

THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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SCHOOLS SERVING OUR PARISH:

PRIMARY SCHOOLS:

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell
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Trinity School, Aspley
 Head Teacher — Mr. Matthew Shenton
 0115 9296251

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 Head Teacher — Miss Jo Love
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**Suggested Donation
for Newsletter 20p**

RECONCILIATION - Our Lady's - Saturdays 4.15 - 4.45pm Holy Cross - after Mass on Wednesdays

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS IN OUR PARISH

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.

WORD OF THE WEEK: JOY: This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday and it means 'Rejoice'. Joy is more than just happiness; it's a deep and lasting feeling that comes from knowing God and living in his love. It helps us to see the good in everything, even when things are tough. Joy is found in prayer, in serving others, and in our journey through Advent. It's a choice to trust in God's plan for our lives and to find hope in his promises.

Think of something you can do for someone else to bring them joy and find time to make it happen this week.

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION & MASS TIMES		
EXPOSITION & 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 to spend some quiet time with Our Lord.</i>		MASS TIMES Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve Our Lady's 5.00pm Vigil Mass Our Lady's 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass Thursday 25th December Christmas Day Our Lady's 10.00am Holy Cross 10.00am

<p>OUR LADY'S CAROL SERVICE – SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 2PM</p> <p>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.</p> <p>OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE</p> <p>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 Masses this weekend 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 greatly appreciated. Any donations of prizes would be gratefully received.</p>	<p>HOLY CROSS CAROL CONCERT - SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 5PM</p> <p>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.</p> <p>VOLUNTEERS FOR WELCOMING AND COLLECTING AT HOLY CROSS</p> <p>We need volunteers to greet parishioners and visitors on Sundays and during special events. Welcomers play an important role in making everyone feel at home and part of our Church family. We also need help with collections during Mass. We would love to hear from you if you are</p>
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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 join us for an evening of carols, readings, and reflections by candlelight, with mulled wine and mince pies served from 6:30pm in the hall.

JOURNALS THROUGH ADVENT

with the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service as we await the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with a printable Advent prayer journal produced by the Team. To download your free copy visit www.ndcys.com/advent2025/

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.

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 collect.

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<p>HOLY CROSS HEATING FUNDRAISING.</p> <p>NOVEMBER COLLECTION £328.80 . Total raised to date: £10,250.98.</p> <p>NEXT SECOND COLLECTION FOR HEATING FUND - SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER.</p>	<p>COLLECTIONS</p> <p>6TH/7TH DECEMBER</p> <p>HOLY CROSS £540.47 S/O £233 OUR LADY'S £552.51 S/O £498</p>
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<p>HOLY CROSS CHURCH</p> <p>READER</p> <p>Sunday 21st December– Louise Cooke</p> <p>WELCOMERS</p> <p>Sunday 21st December - Charles Nyarkoh & Bodwell Mendy</p> <p>CHURCH CLEANING</p> <p>Sunday 21st December - Emmanuel & Esther Obasi</p>	<p>OUR LADY'S CHURCH</p> <p>READERS Saturday 20th December - Johanna Gillott</p> <p>Sunday 21st December - Sophia Ifesemen</p> <p>WELCOMERS Saturday 20th December - Maram & David Gillott and family</p> <p>Sunday 21st December - Jane, Gladys, John and Mike</p> <p>OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER</p> <p>Team C (Monica, Jane, Muchene Family, Gladys and Alexander)</p> <p>REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS</p> <p>Sunday 21st December - Alberta, Ruth, Ben & Eucharia</p>	<p>A hearing loop system is available in both churches.</p> <p>Please set your hearing aid to 'T' (Telecoil) setting in order for it to work.</p> 
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