THE PARISHES OF HOLY CROSS AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 13TH/14TH DECEMBER 2025 MASS TIMES. SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation for Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	13th	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Monsignor David Forde RIP
SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	14th	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 5.00pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S HOLY CROSS	Susan Bach RIP Rita Robertson RIP Our Lady's Carol Service Holy Cross Carol Concert
MONDAY - ADVENT FERIA	15th			
TUESDAY - ADVENT FERIA	16th	9.30am 7.00pm	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Brendan O'Boyle RIP Exposition and Reconciliation
WEDNESDAY - ADVENT FERIA	17th	12noon	HOLY CROSS	
THURSDAY - ADVENT FERIA	18th	9.30am 10.00am	OUR LADY'S OUR LADY'S	Shane Durkin RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
FRIDAY - ADVENT FERIA	19th	7.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	20th	11.00am 5.00pm	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Exposition and Reconciliation Brendan O'Boyle RIP
SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS	21st	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Intentions of all Altar Servers Anthony Dore RIP

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

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS IN OUR PARISH

HOLY CROSS

FRIENDS OF JESUS OF NAZARETH COMMUNITY

at Our Lady's church - Sunday at 4.00pm.

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

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.

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 16th December.



THE LEGION OF MARY Our Lady's - Every Sunday

after 11am Mass. Everyone welcome to join.

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.

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

EXPOSITION & RECONCILIATION OUR LADY'S.

Tuesday 16th December 7.00pm **HOLY CROSS**

Saturday 20th December 11.00am

Please use this opportunity for individual confessions or to spend some quiet time with Our Lord.



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

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: holycrosshucknallandourladysbulwell@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.

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 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.

BULWELL CHURCHES TOGETHER

Carol Service on Saturday 20th December at 10.30am on Main Street near the Cancer Research shop (works permitting). Come along and help spread the good news of Christ's birth and witness with other Christians. (Free) Hot drinks at Ravensworth Rd Methodist church afterwards. **HUCKNALL MUTUAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR CANCER PATIENTS.**

THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

Thank you to all those who've offered to volunteer to facilitate this new group for our wider community. The group will run on the final Friday of every month, from 10am until 11.30am in the meeting room at Holy Cross church. The first session will be on Friday 30th January 2026. It's open to anyone who is in cancer treatment now, or has previously been in treatment, or the friends and family of people in that situation. It's an opportunity to share a cuppa with people in a similar situation and offer mutual support, at a time when it can be too difficult to share your feelings in depth with loved ones. Flyers will shortly be available for advertising in the wider area. Please let the office know if you can help to circulate them. This group is open to ALL, not only the Hucknall community, and it's an opportunity to continue the work of being missionary disciples into 2026.

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR WELCOMING AND COLLECTING AT HOLY CROSS

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 willing to join either of these ministries. Please contact the office.

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.

JOURNEY 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 vou to collect.

SECOND COLLECTION - POOR AND NEEDY PARISHES: HOLY CROSS - £137.81 OUR LADY'S - £273.21

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

NOVEMBER COLLECTION £328.80. Total raised to date: £10.250.98. NEXT SECOND COLLECTION FOR HEATING FUND - SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER

COLLECTIONS

6TH/7TH DECEMBER

HOLY CROSS £540.47 S/O £233 OUR LADY'S £552.51 S/O £498

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

READER

Sunday 21st December-Louise Cooke WELCOMERS

Sunday 21st December - Charles Nyarkoh & Bodwell Mendy

CHURCH CLEANING

Sunday 21st December - Emmanuel & Esther Obasi

READERS

Saturday 20th December - Johannas Gillott Sunday 21st December - Sophia Ifesemen

WELCOMERS Saturday 20th December - Maram & David Gillott and family Sunday 21st December - Jane, Gladys, John and Mike

OUR LADY'S CHURCH

OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER

Team C (Monica, Jane, Muchene Family, Gladys and Alexander) **REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS**

Sunday 21st December - Alberta, Ruth, Ben & Eucharia

A hearing loop system is

available in both

churches. Please set your hearing

in order for it to work

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