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

23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 7 SEPTEMBER 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 10p

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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

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.

To set up on-line payments please use the following Bank details:
All Saints, West Nottingham
Sort Code: 30:96:18 Account #: 01782817

Collections: St Hugh: 31/8 £191.73 + SO £135.25
St Thomas More: 31/8 £164.47 + SO £164.83
St Teresa: 31/8 £256.92 + SO £358.49

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

Psalter: Week 3 Weekday Cycle: Week 23 Year 1

Saturday 6 September: Dedication of our Cathedral

Vigil Mass of 23rd Sunday of the Year
5.00pm STM: Int: David Cardem RIP
6.30pm ST: Int: People of the Parish

Sunday 7 September : 23rd Sunday of the Year
9.30am SH: Int: Thanksgiving Wong Family
11.00am ST: Int: Michael Hassett RIP

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

Monday 8: September Nativity of the B'd Virgin Mary
9.30am ST.
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday 9 September St Peter Claver.Priest. Religious
9.30 am ST Int:
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday 10 September Feria
9.30am SH: Kathleen Doherty RIP
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday 11 September Feria
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday 12 September: The Most Holy Name of Mary
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet
7.30pm STM: Int: CSJP D'ced Associates & Families

Saturday 13 September: St John Chrysostom, Bishop

Vigil Mass of the Exaltation of the Cross
5.00pm STM: Int: Gill Smith RIP
6.30pm ST: Int: Ted Goonan-Dunne RIP

Sunday 14 September : Exaltation of the Cross
9.30am SH: Int: Kevin McCormack RIP
11.00am ST: Int: Orlando Aiello RIP

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

THE COUNSEL OF GOD

Luke continues his gospel account with Jesus delivering his message with very strong language. As we know he is journeying towards Jerusalem, and his mind would have been filled with what he knew was awaiting him. As such he is intent on providing his disciples, in no uncertain terms, with the prospect which awaits both him and more likely than not, his followers. Jesus has spoken to the crowds about the need to strive to enter through the narrow door. Of how our attitude and response to his invitation is to be expressed through deeds of humility and meekness. In effect he is telling them do not take this road if you wish to be honoured in the sight of men because you won't be. Rather they should understand that the journey being taken, will result in them being rejected by the world. To reinforce this Jesus lays before them the image of the messianic banquet to which neither the great nor the good of the world will be invited, but rather the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame, and they will take the seats of honour. Such an image confounds his followers, and to drive home this reality for them he tells them: *whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.* Wow. His language is hard and is framed in a very particular and personal way – you have to hate your father, mother, wife, children, brother, sisters, yes and your own life too. It brings to mind the question the author of the Book of Wisdom asks in our first reading. *What human being can learn the counsel of God?* The words of Jesus offer an extraordinary insight into what was on Jesus' mind as he trod that road to Jerusalem.

So what do we think? Does Jesus really mean that we as disciples should literally hate our family? Remember he is laying before his followers a dramatic moment of crisis. A moment of judgement for each one of them and for us. What is it that you hold dearest and closest to you, and is this going to prevent and stop you from accepting the invitation to the banquet? This crisis, this cross must be confronted. We recognise it most famously in Peter's profession of faith at Caesarea Philippi. Peter wants Christ on his terms and not God's and so he is rebuked in no uncertain terms by Jesus. *Get behind me Satan, you are thinking like man and not like God.* The question from the Book of Wisdom comes to mind again. We then have to ask ourselves the same question. On what terms do I want God in my life? If it's on my terms, then the cross can have no meaning for me, since I see the world and those around me as simply a means to an end. If however, I see the cross as the path through which every human endeavour is directed towards the transforming of that end, then the mind of Christ has entered into my reality. Consequently, it shapes my thoughts, it shapes my actions, and it shapes my understanding. I have entered into a new and profound relationship with God through the cross of Christ. It is a relationship which transcends human relationships, and it changes the world around us, and it is why St Paul was able to attest he was not ashamed of the cross and neither should we be. *Deacon Anthony*

Saints and Feasts of the Week:

Monday 8 September : Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The birthday of Mary also known a Marymas is not mentioned in the canon of Scripture. It seems that the most likely source of information for this event derives from the apocryphal text known as the proto-Evangelium of James, a document which is dated to the later years of the second century. It is from this text that we are told of the names of Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne. The story follows a pattern of birth as told in the Old Testament in particular the account of the birth of Samuel. The date of the feast 8 September resonates with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception eight months earlier. The feast has been celebrated from about the beginning of the sixth century when following the Council of Ephesus in 431 proclaimed Mary Mother of God.

Saturday 13 September: St John Chrysostom (348-407) "Chrysostom" means Golden mouth. John was born in Antioch and is recognised in the Church as a great preacher and doctor of the Church. He rose to become Patriarch of Constantinople at a time when the city was entering the zenith of its power and status as the capital of the Roman Empire. He lived a very austere life in contrast to the Imperial Court. He clashed a number of times with the Empress leading to several periods of exile, during one of which he died.

JUBILEE 2025 EVENTS
ALL SAINTS JUBILEE PARISH
PILGRIMAGE WALK TO THE CATHEDRAL
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIMINGS

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 12.30pm *and departing from St Thomas More the route takes us through Wollaton Park and the Jubilee Campus* ***aiming to arrive at the Cathedral by 2.00pm***
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 2.00pm 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

JUBILEE OF SCHOOLS & YOUNG PEOPLE
This will be celebrated in the Diocese on Education Day with liturgy and prayers on Sunday 14 September

JUBILEE OF THOSE WITH ADDITONAL NEEDS
20 September. Bishop Patrick will celebrate the SPANNED Mass at St Pater's Hinckley Leicester at 2.30pm to which all are welcome

JUBILEE OF ALTAR SERVERS
All Altar Servers are invited to the Diocesan Jubilee of Altar Servers, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick in our Cathedral in Nottingham (Derby Road, NG1 5AE) on ***Saturday 27th September****. Bring your alb / cassock and cotta, and* ***arrive for 10.30am onwards, for Mass at 11.30am****. Bring a packed lunch too, and enjoy a picnic in the Cathedral Hall and gardens. All are welcome!*

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.

FOR ALL CATECHISTS
To celebrate the amazing work of the wonderful Catechists who do so much in our diocese we will be having a Jubilee of Catechists Day. The day will include the celebration of Mass and a conference to help them in their ministry. There will be two keynote talks from Dr Mark Nash Director for the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, with workshops and time to mingle. ***The day will be held on Saturday 11th October at Saint Joseph's Church, Leicester, LE5 6SG; from 10.00am until 4.00pm,*** *and will cost £10; please bring a packed lunch. More information can be found at https://bit.ly/CatechistJubilee or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk*

SEASON OF CREATION
On Wednesday 17th September, 7.00pm-9.00pm, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace will be showing The Letter in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham, NG1 5AE. Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' this film invites us to reflect on our common home during this Season of Creation. Light refreshments will be provided, and for details contact david@csjp-uk.co.uk

RCIC PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN 8+
Do you have a child aged 8 or older who hasn't 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 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 children, in year 3 and above. This is a special and sacred time as chil ren 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 Fair on the 30 November.*

LIFE CHARITY
has worked nationally to support women in crisis pregnancies, by offering support and practical help to continue with their pregnancies. Here in Nottingham the Saint Colette's Pregnancy Support Centre works in close collaboration also to offer support to women who are pregnant in difficult circumstances. On Wednesday 10th September at 6.00pm a joint presentation will be given in Cathedral Hall, North Circus Street NG1 5AE, including light refreshments. If you would like to help with this important work in helping vulnerable women, or if you just want to know more, please come along! For more information contact pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

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.*

100 CLUB WINNERS
Congratulations to the 100 club winners for July & August: 1st and 2nd Prize: Etta Malbon & Allan Gascoigne (JULY) 1st and 2nd Prize: Pat Duggan & Jennifer Appleyard (AUGUST). If you could pick up your cheques from St Teresa's Sacristy, that would be much appreciated!

TREVOR JOYCE RIP
Trevor Joyce passed away in America and the blessing of ashes will happen at St Hugh's on Friday 17th October at 12 noon. We keep his family in our prayers during this time of grieving.

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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.***