

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

RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT
Saturday 14th December 3.00pm - 4.45pm Our Lady's
Wednesday 18th December 12.30pm - 1.00pm Holy Cross
Please use this opportunity for individual confessions
"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness." Pope Francis

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



CAROL SERVICES

Sunday 15th December at 2.00pm at Our Lady's
Saturday 22nd December at 6.00pm at Holy Cross

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT - 30TH NOVEMBER / 1ST DECEMBER 2024 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation for
Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	30th	5.00pm 6.00pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Patrick Hannifin RIP Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	1st	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	People of the Parish Marie Monique Grivon RIP
MONDAY - ADVENT FERIA	2nd			
TUESDAY - SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST (MEMORIAL)	3rd	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Our Lady's school community
WEDNESDAY - ADVENT FERIA	4th	12.00noon	HOLY CROSS	Sarah Cunningham RIP
THURSDAY - ADVENT FERIA	5th	9.30am 10.00am	ST MARGARET CLITHEROW SCHOOL OUR LADY'S	St Margaret Clitherow's school community All parishioners welcome Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
FRIDAY - ADVENT FERIA	6th	7.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	7th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Ellie & Hugh Forker RIP
SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Madge Lanigan RIP William Kofi Karikari RIP

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS

HOLY CROSS will be open again on **December 18th at 12.30pm** in the meeting room.
A light lunch with mince pies will be available. All welcome.
OUR LADY'S every Thursday 10am—12.30pm in the Parish Hall. **EVERYONE WELCOME.**



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

ADVENT "WALK WITH ME" BOOKLET

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.

HOLY CROSS 100 CLUB

Congratulations to our winner for the draw in November: No. 5 Sindhu Sebastian. Please collect your prize from the sacristy. 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.

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.
SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMIES (RECEPTION CLASS) - children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is **15th January 2025**. For every Catholic school application, a supplementary information form must be completed and returned to the school by the deadline; Applicants must also include the baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; contact the parish of baptism for a copy if needed). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence may affect the chances of a place.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY PARISHES

will be taken at all Masses next **weekend 7th/ 8th December**.
CHRISTMAS PARTY QUIZ AND BINGO NIGHT will take place next **Saturday 7th December** from 7 - 10pm in Our Lady's hall. Free admission, free refreshments; bring your own beer/wine. Chip butties £3, raffle, good music and Christmas karaoke. A great night for all the family, so bring the kids. Free tickets available at back of church and usual outlets.
We will also be drawing the winning tickets for The Grand Christmas Raffle. Tickets for both events are now available.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Come and explore our Catholic faith and tradition through a different kind of meeting on the bible for all the family. **Sunday 8th and 15th December from 3.00pm - 4.30pm in Holy Cross meeting room.** A programme of video presentations, activities for the children, readings, reflection and prayer. Contact Chris Wisniewski 07716571418 for more information.

A PLEA FOR WELCOMERS AT HOLY CROSS

Please think about joining this important Ministry. The more teams we have, the less you will be called upon. Please email the office if you are able to offer your help.

THE PARISH OFFICE

is now closed and will reopen on **Wednesday 11th December**.

HOLY CROSS HEATING FUNDRAISING.

Summer BBQ: **£1,002.00**; Autumn Fayre and International Food Festival: **£1,504.84**; October Second Collection: **£260.80**;
 Individual Donations Received: **£2,030.00** ****Total raised to date: £4,797.65**** Thank you to everyone.

REFLECTION & PRAYER

Our Lady's
December 4th 7.30—9.00pm

BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS - HOLY CROSS

will continue this **Tuesday 3rd December**
at 7pm in the meeting room.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS AT HOLY CROSS

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION 23RD/24TH NOVEMBER: HOLY CROSS £280.70 S/O £153 OUR LADY'S £439.35 S/O £540

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell: Bridget Doyle Holy Cross, Hucknall: Rosaleen Walters 07513 725395
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A hearing loop system is available in both churches. Please set your hearing aid to 'T' (Telecoil) setting in order for it to work.



HOLY CROSS CHURCH—READER
 December 8th - Chris Wiesniewski
HOLY CROSS CHURCH—WELCOMERS
 December 8th - Olimpia & Ciprian Blaj
HOLY CROSS CHURCH CLEANING
 December 8th - Henrietta Obiora & Sylvia Abaokporo

OUR LADY'S CHURCH—READERS
 Saturday 7th December - Pauline Lynch
 Sunday 8th December - Pietro Albano
OUR LADY'S CHURCH—WELCOMERS
 Saturday 7th December - Teresa Doherty & Pauline Lynch
 Sunday 8th December - Jane Maina & Gladys Gathira
OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER
 Team C (Antony, Gloria, Cynthia & Claire)
REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS
 Sunday 8th December - Emmanuel & Nana

RECONCILIATION: Our Lady's Saturday 4.15pm—4.45pm: Holy Cross - Wednesday (after Mass)