

PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST NOTTINGHAM, SERVING THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

St Teresa of Lisieux, Aspley. St Hugh of Lincoln, Bilborough and St Thomas More, Wollaton.

Parish Priest: Rev. Canon Stanley Ofoegbu Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Victor Onyebuchi Deacon: Rev Anthony Cordes

20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 17 AUGUST 2025

Our Catholic Community welcomes you to The Parish of All Saints, West Nottingham. It is lovely to have you with us as we gather. Parish Newsletter 10₁

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OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday 9.00am until 2.00pm & Friday 9.00am until 2.00pm

Messages can be left on all the above numbers and we will respond as soon as possible. If you have an item of news for the Bulletin then please email the office by

Thursday lunchtime at the latest

To set up on-line payments please use the following Bank details:
All Saints, West Nottingham

Welcome to our Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil: St Thomas More 5.00pm & St Teresa 6.30pm. Sunday Morning: St Hugh 9.30am & St Teresa 11.00am The live stream will continue each Sunday from 11.00am available via our Facebook page by going to the website allsaints-nottingham.rcdon.uk and clicking on the link

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please keep in your prayers those who are sick in our parish.

Also please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Please let the office know of any parishioners you are aware of who would like to receive Holy Communion at home and arrangements will be made for a Minister to bring them Holy Communion and a visit by Canon Stanley can be arranged for confession.

Collections: St Hugh: 10/8 £125.55 + SO £135.25 St Thomas More: 10/8 £128.50 + SO £164.83 St Teresa: 10/8 £426.45 + SO £358.49

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After vigil Mass on a Saturday and Sunday or by appointment with the Priest

Psalter: Week 4 Weekday Cycle: Week 20 Year 1 Saturday 16 August: St Stephen of Hungary Vigil Mass of 20th Sunday of the Year 5.00pm STM: Int: Nicola Campbell RIP 6.30pm ST: Int: Sunday 17 August: 20th Sunday of the Year 9.30am SH: Int: 11.00am ST: Int: People of the Parish

6.30pm ST: Sunday Vespers Evening Prayer of the Church led by Evangelisation Parish Team

Monday 18: August St John Eudes. Priest 9.30am ST. Fr Vincent Kanyankole RIP 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday 19 August Feria 9.30 am ST Int:

3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday 20 August St Bernard abbot & doctor 9.30am SH: 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday 21 August Saint Pius X pope 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday 22 August: Queenship of Mary 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm STM:Int: D'cd Srs Associates & families CSJP

Saturday 23 August: St Rose of Lima. Virgin

Vigil Mass of 20th Sunday of the Year 5.00pm STM: Int: CSJP Associates & Families 6.30pm ST: Int: Ced Goonan-Dunne RIP

Sunday 24 August: 21st Sunday of the Year 9.30am SH: Int: People of the Parish 11.00am ST: Int: Michael Hassett RIP

6.30pm ST: Sunday Vespers Evening Prayer of the Church led by Evangelisation Parish Team

A WORLD ABLAZE WITH FIRE

How do we read the Bible? Do we read it just as a set of stories offering a moral tale and the history of a people who lived thousands of years ago? Or do we read them in the light of Jesus Christ risen from the dead? I ask this question because it goes to the heart of how we are to understand what Jesus is saying in today's gospel. Taken on face value his words are startling: "I have come to bring fire to the earth...Do you suppose I am here to being peace on earth? No, I tell you but rather division." Is he really telling us that his prime objective is to cause disorder and conflict amongst people? Hmm, surely not. Jesus we recall spoke to us of the blessedness of peace-making, something which as children of God we are all called to live out. So something else is going on here and we need to put on our biblical hats to help us understand what.

In Luke's gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles the word "fire" is used on a number of occasions to give agency to the work of the Holy Spirit. Recall how Luke features John the Baptist telling the people coming for baptism that someone else is following him, someone who will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. So we see just what Jesus is getting at. The fire he speaks of is the agency which the Holy Spirit brings. This agency is again referenced on the day of Pentecost, when closeted in the Upper Room, the fire of the Holy Spirit comes to rest on the apostles, giving them the courage to fling open the doors and begin the mission which Jesus sets before us.

What then to make of his words about peace and division? How are we to understand just what these mean. Once again his are referencing the vocation we have to be evangelists, bearers of the Good News of Jesus risen and alive amongst us. Recognising this reality changes our whole outlook on our lives and on the lives of those we live with. What Jesus is speaking of is the new creation which is revealed by his resurrection from the dead. On the day of the resurrection, the first day of the new creation, his words to his disciples are: "Peace be with you". The peace which the risen Jesus brings affords a new concept which ushers in the values of the kingdom into the fabric of our renewed world. What this entails and how it is to be imaged is through the radical change which belief in Jesus as Lord, brings. Our encounter is with the risen Christ and we can best understand this when we look at the idea of judgement as the basis of ordering our lives in the light of the gospel as well as in the light of our encounter with Christ. It is in Matthew's radical telling of the separation or division of the sheep and goats that we get the fullest exposition of how this works. Our concern for the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the stranger and the prisoner will be the criteria by which this division becomes apparent because as Jesus himself tells us whenever you did (or did not) do this to one of these brothers and sisters of mine then you did (or did not) do this to me. The new creation is with us, let us set the world ablaze. D'con Anthony

Saints and Feasts of the Week:

Wednesday 20 August: St Bernard (1090-1153). Born near Dijon in France he joined the new monastery at Citeaux founded 14 yrs before to reform the laxity of the Benedictine Order by returning to a more austere way of life. He left to found the monastery at Clairvaux where he remained for the rest of his life. A man of deep holiness an wisdom. He fought against the persecution of the Jews and was a prolific spiritual writer.

Thursday 21 August: St Pius X (1835-1914). Born near Venice one of a family of 10 children. He followed the priestly vocation being ordained at the young age of 23yrs. He was elected Pope against his wishes in 1903 and began a campaign for the freedom of the Church from State control. He began reforming the social and political engagement of the Church and began a revision of the Latin translation of the Bible and reform of the liturgy. He introduced more regular reception of the eucharist enabling children to receive from the age of seven. He preached a homily every Sunday in the courtyards of the Vatican to any who would listen. He lived a life of poverty and simplicity. He died shortly after the outbreak of the First World War.

Friday 22 August: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Traditionally this day marks the end of the octave of celebration of the Assumption. Mary is now crowned as our Queen and mother, because she is the mother of Jesus Christ our King.

JUBILEE 2025 EVENTS



ALL SAINTS JUBILEE PARISH PILGRIMAGE WALK TO THE CATHEDRAL

As part of our of Social Outreach Programme this year a Jubilee "Pilgrims of Hope" Walk from has been arranged for **Sunday 7 September 2025**

Commencing at 11.30am and departing from St Thomas More the route takes us through Wollaton Park and the Jubilee Campus aiming to arrive at the Cathedral by 1.30pm On arrival at the Cathedral we will celebrate the liturgy based around the Jubilee stations in the Cathedral. As an outreach opportunity why not ask a friend to come along. If you are not able to walk then still come for the gathering at 1.30pm at the Cathedral. Also bring a packed lunch and drink to enjoy in the

Cathedral grounds before returning home. PLEASE SEE THE POSTER NOTICE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AND SIGN UP ACCORDINGLY

Join the diocese for a special **YOUNG ADULTS' PILGRIMAGE TO ROME** between Friday 5th and Monday 8th September for
the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The Pilgrimage is open to anyone aged 18-35, costing £475 per person based on sharing a room, with financial help
available. For more information and to book a place email: vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk

JUBILEE OF SCHOOLS & YOUNG PEOPLE

This will be celebrated in the Diocese on Education Day with liturgy and prayers on Sunday 14 September

INTERNATIONAL SHARED TABLE AT ST THOMAS MORE

After the Vigil Mass on Saturday 13 September for 6.00pm Do come along to our next Social/Outreach event which is taking place in the Hall at St Thomas More Wollaton. Come along for the 5.00pm Mass and then stay on for the shared table of international food. The Hall will be open from 4.30pm to receive your contributions of dishes of an international flavour. The evening will conclude with a cunningly challenging quiz so brush up on your general knowledge.

NEW COUNTERS NEEDED!

We are looking for more volunteers to count the offertory money on Sundays! If you are interested or would like to find out more please contact allsaintswn@dioceseofnottingham.uk

NEW EVANGELISATION PARISH TEAM

"Faith is strengthened when it is given to others." — St. John Paul II

The Group's Initial thoughts centred on **Adult formation** through simple, accessible events such as Christian film/video evenings with discussion.

Marriage and family life, especially helping parents pass on the faith and rediscover the grace of the sacrament of marriage.

Youth engagement, especially as other parallel parish initiatives

involving music or social activities take shape.

Outreach to the elderly, sick, or those approaching end of life.

Some first Initiatives we wish to put into action will be: **Sunday evening Vespers** (6:30pm, St Teresa's Church) lead by the Evangelisation Team.

Prayer Boxes: As a first outward-facing initiative, we will be placing a prayer request box in each of our churches. These will allow anyone — parishioners or visitors — to write down a prayer request for a personal intention, challenge, or difficulty. Cards can be submitted anonymously, or with contact details if the person wishes to be contacted. It may even offer a simple entry point for non-practicing Catholics or non-believers to experience being seen, heard, and prayed for.

UK MARCH FOR LIFE 2025

On Saturday 6th September the annual UK March for Life 2025 will take place in London. Join with thousands of others from all over the UK who believe that all life is sacred, as we march through the streets of London to the Houses of Parliament. The Walk is peaceful, legal and always spiritually uplifting. There will be a coach from Nottingham, picking up from Good Shepherd Arnold and Cathedral Derby Road, costing adults £30, unwaged including students £15, under 16s £10. To book on the coach or for more information contact Marie (marielangford@live.co.uk, 07948 151264).

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

RCIC PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN 8+

Do you have a child aged 8 or older who has not been baptised or who wishes to become Catholic? This programme is for Children aged 8 and above who are not yet baptised or baptised in another Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and receiving the sacraments. To register please speak to Jenny Paling or a member of the clergy.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

We are delighted to invite families to register for our brand new First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme for baptised chil dren, in year 3 and above. This is a special and sacred time as chil dren deepen their understanding of faith and prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the very first time. A registration and information evening will take place at St Teresa's Church on Thurs day the 18th September 2025 at 6 pm.

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THE WELCOME TABLE: Friday at St Thomas More at 12.30pm until 2.00pm and at St Teresa's at 11.30am until 1.00pm.