



# THE PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS, NORTH NOTTINGHAM

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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**PRIMARY SCHOOLS:**  
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 Head Teacher — Mrs Sarah Sweeney McGinty  
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Holy Cross, Hucknall  
 Head Teacher—Mr Paul Tibble  
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 Trinity School, Aspley  
 Head Teacher — Mr. Matthew Shenton  
 0115 9296251  
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**EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - 5TH APRIL 2026**  
**MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**Suggested Donation for Newsletter 20p**

SATURDAY - THE EASTER VIGIL	4th	7.30pm	OUR LADY'S	Ronald Orbe RIP
SUNDAY - EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	5th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	People of the Parish Monsignor David Forde RIP
MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	6th			
TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	7th			
WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	8th			
THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	9th			
FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	10th			
SATURDAY - THE VIGIL OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	11th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Alusia Ivaniak RIP
SUNDAY - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	12th	9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Amal Abraham RIP Catherine and John Heraghty RIP Divine Mercy

**RECONCILIATION - Our Lady's - Saturdays 4.15 - 4.45pm Holy Cross - after Mass on Wednesdays**

**PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS IN OUR PARISH**

**HOLY CROSS**

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

**FRIENDS OF JESUS OF NAZARETH COMMUNITY**

at Our Lady's church - **Sunday at 4.00pm.**

**If you are unable to attend, you can join in by saying the Rosary and the following prayer to the Holy Spirit in your homes:**

*O Holy Spirit, pull down the barriers and take away those inhibitions that prevent or hold back those whom God the Father has chosen, and whom His Son Jesus has called to follow Him to serve in His Vineyard. Empower them with courage and steadfastness in Faith to respond to His call, to the glory and praise of the Most Holy Trinity. Amen.*

**SCRIPTURE GROUP**

Date for the next meeting will be **Tuesday 28th April at 7.00pm** in Our Lady's Parish Hall.

**BIBLE STUDY MEETING HOLY CROSS**

There will be no meetings until after Easter - April 14th.



**THE LEGION OF MARY**  
 Our Lady's - Every Sunday after 11am Mass.  
 Everyone welcome to join.

**WORD OF THE WEEK: ALLELUIA:** Alleluia is a joyful word that means 'Praise the Lord'. At the Easter Vigil, we use this word for the first time since the beginning of Lent to show that we can now celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his victory over death.

*Spend time rejoicing this week and make a real effort to celebrate the Easter season with family and friends.*

**CELEBRATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AND OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**

Dear friends and fellow parishioners,

As we journeyed together through Lent, we prepared ourselves with acts of penance, heartfelt prayer, and generous Christian charity. Our shared hope was to arrive at Easter with hearts and minds uplifted, keeping Christ Jesus at the centre of all we do and aspire to. Now, as Easter dawns, we find ourselves basking in the healing light of the resurrection—the light of God's boundless love that fills all creation and reaches into the depths of our being, bringing comfort and restoration. This light, which never fades, brings healing and hope even in the darkest moments of our lives. We all know that life can sometimes feel overshadowed by worries and uncertainty, and each of us faces such darkness in our own unique way. Yet, as St. John reminds us, Christ is the Light of the World—a light that darkness cannot overcome. In his resurrection, Jesus is powerfully present with us, offering salvation and companionship on our pilgrimage through life. He is with us always, loving us more deeply than we can ever comprehend. This Easter, let us rejoice in the freedom that comes from our faith in God and embrace our calling to share his love and joy with others. Each one of us is invited to be missionary, spreading the hope and happiness we have found in Christ to those who are longing for it in their own lives. As we enter this blessed season, I encourage you to keep your gaze fixed on Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, so that his peace and joy may fill your hearts—not just at Easter, but always.

With thanks to your generosity and commitment, we have installed a new heating system at both our churches, and with thanks to the generous legacy that Our Lady's received we have been able to replace the carpets and added screens to enrich our Mass with singing and participation. Already, these improvements are making a real difference to our worship experience and the warmth of our church. Looking ahead, after Easter, we will begin decorating the sacristies at Our Lady's and fitting new carpets, ensuring our sacred spaces remain welcoming and inspiring for all. Looking forward we would like to look at ways of decorating the church at Holy Cross and adding more lighting to the exterior of the church so that we can use the church safely for more evening liturgies. May the risen Lord bless you and your loved ones, and may the joy of Easter fill your homes and hearts with hope, peace and happiness. With every blessing, Fr Richard.

*Fr Richard will be away on holiday from Monday 6th April until Friday 17th April inclusive. We wish him a restful time. The office will be closed 7th and 8th April and reopen Thursday 9th April.*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 12TH - OUR LADY'S**

The celebration begins at **2.30pm** and ends at 3.45pm. Guest speaker Rev Evarist Kaniki. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for one hour after the service. You are all invited to come and join us for this great feast.

**Quote from Sr Faustina's diary - My daughter, speak to the world of my inexhaustible mercy. I desire that this Feast be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, especially for poor.**



**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

For those who are registered for envelopes and have used your current ones, please collect your new box from the back of church. The number on the envelope may have changed. If anyone would like to change to give via standing order, please contact the office.

**OUR LADY'S CHURCH**

The sacristy at Our Lady's is to be decorated commencing **Tuesday 7th April**. Anyone accessing the church will need to be mindful of this as their equipment will be around until the work is completed.

**THE ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT**

is hosting an Open Day at the McGuinness Centre, Brooklyn Road, Nottingham NG6 9ES on **Friday 17th April between 2.00pm and 6.00pm**. Are you an organised individual with an interest in Church history, genealogy, and basic Microsoft skills? The Archives Department would love to see you there!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

A big thank you to all the leaders and helpers of Children's Liturgy at both churches. We are now on a short break but intend to be back on **Sunday 12th April.**

**HOLY CROSS 100 CLUB WINNER**

Congratulations to our winner for the draw in March: No. 29 Anthony Prewett. Help raise funds for Holy Cross church by joining the 100 club. just £4 a month. Registration forms are available at the back of church.

**FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING**

On **Thursday 23rd April at 7pm** there will be a training session in the hall at **Our Lady's** for all parishioners who volunteer in both churches. Fire marshalls play a critical role in maintaining a safe environment within the church buildings. In the event of fire, emergency evacuation procedures rely on fire marshalls. If any other parishioners would like to volunteer in the this role, please contact the office or speak to Fr Richard.

**REMINDER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

Children must not go to the toilet alone. Parents or guardians must accompany them if they need to use the toilet during Mass. Your support helps ensure that every child in our parish community is kept safe.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

28TH/29TH MARCH **HOLY CROSS** £322.41 S/O £233.00  
**OUR LADY'S** £640.09 S/O £498.00

**BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS TO DONATE**

**MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS NOTTM RCP**  
 SORT CODE: 30-96-18 ACCOUNT NO: 01642187

**MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS**

**HOLY CROSS** will open again on **Wednesday 27th May at 10.30am.**

**OUR LADY'S** meets every **Thursday 10am—12.30pm** in the parish hall. **EVERYONE WELCOME.**

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH READER**

Sunday 12th April - Ndubuisi family

**WELCOMERS**

Sunday 12th April - Olimpia and Ciprian Blaj

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Sunday 12th April - Emmanuel and Esther Obasi

**OUR LADY'S CHURCH**

**READERS** Saturday 11th April - Sr Bakhita

Sunday 12th April - Kathy Taylor

**WELCOMERS** Saturday 11th April - Sue Sullivan and Chris Reilly

Sunday 12th April - Jane Maina, Gladys Gathira and Mike Muchene

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

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

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS**

Sunday 12th April - Kenyan Community

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



**SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:**

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