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
SUNDAY - THE HOLY FAMILY (FEAST)	29th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Sean Lanigan RIP Canon Short RIP

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS

HOLY CROSS will be open again on **January 29th 2025 at 9.30am** in the meeting room.
OUR LADY'S every Thursday 10am—12.30pm in the Parish Hall. **EVERYONE WELCOME.**

<p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER December 29th - Vivien Flynn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS December 29th- tbc</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING December 29th - Emmanuel & Esther Obasi</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS Saturday 28th December - Filipino Community Sunday 29th December - Rejoice Amieghemen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS Saturday 28th December - Filipino Community Sunday 29th December - Janet, Monica & Stefan</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 29th December - Kenyan Community</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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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

MONSIGNOR FORDE WRITES:

I am unable to send Christmas cards as due to Parkinson's disease I can no longer write. The parishioners will be remembered in all my Masses at Christmas time. Please remember me in your prayers.

'May you be blessed with the spirit of the season, which is peace; the gladness of the season, which is hope; and the heart of the season, which is love.' Mgr. DF

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 you are able to offer your help. 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations to the collection and to Julie and Sue who will be arranging the flowers in Our Lady's and Holy Cross respectively.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Bridget Tobin, Olive Kendall & Bettina Benski who have all died recently. The Requiem Mass for **Olive Kendall** is on **Monday 23rd December at 12.15pm at Holy Cross with Reception into church on Sunday 22nd December at 8pm.**

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.

250 CLUB WINNERS

September 2024: 1st No. 53 Mike Meehan, 2nd No. 211 Renata Towlson, 3rd No. 56 Andrea Cockram.

October 2024: 1st No. 176 Attracta Murray, 2nd No. 36 Breege Chapman, 3rd No. 9 Una Ratcliffe.

November 2024: 1st No. 166 Judith Traynor, 2nd No. 83 Emma Braisby, 3rd No. 107 Adelaide Masenhu.

Please collect your prize from the Sacristy. A reminder for those who pay yearly, your payment is due. Many thanks.

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 14TH/15TH DECEMBER HOLY CROSS £318.24 S/O £153 OUR LADY'S £663.94 S/O £540</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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