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HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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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.***

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

THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY **3RD SEPTEMBER.**

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The RCIA is a programme for any non-Catholic or Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments or are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith. The classes will begin in September. If you are interested and would like to know more, please speak to Fr Richard or Deacon Martyn or contact the office.

RCIC - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

The RCIC is a programme for children age 7 to 15 years who have not been baptised and who wish to prepare for the Sacraments. Please contact the Office for more information.

If any parishioner would like to offer their help /support with RCIC, please speak to Fr Richard or Deacon Martyn.

To all our students receiving their exam results; some of you will be delighted, some disappointed. No matter what the result of the examination, God will still love you, protect you and walk with you. We can trust Him with our lives because he has created us and ultimately knows what is best for us and he promises to be with us, forever.

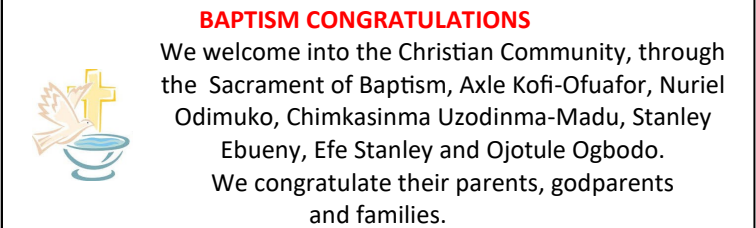
As we are now in the midst of the summer holidays, I would like to wish all of you (belatedly) a peaceful and restful break. Thankfully the weather has been decent for the most part and provides a good opportunity for outdoor activities. Many of you will be going, or planning to go, to better climes and I wish you safe travels and an opportunity for relaxation with family and friends. Hopefully when September arrives and the new academic year begins, you will all be refreshed and eager to take up the tasks ahead. Please be assured of my prayers and best wishes during this relatively quiet period. We are only halfway through the month of August, so still plenty of time left to enjoy the remainder of the holidays. May God bless and keep you all in his unfailing love. Father Richard.

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. At the moment we only have 32 members. To be able to give these prizes and maximise fundraising, we need more parishioners to join. Please consider signing up to support your church. Registration forms are available at the back of church.

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 Marielangford@live.co.uk (07948 151 264).

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.

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 Wednesday **September 4th**. 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.



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 know who would wish to attend.

In the final hours of his life, Jesus' constant dialogue with the Father becomes all the more intense, as he approaches his saving death and resurrection. In those moments, the crucified Lord takes upon himself the burden of all the sins of the world. For our sake, he experiences the distance separating sinners from God, and becomes the supreme and eternal intercessor. In our prayer may we always be mindful that the Lord never ceases to pray for us, uniting us to his own eternal dialogue of love with the Father in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

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.
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WEEKEND COLLECTION 10TH/11TH AUGUST: HOLY CROSS £476.53 S/O £153 OUR LADY'S £888.01 S/O £540	
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