



THE PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS, NORTH NOTTINGHAM

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 17TH MAY 2026

MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Suggested Donation for Newsletter 20p

SATURDAY - THE VIGIL OF THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	16th	11.00am 1.30pm 5.00pm	OUR LADY'S HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	Baptism of Adannaya Agudosi & Kendrick Butterworth Baptism of Maya Walton Intentions of the Dure, Carter & O'Grady Families
SUNDAY - THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY	17th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	People of the Parish Catherine and John Heraghty RIP
MONDAY - EASTER FERIA	18th			
TUESDAY - EASTER FERIA	19th	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	Deacon Martyn Swaby RIP
WEDNESDAY - EASTER FERIA	20th	12.00 noon	HOLY CROSS	
THURSDAY - EASTER FERIA	21st	9.30am	OUR LADY'S	
FRIDAY - EASTER FERIA	22nd	7.00pm	OUR LADY'S	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy chaplet
SATURDAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY (SOLEMNITY)	23rd	5.00pm	OUR LADY'S	James Ritchie RIP
SUNDAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY (SOLEMNITY) DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH	24th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY'S	People of the Parish Roy Hinton RIP

There will be a second collection taken at all Masses this weekend for Catholic Communications day.

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.**

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

Due to the funeral of our beloved Deacon Martyn, the Scripture Group will now meet on Wednesday 3rd June. Please keep Deacon Martyn's family in your prayers.

BIBLE STUDY MEETING
HOLY CROSS
 Meeting May 19th
 at 7pm



THE LEGION OF MARY
Our Lady's - Every Sunday
after 11am Mass.
Everyone welcome to join.

WORD OF THE WEEK: COMMUNICATION: can take many forms in the world today. It is a way of building relationships and sharing the good news of our faith with others. This week we are called to think about the different ways we can communicate God's message to the world and how we can bring people together and inspire others through the message that we share. This week, think of something positive and loving you can do for those around you to set a good example to others. **Send a message to someone this week to tell them that they are loved.**



DEACON MARTYN SWABY RIP

It is with great sadness that we share news of the sudden passing of Reverend Deacon Martyn Swaby on Tuesday 28th April 2026. Since joining our parish as a Deacon on 12th May 2013, Martyn was a dedicated servant whose absence will be profoundly felt by everyone. During his years with us, and whilst also working as a Mental Health Chaplain for the NHS, Deacon Martyn touched many lives—baptising children, officiating at weddings, conducting funerals, and leading sacramental programmes within the parish. He will especially be remembered for founding the Mind to be Merciful Cafe, offering comfort and support to so many people. Prior to joining the Diaconate, Martyn, along with his family, was a longstanding parishioner of Our Lady's and a Governor from the early 2000's, as well as being a great supporter of the Friends of the School. Deacon Martyn played an important role at Our Lady's school, visiting each week and serving as Chair of Governors. His cheeky sense of humour and genuine kindness made him cherished and respected throughout our parish community. Martyn has been a great help and support to myself since arriving in the parish, going above and beyond whilst I was unwell. I will miss our conversations and his quirky sense of humour. Martyn was truly a pillar within our parish and local school, and his legacy of compassion and service will be long remembered. His commitment leaves an enduring mark on all those who knew him, and he will be greatly missed. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Martyn and we remember and pray especially for his wife Toni, son Jack, daughter Emma, Anthony, Emma's fiancé and family during this difficult time.

Deacon Martyn's reception into church will be on Wednesday 27th May at 6.30pm and Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 28th May at 10.00am. May his kind and gentle soul Rest in Peace. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

CONFIRMATION 2026

The Bishop will be visiting our parish on **Friday 6th November 2026** to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation in Our Lady's church. We are inviting all young people from Year 10 upwards, who would be interested in making their Confirmation this year, to write a letter **by hand** to Father Richard. In it, they should explain why they would like to receive this Sacrament. These are attached to the registration forms available at the back of both churches. When completed please hand in after weekend Mass at either church. If any adults are wishing to be Confirmed, please contact the parish office for further details. Candidates' hand-written letters should be submitted by **Sunday 24th May.**



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome into the Christian Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism, Adannaya Agudosi, Kendrick Butterworth and Maya Walton. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH CHOIR

We are delighted to announce the formation of a brand-new choir initiative within our church community which will be led by Emmanuel Anyanwu. If you have a passion for singing, play a musical instrument or simply wish to be involved, we warmly invite you to join us. We would like to especially encourage the young adults of the church community to come forward and be part of this exciting venture. Come along on Sunday, **31st May, at 10.30am** to express your interest and join the singing at the Mass. Following this Mass, there will be a brief meeting to discuss the organisation and logistics going forward. Your input and enthusiasm would be most welcome as we begin this exciting new chapter. The choir will join the Masses on the last Sunday of every month.

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL - NURSERY PLACES

Our Lady's School will soon be offering nursery places for September 2026. We welcome applications for Nursery places for children who will be 3 years old by September 2026. We offer full-time and part-time places. Please contact Our Lady's School for further information and forms.

HOLY CROSS 100 CLUB

Congratulations to our winner for the draw in April: No. 21 Vivien Flynn.

HOLY CROSS BBQ

The annual BBQ at Holy Cross church will be on **Saturday 11th July.** Further details will be issued shortly.

WEEK OF PRAYERFUL REFLECTION AT HOLY CROSS

This week, from **18th May to 23rd May**, you are invited to Holy Cross Church, where there will be two sessions each day: one at **8 am** and another at **5 pm**. This helps us to open our hearts in a special way to the Holy Spirit, the gentle breath of God who renews, strengthens, and guides us. In the midst of our busy lives, the Spirit invites us to pause, to listen, and to let God's peace settle within us. Each of us carries hopes, worries, and questions. The Holy Spirit meets us exactly where we are; not asking for perfect words or perfect faith, but simply an open heart. Throughout this week, may we make a little space for quiet prayer, Scripture, and reflection, trusting that the Spirit is already at work in us. Let this be a time of renewal for our whole parish.

INTERNATIONAL MASS

To celebrate the great feast of Pentecost and the cultural diversity of our community, we will be having an International Mass at Our Lady's church on **Pentecost Sunday, 24 May 2026 at 11am.** Everyone is encouraged to wear traditional clothing from their country of origin and bring some finger foods to share for our coffee and tea in the hall after Mass. If you would like to share some food, please contact Nana (07903645749) Thanks.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OPERATING SCREENS—OUR LADY'S

If you would like to help please get in touch with the office.

QUIZ AND BINGO NIGHT

Back by popular demand, the parish Quiz and Bingo night is taking place on **6th June 7.00pm till 10.00pm** in the Our Lady's hall. Cash prizes, raffle, food, free refreshments, bring your own beer/wine. Tickets are free and available at the back of both churches. Everyone welcome.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

9TH/10TH MAY **HOLY CROSS £344.70 S/O £233.00 OUR LADY'S £545.80 S/O £498.00**

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS TO DONATE

MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS NOTTM RCP
 SORT CODE: 30-96-18 ACCOUNT NO: 01642187

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS

HOLY CROSS will open again on **Wednesday 27th May at 10.30am.**
OUR LADY'S meets every **Thursday 10am—12.30pm** in the parish hall. **EVERYONE WELCOME.**

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

READER

Sunday 24th May - Chris Wisniewski

WELCOMERS

Sunday 24th May—Nnamdi & Fum Anyameluhor

CHURCH CLEANING

Sunday 24th May - Coleen & Rose Cash

OUR LADY'S CHURCH

READERS Saturday 23rd May - Teresa Doherty

Sunday 24th May - Ngozi Okochi

WELCOMERS Saturday 23rd May - Chris Reilly and Sue Sullivan

Sunday 24th May - Jason Young

OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR MAY

Team B (John, Madeline, Stef, Eric, Gloria, Claire)

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Sunday 24th May - 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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