

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 3RD/4TH AUGUST 2024
 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Suggested Donation for
 Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	3rd	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Patrick Doyle RIP
SUNDAY - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	4th	9.00am	HOLY CROSS	Birthday thanksgiving for Angel Paris Ebubechukwu Egbe & 40th wedding anniversary of Obiekwe & Ekene Anaduaka
		11.00am	OUR LADY'S	Catherine & John Heraghty RIP
MONDAY - FERIA	5th			
TUESDAY - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (FEAST)	6th	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Betty O'Rourke RIP
WEDNESDAY - FERIA	7th	12noon	HOLY CROSS	Birthday Thanksgiving for Esosa Omo-Usoh
THURSDAY - SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST (MEMORIAL)	8th	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Bridie Duggan RIP
FRIDAY - SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN & MARTYR, PATRON OF EUROPE (FEAST)	9th	12noon 7.00pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Andy Butkevicius RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	John Staniland RIP
SUNDAY - NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11th	9.00am	HOLY CROSS	Birthday thanksgiving for Isaac Kenekchukwu Egbe
		11.00am	OUR LADY'S	Bridie Whelan RIP

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS

HOLY CROSS will be open again on **Wednesday 25th September 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 August 11th – Dominic Dixon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS August 11th - Volunteers needed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING August 11th - Emmanuel & Esther Obasi</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS Saturday 10th August - Kevin Stevenson Sunday 11th August - Chiara Albano</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS Saturday 10th August - Noelenn Knight & Bev Remm Sunday 11th August - Jane Maina & Gladys Gathira</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR AUGUST Team D (Antony, Gloria, Cynthia & Claire)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS Sunday 11th August - Jason Young</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)

BBQ - HOLY CROSS



We will be having a BBQ and bouncy castle at **Holy Cross church** this **Sunday 4th August** from **2pm - 6pm**. Please join us at this special event to raise funds for church maintenance and a new heating system. Tickets cost **£5 each or £15.00 for family ticket** and are available from the back of church. The ticket includes 1 burger +bun and 1 sausage +bun + cold drink. The family tickets are for 2 adults +up to 3 children. There will also be lots of other food available, chicken, fish, veggie burgers, cakes etc.

Come and join the fun!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

at both Our Lady's and Holy Cross are having a break over the school summer holidays and will return in September.

MARCH FOR LIFE

As Catholics we must do all that we can to defend human life, in all forms and at all stages. But our belief that life is a sacred gift from God is not shared by all. Under the new government, decriminalisation of abortion and assisted suicide will both soon be debated in Parliament. On **Saturday 7th September** there will be an opportunity to witness to our belief in the value of life with the annual March for Life in Westminster. More information is available at www.marchforlife.co.uk/2024-event-page. There will be a coach going from Nottingham; for information, and to book, contact Marilangford@live.co.uk (07948 151 264).

THE SPANNED ANNUAL MASS

is being celebrated by Bishop Patrick at Saint Peter's Church, Leicester Road, Hinckley on Saturday 21st September with our five diocesan groups and many friends, at 2.30pm. SPANNED has been working on climate change over the last two years and will present their findings to the bishop at the Mass in the form of a Manifesto, called "If you want to change the world, then change your life". For more details contact Father Frank Daly after 25th August on 01455 634443 or at hinckleypriory@gmail.com. Likewise, if you are coming we would like to know numbers so that you can stay with us for some refreshments afterwards.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

If there are any adults who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please speak to Fr Richard or contact the office.

HOLY CROSS 100 CLUB

Help raise funds for Holy Cross church by joining the 100 club. The draw is just £4 a month and you have a chance to win prizes of £100, £50 or £25 each month. Registration forms are available at the back of church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT HOLY CROSS

We need more volunteers for welcoming and counting the weekly offertory at Holy Cross. If you are able to help, please speak with Fr Richard or get in touch with the office. Training will be provided.

A TIME OF REFLECTION & PRAYER

There will be a service of reflection and prayer in Our Lady's church hall on the first Wednesday of each month. The next one will be on **August 7th**. The service consists of quiet time with music, reading and discussing the Gospel of the coming Sunday, and a decade of the Rosary. The service will be from **7.30pm-9.00pm**.

Please come and join us.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN CHURCH

Please note that there will be no Adoration in church on a Wednesday or Thursday during the summer holidays. This will be reviewed in September and dates will be published when it recommences.

CEMETERY SUNDAY OUR LADY'S

Please note that this year our service at Bulwell will take place on **Sunday 15th September at 1.00pm** in the Chapel at Bulwell Northern Cemetery. The service is to remember all deceased family and friends buried there. This is a change from the usual November date in the hope for better weather and longer daylight time. Please let anyone you know who would wish to attend.

It is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, I am the Bread of Life.

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER: THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sometimes we are distracted as we try to pray: this calls for our cultivation of the virtue of vigilance, by which we focus our lives on doing the Lord's will daily in expectation of his return. A second difficulty is the experience of dryness when our hearts as the Catechism teaches – have "no taste for thoughts, memories, and feelings, even spiritual ones". The spiritual masters acknowledge that the life of faith involves times of consolation but also of desolation, when we share in the Lord's sufferings. A third difficulty is spiritual fatigue, the abandonment of prayer altogether: the saints faced these same difficulties and teach that true progress in the spiritual life comes about through daily perseverance, like that of Job who remained constant even amid his many afflictions.

To read the full reflection and find more resources, visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS - HOLY CROSS

No Bible study at Holy Cross until further notice.
There will be a break for the summer.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS AT HOLY CROSS

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION 27TH/28TH JULY: HOLY CROSS £315.33 S/O £153 OUR LADY'S £558.26 S/O £540

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