

		PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST NOTTINGHAM, SERVING THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF St Teresa of Lisieux, Aspley (NG8 3EP). St Hugh of Lincoln, Bilborough (NG8 4EX) and St Thomas More, Wollaton (NG8 2GA) Parish Priest: Rev. Canon Stanley Ofoegbu Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Victor Onyebuchi Deacon: Rev Anthony Cordes	
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30TH NOVEMBER 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
CLERGY CONTACT DETAILS For Rev. Canon Stanley & Rev Fr Victor Onyebuchi: 0115 9295907 For Deacon Anthony : 07453 110911 PARISH OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS 0115 9295907 e.mail: allsaintswn@dioceseofnottingham.uk 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: 23/11 £214.48 + SO £122.35 St Thomas More: 23/11 £204.66 + SO £206.42 St Teresa: 23/11 £461.77 + SO £335.38	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: After vigil Mass on a Saturday and Sunday or by appointment with the Priest			
<i>Psalter: Week 1 Weekday Cycle: 1st week of Advent Year 2</i>		ADVENT; CHRIST IN GLORY, CHRIST IN THE FLESH	
Saturday 29 November: Feria Vigil Mass of 1st Sunday of Advent <i>5.00pm STM: Int: John Hughes & Hughes Family RIP</i> 6.30pm ST: Int: John & Richard Ward RIP		The Season of Advent which we are now entering is a combination of two realities: the coming of Christ in glory and the coming of Christ in the flesh. It is true that we find the coming of Christ in the flesh a much easier reality to deal with than the coming of Christ in glory. The idea of the “end of time” conjures up all sorts of imaginative visions that can sometimes distort the meaning of what the words of Jesus are wanting to convey. Essentially what we are being told is that we must be prepared for his coming at any time. The prayer he taught us to pray each day reminds us of this. So the task which confronts us boils down to this - how prepared am I? Let’s look at three different states of preparedness and just explore how they impact on us and of how Advent is the perfect Season to think about them.	
Sunday 30 November : 1st Sunday of Advent <i>9.30am SH: Int: Pete Pullen RIP</i> 11.00am ST: Int: Valentino Chibbaro RIP		Awareness. As we know, we are bombarded day after day with a plethora of information. The TV and radio, our mobile phones, our social media and AI platforms, they just never stop. The trouble is we become slaves to them all. Look at this, read that, and we feel we have to respond or we'll miss out. FOMO (fear or missing out) has become a slogan of our 24/7 society. The pressure is on and the demand to take up the challenge becomes overwhelming. What will my friends think if I don’t comment or join in with the conversation? Will I be left out of the loop and no longer be part of the set? The demands are exacting and the price of being left behind can be costly.	
2.00pm ST: African Community Mass		Alertness. How to engage with what really matters demands a sense of personal conscience. We need to recognise what is important and what is trivial. The algorithms which our on-line choices generate can be alarming, leading us if we are not careful, down many a dangerous rabbit hole. Therefore, we need to assess what our conscience is telling us about the efficacy of our choices. Are the decisions we make right and just. Remember the kingdom we are called to build is one which asserts the truth about ourselves as followers of Christ. Are our minds in accord with his?	
Monday 1st December: Advent Feria <i>9.30am ST. Int:</i> 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet		Responsiveness. So, we’ve made ourselves aware and we’ve alerted our minds to the voice of our conscience. Now we need to respond. The incarnate word of the gospel calls us to “stay awake” and rightly so. I think it is both a call to action and a call to steadfastness. The gospel message of Jesus should never be a burden. Didn’t he tell us that “my yoke is easy and my burden light”. Our society is today facing many challenges which makes our involvement in facing these challenges essential. By “staying awake” in the face of these challenges we are being both aware and alert to what our response to them should be, and by necessity, unafraid to make the case for the Gospel, the living word of God as incarnated in Jesus, as foundational to the nature of our society.	
Tuesday 2nd December: Advent Feria <i>9.30 am ST Int:</i> 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet		Advent is the season when we can anticipate the glory of Christ to come and the presence of Christ alongside us. It is a season of deep significance which stands on its own, urging us once more to embrace it with joy and hope in the one who is to come.	
Wednesday 3rd December: St Francis Xavier, priest (memorial) <i>9.30am SH:</i> 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet		Deacon Anthony	
Thursday 4th December: Advent Feria <i>3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>			
Friday 5th December: Advent Feria <i>11.45am STM: Andrew O’Dowd RIP</i> 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet			
Saturday 6th December: Advent Feria Vigil Mass of 2nd Sunday of Advent <i>5.00pm STM: Int: Bridget Lavin, Pat Lavin & Lavin family RIP</i> 6.30pm ST: Int: Leo Mc Guinness RIP			
Sunday 7th December : 2nd Sunday of Advent <i>9.30am SH: Int: People of the Parish</i> 11.00am ST: Int: People of the Parish			

FEASTS AND SAINTS DAYS OF THE WEEK Wednesday 3rd December: St Francis Xavier, priest (memorial). (1506-1552). A companion and friend of Ignatius of Loyola and part of the early Jesuit movement. Following his ordination he was sent to India, preaching the Gospel in Goa and Malacca and baptising many thousands of converts to Catholicism. He also travelled to Japan and China were following a fever he died in1552. He fought hard to avoid the exploitation of the indigenous population by the Europeans.	
ALL SAINTS YOUTH MUSIC GROUP Love music, faith, or good vibes? Come sing, play, and praise with us open to all secondary school age and up! 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 4–6pm at St Teresa’s Hall. Next dates: 6 Dec, 3 Jan, 17 Jan (no meeting on 20 Dec) Bring your voice, instrument, or just enthusiasm! We also welcome a few adults to help support the group - please get in touch if interested. Scan the QR code to join our WhatsApp group for updates! 	PLEASE PRAY FOR William Benjamin Chin-See RIP who passed away recently. We pray especially for his daughter Ingrid West and his family and friends at this difficult time. His requiem Mass will take place at St Thomas More church on Monday 15th December at 12.00 noon followed by burial at Wilford Hill. Anthony McClay RIP who died on 15th November. We pray for his family and friends during this time. His funeral service will be at St Teresa’s church on Thursday 18th December at 1.00pm followed by burial at Highwood Cemetery.
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR We are looking to appoint a part-time Parish Administrator to support the day-to-day running of the parish. The role will be for 10 hours per week (preferably Friday, and one other weekday) at Band 4 (£14.17 per hour). The parish is looking for a candidate with proven experience in administration and finance, ideally within parish, school, or charity settings. The successful applicant will play a key role in supporting parish operations and financial processes. For an informal chat about the role, please contact Canon Stanley or you can email him: stanley.ofoegbu@dioceseofnottingham.uk and to request an application form, email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk The closing date is Monday 29th December.	THE WELCOME TABLE AT WOLLATON is hosting a CHRISTMAS LUNCH for our Senior Citizens on FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER 2025 12.30pm at St Thomas More Church Hall. We would love to welcome you along so why not come and join us for some festive food, chat and cheer? Be quick though as places are limited. For further details contact Deacon Anthony on 07453110911 ST TERESA’S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS If you have a child who will be 5 years old between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027 and would like to apply for a place at St-Teresa’s Catholic Primary School please make your application on the Nottingham City website before 15th January 2026. IMPORTANT: When applying for a school place at St-Teresa’s Primary school, in addition to your online application with Admissions, please also complete the Supplementary Form which can be found on the school website. Please remember to also provide a copy of your child’s baptism certificate. For further help and support please ring the school office on 0115 9155762.
TRINITY SCHOOL - CAROL CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT Trinity school is putting on carols by Candlelight on Tuesday 16th December at 7pm at St Teresa’s Church. Please do join the pupils for an evening of carols, readings, and reflections, with mulled wine and mince pies served from 6:30pm in the hall.	THE NOTTINGHAM CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MASS is being celebrated on this Monday 1st December at 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham NG1 5AW. All are warmly invited to Mass, and to join for drinks at Browns, afterwards. If you have any questions about the Nottingham CMA, for all healthcare workers, students and retired, please get in touch with Caroline: 0775 7285 888.
THE AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CHOIR Warmly invites you to its Christmas Carol service A Christmas Story: The Coming of the Lord on Friday 19th December at 7.00pm , in St Teresa’s Church. Come and experience the beauty of the season through scripture, music, and reflection as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. All are welcome to share in this evening of faith, song, and community spirit.	HOLIDAY TRIP TO INDIA Windows to India Tours and Travel Ltd are organising a 14-day trip to India, (14th – 27th September 2026) visiting Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Cochin, Thekkady, Alleppey and Kumarakon. All flights and transfers, accommodation in 4* and 5* hotels with breakfast and dinner and all tours are included in a price of £2550 (sharing). For more information contact Fr Joby: jedavazhi@gmail.com The closing date for bookings for this experience is January 2026.
FRIDAY MASS AT ST THOMAS MORE For the winter season we will trial Mass at 11.45am at St Thomas More, Wollaton on Friday’s. With the dark evenings and the unpredictable weather we feel that this may give more people the opportunity to attend Mass. Canon Stanley would warmly welcome your constructive feedback on this temporary change. Following Mass you will be able to attend the Welcome Table in St Thomas More Hall where refreshments along with tea and coffee will be served. Everyone welcome.	THANK YOU Father Michael O’Kane OFM, of the Commissariat of the Holy Land, has written to thank Bishop Patrick for the generosity of parishioners earlier this year when the collection for the Holy Places in the Holy Land was taken on Good Friday. Across the Diocese more than £20,000 was given to support the Christian communities in this war-torn part of the world, where Jesus himself lived and ministered. The Franciscans keep our Diocese, and all the parishioners, in their thankful prayers.
SECOND COLLECTION - 6TH/7TH DECEMBER POOR AND NEEDY PARISHES There will be a second collection next weekend at all Masses for the Poor & Needy parishes.	ALL SAINTS EVANGELISATION GROUP – NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! We’ve been gathering each Sunday at 6:30pm in St Teresa’s Church for vespers and prayer — a time of peace, friendship, and listening to the Holy Spirit. A small group has continued meeting weekly, but we’re now looking to welcome new members. If you feel called to support the parish’s mission through prayer, outreach, or simply by being present, we’d love to hear from you. As the weather turns colder, we’re also discerning whether to adjust the time or location of these weekly prayer gatherings. Interested?: Contact Matteo
FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME Our next meeting for PARENTS is scheduled for this Thursday 4th December, at 6:00 PM in St Teresa’s Church Hall.	LINK MAGAZINE December issue is now out and available at the back of Church.
SAFEGUARDING PARISH REPRESENTATIVES: St Teresa of Lisieux: Alison Anderton Tel: 07513725255 email: Alison.AndertonPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk St Thomas More/St Hugh of Lincoln: Damian Byrne Tel: 07513 725515 email: Damian.ByrnePSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk Diocesan Safeguarding Contact: Rachel Campion Tel: 0115 9539850 email: safeguarding@dioceseofnottingham.uk	
The Welcome Table is now only operating on Friday at St Thomas More from 12.30pm until 2.00pm	