

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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Trinity School, Aspley
 Head Teacher — Mr. Matthew Shenton
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 Head Teacher — Miss Jo Love
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**Suggested Donation
for Newsletter 20p**

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	29th	5.00pm 6.00pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Rita Robertson RIP Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	30th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Maureen Smith RIP Friends of Jesus of Nazareth Community
MONDAY - ADVENT FERIA	1st			
TUESDAY - ADVENT FERIA	2nd	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Patrick 'Paddy' Hannifin RIP Our Lady's school leading Mass
WEDNESDAY - SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST (MEMORIAL)	3rd	12noon	HOLY CROSS	
THURSDAY - ADVENT FERIA	4th	9.30am 10.00am	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Regina Alwoc - in thanksgiving for university course Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
FRIDAY - ADVENT FERIA	5th	7.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Brendan O'Boyle RIP
SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	7th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Bettina Benski RIP Monique Grivon RIP

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.
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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 The next meeting will now be in the New Year. Dates to be confirmed.	BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS HOLY CROSS continues this week at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd December.	 THE LEGION OF MARY Our Lady's - Every Sunday after 11am Mass. Everyone welcome to join.
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WORD OF THE WEEK: HOPE: We believe that even in the darkest of times, God's love and light shine through. This hope isn't just wishful thinking, but a confident expectation of God's promises. Hope is a powerful virtue that can give us strength to persevere, even when things get tough, and to trust that God is always with us, guiding us towards a brighter future. In the season of Advent, we hope for the coming of Jesus and that he will bring peace, joy and love to the world.

Think of a reason that you have to be hopeful. Share that hope with someone this week.

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 RECONCILIATION & MASS TIMES		
HOLY HOUR & RECONCILIATION OUR LADY'S. Tuesday 16th December 7.00pm HOLY CROSS Saturday 20th December 11.00am <i>Please use this opportunity for individual confessions or take this opportunity to spend some quite time with Our Lord.</i>		MASS TIMES Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve Our Lady's 5.000pm Family Mass Our Lady's 11.30pm Carols & Midnight Mass Thursday 25th December Christmas Day Our Lady's 10.00am Holy Cross 10.00am

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

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 11th January 2026. 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: holycrosshucknallandourladybulwell@dioceseofnottingham.uk

OUR LADY'S CAROL SERVICE – SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 2PM

Let us join together to make our Carol Service a great parish celebration as we prepare to welcome the birth of Jesus into our lives. Join us afterwards for tea, coffee, and mince pies in the parish hall along with our Christmas Raffle Draw.

OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

will take place again this year with lots of prizes including cash prizes of £200, £100 and £50 Amazon voucher. Tickets will be on sale after all weekend

Masses and the draw will take place after the Carol Service on **Sunday 14th December**. This is one of our big fundraisers of the year, so your support is gratefully appreciated. Thank you to the person who left a large bag of great prizes for the raffle at the back of church. Any other donations of prizes, we would happily accept. Thank you.

HUCKNALL MUTUAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR CANCER PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

We've had a very positive response to the idea of running this new mutual support group at Holy Cross from January. So far, all volunteers that have come forward are available on Fridays. To help us finalize the actual hours please let the office know if you are interested in volunteering at this new venture. Sessions will be once per month in the daytime and, if we have enough volunteers on the rota, you wouldn't have to come every month. All that's needed is to help set up and clear away the meeting room, serve refreshments and provide a welcoming neutral space for people to have an opportunity to talk to and support others in a similar situation. We'll also need help distributing the promotional flyer to businesses and groups around Hucknall. Please let the office know if you can help with that.

HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 3rd December at 7pm in the meeting room. If you wish to bring a matter to the meeting please speak to a member of the council.

HOLY CROSS CAROL CONCERT - SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 5PM
Led by Martin Ashiedu and the choir of Holy Cross. The concert will include readings and a special performance by the Nottingham African Community Choir plus a not-to-be-missed visitor for the children. Entry is free and all are welcome. Attendees are invited to the meeting room afterwards for a glass of wine and mince pies.

OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
takes place next Saturday (**December 6th 7.00pm till 10.00pm**) in the parish hall. Let's celebrate the season together with good food, laughter and festive cheer. Bingo, quiz, raffle, music. Fun for all the family. Another great parish event. Free admission, tickets available at the back of church.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - OUR LADY'S
There is a selection of Christmas cards and children's Advent calendars at the back of church. These are from the Poor Clare Monastery and are marked with prices but please just make a donation if no price on item.

TRINITY SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT
Trinity school is putting on carols by Candlelight on **Tuesday 16th December at 7pm** at St Teresa's Church, Aspley (NG83EP). Please do join the pupils for an evening of Carols, readings, and reflections by candle light, with mulled wine and mince pies served from 6:30pm in the hall.

RED MISSIO BOXES OUR LADY'S
Please bring your red boxes for emptying to the sacristy for Emmanuel to collect. When counted, they will be returned to the back of church for you to pick up. Thank you for your support for this charity.

THE NOTTINGHAM CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MASS
is being celebrated this **Monday 1st December at 8.00pm** in the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Saint Barnabas Cathedral**, Nottingham NG1 5AW. All are warmly invited to Mass, and to join for drinks at Browns, afterwards. For more information contact Caroline: 0775 7285 888.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS: now available at the back of church. They are £1.50 each.

SECOND COLLECTION - POOR AND NEEDY PARISHES: will be taken next weekend 6th/7th December at all Masses.

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS
HOLY CROSS will be open again on **MONDAY 22nd December at 9.30am** in the meeting room.
OUR LADY'S meets every **Thursday 10am—12.30pm** in the Parish Hall. **EVERYONE WELCOME.**

HOLY CROSS HEATING FUNDRAISING. OCTOBER COLLECTION £303.84. Total raised to date: £9,922.18. <i>NEXT SECOND COLLECTION FOR HEATING FUND - SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER.</i>	COLLECTIONS 22ND/23RD NOVEMBER HOLY CROSS £366.74 S/O £233 OUR LADY'S £541.61 S/O £498
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH READER Sunday 7th December– Abigail Alcantara WELCOMERS Sunday 7th December - Vivien Flynn CHURCH CLEANING Sunday 7th December - Colleen & Rose Cash	OUR LADY'S CHURCH READERS Saturday 6th December - Angela Brown Sunday 7th December - Chiara Albano WELCOMERS Saturday 6th December - Noleen Knight & Bev Remm Sunday 7th December - Jason Young & Monica Cassidy OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER Team C (Monica, Jane, Muchene Family, Gladys and Alexander) REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS Sunday 7th December - Emmanuel & Nana	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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