

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 2ND/3RD DECEMBER 2023 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation
for Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	2nd	5.00pm 6.00pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Geoff Scholes RIP Prayers for Vocations
SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS</i>	3rd	9.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S HOLY CROSS	People of the Parish Marie Monique Grivon RIP Prayers for Vocations
MONDAY - ADVENT FERIA	4th			
TUESDAY - ADVENT FERIA	5th	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Peter Raphael RIP
WEDNESDAY - ADVENT FERIA	6th	12 noon	HOLY CROSS	
THURSDAY - SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR (MEMORIAL)	7th	9.30am 10.00am	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Bill Hannifin RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
FRIDAY - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF OUR DIOCESE (SOLEMNITY)	8th	9.30am 7.00pm	HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OUR LADY'S	Madge Lanigan RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Divine Mercy Chaplet
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Paddy Hannifin RIP
SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10th	9.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S HOLY CROSS	Georgina & Emmanuel Intentions Hugh & Ellie Forker RIP Prayers for Vocations

DATES FOR CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERTS HOLY CROSS: 9TH DECEMBER @ 6PM OUR LADY'S: 17TH DECEMBER @ 2PM

BIBLE STUDY GROUP Bible Study at Holy Cross this Tuesday at 7pm in the meeting room.	MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉ'S HOLY CROSS will be open again on Wednesday 27th December at 9.30am in the meeting room. OUR LADY'S every Thursday 10am—12.30pm in the Parish Hall. EVERYONE WELCOME.
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER December 10th - Chris Wisniewski HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS December 10th - Andy & Sally Butkevicius HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING December 10th - Emmanuel & Esther Obasi	OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS Saturday December 9th— Elaine Foley Sunday December 10th – Judy Muthuri OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS Saturday December 9th - Maram & David Gillott & Family Sunday December 10th - Monica Cassidy & Jason Young OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER Team D (Anthony, Gloria, Cynthia & Claire) REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS Sunday December 10th—Jason Young	A hearing loop system is available in both churches. Please set your hearing aid to 'T' (Telecoil) setting in order for it to work.
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RECONCILIATION: Our Lady's Saturday 4.15pm—4.45pm: Holy Cross - Wednesday (after Mass)

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

ADVENT HOLY HOUR WITH RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 19th December
7.00pm Our Lady's

Please use this opportunity for individual confessions
"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness." Pope Francis

CAROL SERVICES

Saturday 9th December at 6.00pm at Holy Cross
 Sunday 17th December at 2pm at Our Lady's

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm Our Lady's

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am Holy Cross
 11.00am Our Lady's

TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER Saint Stephen (Feast)

10.00am Our Lady's

THURSDAY 28TH DECEMBER The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)

10.00am Our Lady's

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Choir are looking forward to seeing you on **Saturday 9th December at 6.00pm** for our annual Christmas Carol Service which will include a visit from someone special for the children and a performance by the Nottingham African Catholic Community Choir. Entry is free of charge but there will be a voluntary donation basket at the back of church after the performance if you would like to donate. All who attend are invited to mince pies, a glass of wine and tea and coffee afterwards in the meeting room.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - OUR LADY'S

Our Lady's are holding their Carol Service on **Sunday 17th December at 2.00pm**. This is a very inclusive service with as many people as possible taking part. We would like to have people to sing the first verse of Silent Night in different languages, as an individual or as a group. If you can help with this or have any other suggestions to be included in the service please let Jane Rooksby or Bridget Doyle know. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR POOR AND NEEDY PARISHES

This collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend.

ADVENT "WALK WITH ME" BOOKLETS

These are 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. We also have a small number of children's Advent calendars available at a cost of 50p.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMIES

(Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020. The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is 15th January 2024. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for, if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion, you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the Deadline (forms are available from the LA and the school). You MUST also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, e.g baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable).

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER

The world is divided in two: those people who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace. The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH BY CANDLELIGHT

will be performed by Nottingham Cathedral Choir, orchestra and special guests on **Saturday 16th December at the Church of the Good Shepherd**, Woodthorpe NG5 4HT, as part of the church's diamond jubilee celebrations. The performance will begin at 7.00pm, with tickets (£5-£20) available from the parish office (0115 926 8288) or goodshepherd@dioceseofnottingham.uk or via Eventbrite: Handel's Messiah by Candlelight Tickets, **Saturday 16th Dec 2023 at 19:00** | Eventbrite

PLEASE PRAY FOR



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Law RIP who passed away recently. A life-long member of Our Lady's parish. Her funeral will take place at Wilford Hill on Tuesday **12th December at 12.30pm**. We remember her family and friends at this difficult time. **Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.**

CHRISTMAS PARTY- OUR LADY'S

Come and join us for some festive fun at the Parish Christmas Karaoke and Disco Party in the Hall on **Saturday 9th December at 7.00pm**. Hot food and mince pies provided. Tea/coffee/refreshments available. Feel free to bring your own beer/wine. Raffle with plenty of good prizes. Good night guaranteed. Tickets £5.00 Adults/Kids £2.50 available after weekend Masses. Tickets sold on a first-come, first-served basis and will sell out fairly quickly; so get in early!! See you there !!!

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time? If so, becoming a foundation governor could be just the thing for you. Holy Cross school is seeking to appoint a new foundation governor.

Foundation governors play a vital role in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of our schools. If you are interested or would like more information, please email:

julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk

CAFOD ON LINE ADVENT CALENDAR OF DAILY PRAYER

From the start of December CAFOD is sharing daily Bible reflections, stories of our global family, prayers and practical ideas for action, as we create a space to prepare for the coming of Christ. This online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. To sign-up for the Calendar, visit:

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

WEEKEND COLLECTION 25TH/26TH NOVEMBER; HOLY CROSS £273.63 . S/O - £153 OUR LADY'S £680.32 S/O £540

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