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

25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 21 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: 14/9 £207.93 + SO £135.25
St Thomas More: 14/9 £127.18 + SO £164.83
St Teresa: 14/9 £298.37 + 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 245Year 1

Saturday 20 September: Sts Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions

Vigil Mass of the 25th Sunday of the Year
5.00pm STM: Int: Carla Kearney RIP
6.30pm ST: Int: George Mitts RIP

Sunday 21 September : 25th Sunday of the Year
9.30am SH: Int: The Wong family
11.00am ST: Int:

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

Monday 22: September : Feria
9.30am ST.
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday 23 September St Pius of Pietrelcina
9.30 am ST Int:
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday 24 September Our Lady of Walsingham
9.30am SH: Fr Victor 9th Anniversary of Ordination
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday 25 September Feria
12:30pm STM: Welcome Table
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday 26 September: Feria
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet
7.30pm STM: Int: Sr Mary Doyle RIP

Saturday 27 September: St Vincent de Paul, priest

Vigil Mass of the 26th Sunday of the Year
5.00pm STM: Int: CSJP Srs Intentions
6.30pm ST: Int:

Sunday 28 September : 26th Sunday of the Year
9.30am SH: Int:
11.00am ST: Int:

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

IT'S COMPLICATED

For the last ten Sundays we've been reading Luke's gospel account within the context of Jesus and his disciples being "on the road to Jerusalem". All of the gospels we've listened to have been framed with this overarching image in our minds. The goal of the journey is the focus of Jesus' mind as he teaches and instructs his followers in what this journey implies for him and for them. "None of you can be my disciple unless you give up all your possessions". "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted". "I have come to bring fire to the earth and how I wish it were blazing already…do not think I have come to bring peace, no I tell you, but rather division". These are just some of the startling things which Jesus has spoken to his followers on this journey, in order that they be left with no illusion about the cost of discipleship. What then to make of today's gospel with its parable about a dishonest manager who abuses the trust that his master has placed in him to manage his affairs honestly. If we read it in the context of the journey to Jerusalem, we may find its relevance speaks clearly to us about what our own responsibilities as disciples of Jesus truly are.

It is on this road to Jerusalem that Jesus taught his disciples the Our Father, the prayer which must sit at the heart of our daily experience of God in our lives. This prayer must transcend our wants and our needs and instead turn our thoughts and actions towards serving each other and to providing what is required for those who in their suffering cry out to us. Like the steward in the parable we have been entrusted with abundant and bountiful resources. We can of course, simply waste them away on our own predilections, ignoring in the process the damage and havoc this may wreak to those around us, without any compunction. We can close our eyes and our ears to those outside our sphere of influence and ignore their plight. Think of the prodigal way in which we as human beings have ravaged the resources of the planet to the degree that we already have. But we've been warned.

Last week we missed the story of the prodigal son (the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross took its place). That story offers us a sobering illustration of what our abuse of responsibility can lead to – desolation, animosity, and ultimately a complete breakdown of our relationship with God causing us to think we can rely on our own hubris to overcome the mess we get into. The steward recognises the warning he gets. The master gives him time to undo what he has done by being told to draw up an account of his stewardship. Admittedly his approach is to say the least somewhat circumspect verging as it does on the "creative" or as the master calls it "his astuteness", but the gospel isn't a commentary on sound accounting practices. What is being drawn to our attention is the need we urgently have to reset our own relationship with God and the abundant gift of grace that he has poured into our lives. Remember the words Jesus spoke to the Pharisee who invited him to lunch: "When you give a party invite the poor, the crippled, the lame the blind, that they cannot repay you means you are fortunate because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again."

Deacon Anthony

Saints and Feasts of the Week:

Tuesday 23 September: St Pius of Pietrelcina (1887-1968). Affectionately known as Padre Pio, he was a Capuchin friar at the monastery of San Giovanni in Rotondo, sought after as a spiritual director and confessor and intercessor and may miracles were ascribed to him. He died a few days after the 50 anniversary of his having received the stigmata. It is recorded that over 100,000 persons attended his funeral.

Wednesday 24 September: Our Lady of Walsingham. In 1061 the Lady of the Manor in Walsingham Norfolk, received a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary and was instructed to build a replica of the house in Nazareth where the Annunciation took place. It soon became a shrine and a great centre of pilgrimage in medieval times. The original shrine was destroyed in the Reformation but was rebuilt and has once more established its place as a place of pilgrimage becoming in 1943 the National Shrine of Our Lady.

Saturday 27 September: St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660). He was born in Aquitaine, France and following his priestly ordination he devoted his life to the service of the poor. He founded a congregation of priests for missionary work and laypersons for the help of the poor. To this day the St Vincent de Paul Society universally known as the SVP is a great parochial ministry which attends to the needs of the poor in the local community.

JUBILEE 2025 EVENTS

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!*

JUBILEE OF THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM
On the 175th anniversary of the raising of the Diocese of Nottingham Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral on Monday 29 September at 12.00 noon to which all are welcome.

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
Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' continues until 4 October. Let us pray for the world at this special time.

WOLLATON CHURCHES TOGETHER
Are looking for new committee members to join to continue the work of ecumenism within the local area. It would be lovely if more All Saints parishioners could become more involved in this important ministry of the Church. For more information please speak with Deacon Anthony or Judith 0115 9284816

TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS AT ST TERESA'S
There will be two training sessions for new Altar Servers on Sunday 5th October and Sunday 12th October, at 10.15 before the 11am Mass. The training will start in the Sacristy. Altar Servers must have made their first Holy Communion. Please let the Sacristan know if you are interested.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR PARISH
Are you involved in youth ministry in your parish, whether through altar serving, children's liturgy or as a catechist; or are you keen to start something in your parish? In school as a teacher, lay chaplain or school governor? Or are you a parent or carer keen to find out more about the opportunities available for young people in the Diocese of Nottingham? The Diocesan Youth Service (NDCYS) is hosting an online information evening on Tuesday 23rd September 7.00pm – 8.00pm where you can find out about the opportunities available for young people, meet others involved in youth ministry and share ideas. To register, visit ndcys.com/youth-ministry-networking/

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY
Friday 3rd October. Please pick up an envelope for return or go directly to Cafod's website to donate.

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

BAPTISM COURSE
Continues on Thursday St Teresa Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 25 September concluding on Thursday 2 October.

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.*

CRAFT GROUP AFTER SATURDAY MASS AT ST THOMAS MORE
*All are welcome into the hall after the 5.00pm Mass to enjoy an hour of craft making on **Sat 20th September and Sat 11th October**. No experience needed and all materials will be provided. Donations of finished crafts are welcome for the Christmas Fair where funds raised will support church maintenance. Please contact Judith 0115 9284816 for more information.*

BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE FROM START TO FINISH, THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT,
with this Free of Charge, world-renowned course presented online by Mauro Iannicelli. Starting on Wednesday 1st October at 7.00pm (x8 Wednesday evening sessions). For information and to register, visit www.comeandsee.org

SECOND COLLECTION FOR EVANGELIUM GUADIUM DAY
More commonly known as Home Mission Sunday the collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend.

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.

Sr MARY DOYLE RIP
Sr Mary, resided at the Convent in Wollaton where she died. Her funeral Mass will be on Monday 22 September at 11.30am at St Joseph's Church, Uppingham Road, Leicester, LE5 6RA. Please keep all the Sisters in the Convent in your prayers.

MONICA O'DOWD
Please keep Monica in your prayers following the death of her son Andrew (62yrs) who died last Wednesday 10th September after a courageous battle against cancer. We pray for the repose of Andrew's soul and for all the family

MR WILLIAM JOSEPH O'REILLY, KNOWN AS LIAM RIP
Liam died on the 3 September aged 82 yrs and we pray for the repose of his soul. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family especially Margaret Gallagher at this sad time. They were together regular attendees at St Thomas More. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Theres's on Friday 3 October 2025 at 11:30am

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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.