

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

**SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.**

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 0115 9150296  
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 0115 9534577  
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 0115 9296251  
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## FIRST WEEK OF EASTERTIDE—EASTER WEEK - 19TH/20TH APRIL 2025 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation for  
Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - THE EASTER VIGIL	19th	7.30pm	HOLY CROSS	People of the Parish of Holy Cross & Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
SUNDAY - EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	20th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Paul Gallagher Intentions Thanksgiving Mass for Daniel Roberts RIP (Former Organist of this church)
MONDAY - MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	21st			
TUESDAY - TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	22nd			
WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	23rd			
THURSDAY - THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	24th	2.15pm	HOLY CROSS	Requiem Mass for Philomena Hathaway RIP
FRIDAY - FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	25th			
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	26th	5.00pm 6.00pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Rena Pakenham RIP The Way of Light led by Filipino Rosary Crusade
SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	27th	9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Welfare of Carmel Beighton Catherine & John Heraghty RIP Divine Mercy Service

Happy Easter. Alleluia, Alleluia!

### MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS

HOLY CROSS will be open again on Wednesday April 30th 2025 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

April 27th - Vivien Flynn

#### HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS

April 27th - Nnamdi & Fum Anyameluhor

#### HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING

April 27th - Henrieta Obiora & Sylvia Abaokporo

#### OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS

Saturday 26th April - Filipino Community  
 Sunday 27th April - Esther Onyinye

#### OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS

Saturday 26th April - Filipino Community  
 Sunday 27th April - Jane Maina & Gladys Gathira

#### OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR APRIL

Team A (Teresa, Maram, Juliana, Chiamaka, Cynthia & Antony)

#### REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Sunday 27th April - Emmanuel & Nana

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 - will resume when Fr Richard returns from his holiday.

### Christus Resurrexit Sicut Dixit, Alleluia, Alleluia!

During Lent, we prepared ourselves through works of penance, prayer and Christian charity, in order to approach Easter with hearts and minds raised up to God with Christ Jesus as our focus and goal. Now we are bathed in the healing light of the resurrection, the light of God's unfathomable love which fills the whole of creation and transcends time and space, a light which never fades, a light which penetrates to the very depths of our being with healing in its rays. Sometimes we can feel overwhelmed by the darkness we encounter in our lives, and the darkness of the world around us, and for each of us that darkness takes different forms. Yet Christ, who is the Light of the World, the light that darkness could not overcome, as St. John tells us in the first chapter of his Gospel, is powerfully present in our lives; and in his resurrection from the dead we rejoice that Jesus has saved us. He is our constant companion on our pilgrimage of life, the one who will never abandon us, the one who loves us more than we can ever know. This Jubilee Year is a time for us to rejoice in the freedom we can experience from our faith in God, and in our missionary activity, to which all of us are called, to spread far and wide the joy we ourselves have received to those who are hungry for the joy and hope our faith brings. So as we enter into this blessed Easter season, let us keep our eyes fixed on him who is the Resurrection and the life, so that the peace and joy he brings may find a home in our hearts, not just for Easter, but for the rest of our lives.

I wish you, your family and all those you love all the blessings Easter brings, both now and in the future.  
 May God bless you all. Fr. Richard



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 27TH—OUR LADY'S

The celebration begins at 2.30pm and ends with Benediction at 3.45pm. Talk given by Rev Robbie O'Callaghan. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for 1 hour after the service. Please come and join us. For more information, contact Madeleine on 0115 9277893 or Teresa on 07733224700.  
*Quote from Sr Faustina's diary - I desire that the whole world know my infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive.*

Fr Richard will be away on holiday from Monday 21st April until Friday 2nd May inclusive. We wish him a restful time.  
 The office will close Tuesday 22nd April and reopen Tuesday 29th April.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Please remember in your prayers Maeson Attaway who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil at Holy Cross. May the grace of the Holy Spirit, which will be poured out upon him, strengthen him as a new member of God's holy people.

### VIA LUCIS

The Way of the Light is a religious practice proper to the post-Easter liturgical period. The features of this devotion resemble the Stations of the Cross. We will be holding this devotion on **26th April** after the 5pm Vigil Mass. This will be led by the Filipino Rosary Crusade. Please come along.

### RED MISSIO BOXES - HOLY CROSS

It is time to empty your Missio boxes. If you have one and would like it emptying, please bring to the Sacristy for Dorothy to collect.

### THE NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN MISSIO MASS

in thanksgiving for all Missio's volunteers and supporters will be celebrated at Saint Winefride's Church, Charnwood Road, Shepshed LE12 9QF on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm**. Bishop Patrick will celebrate the Mass, joined by Father Anthony Chantry (Missio National Director) and Father Patrick Bassey (Diocesan Director for Missio). All are warmly welcome

### THE LEGION OF MARY

is starting at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell. Please contact Georgina on 07951668796 if you would like to join or simply to know more. Alternatively please contact the office.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

**Philomena Hathaway RIP** who died recently. Philomena's Requiem Mass will be held at Holy Cross Church on **Thursday 24th April at 2.15pm**.

**Dennis Gormley RIP** who died recently. Dennis' Requiem Mass will be at Holy Cross on **Wednesday 30th April at 10.00am**. Please remember their families and friends in your prayers at this sad time. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

### RIGHT TO LIFE

The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit. It can be accessed at <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>. There are also postcards at the back of church that can be used.

### BAPTISM CLASS

Our next class for parents of children 6 years and under will take place on **Saturday 3rd May 2025 @ 10.30am** in Our Lady's Parish Hall. This class is for parishioners from both Holy Cross and Our Lady's. If you would like your child/children to be baptised, please email the office for a form. Completed forms need to be submitted to the office by **9am on Thursday 1st May**.

**VACANCY:** CAFOD is looking for a **Community Participation Coordinator** to work in the Diocese of Nottingham. The closing date is Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. See [cafod.org.uk/work-with-us](http://cafod.org.uk/work-with-us) for more information.

WEEKEND COLLECTION  
 12TH/13TH APRIL HOLY CROSS £560.90 S/O £153 OUR LADY'S £601.81 S/O £540

HOLY CROSS HEATING FUNDRAISING.  
 Total raised to date: £7,582.31. Thank you for donations received this week.  
 NEXT SECOND COLLECTION FOR HEATING FUND ON SUNDAY 27TH APRIL.

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS TO DONATE  
 Our Lady of Perp Succ Bulwell RCP  
 S/C: 30-96-18 A/C: 01642187  
 Holy Cross Hucknall RCP  
 S/C: 30-96-18 A/C 01697003

**BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS - HOLY CROSS**  
 No meetings until further notice.

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:

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