

## 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

#### 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 24 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.

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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
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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: 17/8 £302.84 + SO £135.25 St Thomas More: 17/8 £70.50 + SO £164.83 St Teresa: 17/8 £317.84 + SO £358.49

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

# Psalter: Week 1 Weekday Cycle: Week 21 Year 1 Saturday 23 August: Feria Vigil Mass of 21st Sunday of the Year 5.00pm STM: Int: CSJP Associates & Families 6.30pm ST: Int: Ted Goonan-Dunne RIP Sunday 24 August: 21st Sunday of the Year 9.30am SH: Int: People of the Parish

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

Monday 25: August Feria 9.30am ST.

3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

11.00am ST: Int: Michael Hassett RIP

Tuesday 26 August St Bartholemew, Apostle 9.30 am ST Int: 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday 27 August St Monica 9.30am SH:

3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Thursday 28 August St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor** 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday 29 August: Passion of St John the Baptist 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm STM: Int: CSJP Associates & Families

Saturday 30 August: Dedication of our Cathedral

Vigil Mass of 22nd Sunday of the Year 5.00pm STM: Int: Vocations 6.30pm ST: Int: Private Intention

Sunday 31 August: 22nd Sunday of the Year
9 30am SH: Int: People of the Parish

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## TRY YOUR BEST.....TO ENTER BY THE NARROW DOOR

The first part of the phrase above – try your best, is how Jesus begins his response to the question set before him in the gospel this weekend. There are lots of occasions in the gospel when people come forward to ask Jesus questions. Perhaps the best-known instance is that of the lawyer who comes and asks "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answers him by telling him to "love God and love your neighbour" and then following the lawyer's attempt to trip him up by asking him "and who is my neighbour" begins to tell the story of the Good Samaritan. Essentially, he tells the lawyer that they way to understand your life and its purpose is to recognise that within the human heart there is great potential waiting to be released. This potential exists in all of us and once its is discovered and realised it is capable of remarkable things. Deeds of great love, acts of compassion, works of mercy and tenderness. Works of great benevolence and extraordinary feats of generosity and philanthropy. They are all there within us waiting to be unearthed. Our humanity is a virtual kaleidoscope of such enormous potential so that when Jesus offers his answer in today's gospel he is directing us to think deeply about how we see our own lives in relation to him and the message of love that he brings.

The second part of his response – to enter by the narrow door, now needs to be considered. What exactly is Jesus referring to? What does the narrow door actually mean and convey. Well, yes, it is easy to reel off all those notions of potential that lie within us but just how do we go about bringing them into operation. Maybe we should ask ourselves what is it that constrains us? What is it that prevents us from offering our potential? What is it that stops us from focusing our lives around him, and of making what he tells us the foundation of how we live? Are we afraid of hearing those words "I don't know where you come from." Is it that we have indeed "ate and drank in his company" and have simply not recognised that this is the key to unlocking the door to all that potential within us?

The Church speaks of the eucharist as the "source and summit of the Christian life." Our presence at the table of the Lord is the means by which our relationship with Jesus is established and secured. He is the gateway through which we enter and come to know him and forge a lifelong connection which enlightens and illuminates everything that we subsequently do. Once this relationship is made, it becomes the compass for all our choices and decisions. It releases all the potential we have along a pathway which opens up before us new possibilities. Possibilities which manifest in ways that radically change our outlook, the kingdom is coming and being made present to bring about the unfolding of something extraordinary - yes the last shall be first and the first last.

Deacon Anthony

#### Saints and Feasts of the Week:

Wednesday 27 August: St Monica (331-387). Born in Thagaste North Africa she was the mother of St Augustine, and through all the twists and turns of his turbulent youth she would constantly pray and shed tears for his conversion to the faith. Her prayers were eventually fruitful as she followed him to Milan and was with him when he was baptised in the Cathedral in Milan. She died later that year at Ostia near Rome. Famous for he saying: "only one thing I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."

Thursday 28 August: St Augustine of Hippo (354-430). The great Father of Latin (Western) Catholicism. Following a long and tortuous path through several philosophical ideas he came to embrace Christianity and ultimately became Bishop of Hippo in North Africa. Famous for his book "Confessions" in which he lays out the course of his life with a stark honesty essentially inventing as a result the genre of "autobiography". His search for God unfolds within the pages of the book exemplified in his famous quote "you have made you for yourself Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds rest in you." A theologian of outstanding brilliance.

Friday 29 August: The Passion of St John the Baptist. As described in the gospel of Mark and magnificently in art by Italian painter Caravaggio we celebrate John's death as a martyrdom that pre-echoes the passion of Jesus. The event is also narrated independently outside the gospels by the Jewish historian Josephus writing is the 90sAD. It is from his writings that we get to know the name of the daughter who danced in front of Herod - Salome .

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#### 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

#### TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL: A YEAR OF ACADEMIC EXCEL-LENCE

Trinity Catholic School is celebrating a year of outstanding academic success across both GCSE and Sixth Form results. At GCSE, over 80% of students achieved a grade 4 or better in English and Maths and an Attainment 8 score of 5.52—well above the national average. Our Sixth Form students also shone, with 24% of A Level entries awarded A–A grades and vocational students averaging a distinction. Many are now heading to top universities and apprenticeships, reflecting the strength and diversity of our provision. Rooted in our Catholic ethos, Trinity continues to nurture the whole person. We give thanks for the achievements of our students and the dedication of our staff, and we look forward to another year of growth, learning, and faith.

#### THE PARISH OF ST PAUL'S & ST MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM,

is looking to recruit a part-time Parish Administrator for 10 hours a week. This person will be experienced in administration and finance in parish/school/charity sectors and will help manage the day-today administration of the parish. For details, contact Fr Joe Wheat joe.wheat@dioceseofnottingham.uk Tel 0115 9786236 Closing date 12th September.

#### **NEW EVANGELISATION PARISH TEAM**

Some first Initiatives we will be putting into action will be:
Sunday evening Vespers (6:30pm, St Teresa's Church)
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. 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).

#### 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 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.

#### **BAPTISM COURSE OVER 3 EVENINGS**

For parents of children under 6yrs. Commencing on Thursday 11 September at St Teresa Hall at 7.00pm and then on Thursday 25 September concluding on Thursday 2 October. Please complete an application form and hand it into the Office

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

We are now looking to begin this year's programme for the RCIA. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or know anyone who is, or if you would like to know more about the Catholic faith then please contact either Fr Victor or Deacon Anthony for further information

### ALL SAINTS REFRESHMENT TEAM MEETING

Tuesday 9 September 7.30pm at St Thomas More Hall. Please come along to this important meeting to organise our forthcoming shared table event on the 13 Sept & Christmas Fayre on the 30 Nov

#### **GILL SMITH RIP**

We ask you prayers for Gill who died recently—may she rest in peace Gill was a dedicated member of the parish (St Thomas More) for many years being a regular member of the music group and a member of the catechetical team preparing our young parishioners for the sacraments. Please keep her family in your prayers at this sad time.

#### SAFEGUARDING PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

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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.