

	<b>PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST NOTTINGHAM,</b> <b>SERVING THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF</b> <b>St Teresa of Lisieux, Aspley (NG8 3EP). St Hugh of Lincoln,</b> <b>Bilborough (NG8 4EX) and St Thomas More, Wollaton (NG8 2GA)</b> Parish Priest: Rev. Canon Stanley Ofoegbu    Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Victor Onyebuchi Deacon: Rev Anthony Cordes	
	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY FEAST - 28TH DECEMBER 2025</b>	
	<b>Our Catholic Community welcomes you to The Parish of All Saints, West Nottingham. It is lovely to have you with us as we gather.</b>	<b>Parish Newsletter 10p</b>
	<b>Welcome to our Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil:</b> <b>St Thomas More 5.00pm &amp; St Teresa 6.30pm.</b> <b>Sunday Morning: St Hugh 9.30am &amp; St Teresa 11.00am</b> <b>The live stream will continue each Sunday from 11.00am available via our Facebook page by going to the website <a href="http://allsaints-nottingham.rcdon.uk">allsaints-nottingham.rcdon.uk</a> and clicking on the link</b>	
<b>CLERGY CONTACT DETAILS</b> For Rev. Canon Stanley & Rev Fr Victor Onyebuchi: 0115 9295907 For Deacon Anthony : 07453 110911 <b>PARISH OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS</b> <b>0115 9295907    e.mail: <a href="mailto:allsaintswn@dioceseofnottingham.uk">allsaintswn@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a></b> <b>OFFICE OPENING TIMES</b> <b>Monday 9.00am until 2.00pm &amp; Friday 9.00am until 2.00pm</b> 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		<b>SICK AND HOUSEBOUND</b> 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.
<b>To set up on-line payments please use the following Bank details:</b> <b>All Saints, West Nottingham</b> <b>Sort Code: 30:96:18                      Account #: 01782817</b>		<b>Collections: St Hugh: 21/12 £235.40 + SO £105.62</b> <b>St Thomas More: 21/12 £134.21 + SO £119.29</b> <b>St Teresa: 21/12 £549.20 + SO £335.38</b>
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: After vigil Mass on a Saturday and Sunday or by appointment with the Priest</b>		
<b>Psalter: Week 4 Weekday Cycle: 4th week of Advent Year 2</b>		<b>BUILDING A FAMILY</b>
<b>Saturday 27th December: St John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)</b>  <b>Vigil Mass of the Holy Family (Feast)</b> 5.00pm STM: Int: CSJP Associates & Fam intentions 6.30pm ST: Int: People of the Parish		Those with a keen eye will have noticed that in Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus there is no mention of any journey by Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Instead, it seems that the couple had already settled in the house of Joseph in Bethlehem, when the time for Jesus' birth came. Furthermore, when referring to Jesus, Matthew always calls him a child using the Greek word paidion while Luke, as well as using that word, also refers to Jesus as a newborn baby, blephos in Greek. I mention this only to introduce some context into the family life of Mary, Jospeh and their child. In other words, that we may imply they had some time (perhaps as much as two years) to live and grow as a family unit, before their traumatic flight into Egypt took place, an experience that must have affected them and brought them closer together as a family.
<b>Sunday 28th December : The Holy Family (Feast)</b>  9.30am SH: Int: Larry Lee RIP 11.00am ST: Int: Margaret O'Neil RIP  2.00pm ST: Nottingham African Community Mass		But it isn't unreasonable to ponder on the early years of this family and of how, before having to "up sticks" and depart, they like all other new parents, began the important tasks of bonding and caring for their new arrival. The challenges and concerns of parenting are ones which can be fraught and overwhelming. There is no manual that you can turn to for help to steer you through all the unknowns and all the unforeseen situations that come rushing towards you when you become a parent. The arrival of a child is an awesome moment. It is when you realise that truly your own life will never be the same again. This little bundle of joy will utterly change you and your perspective. You will be listening out for the cry in the night and if you don't hear it then you wonder what has happened.
<b>Monday 29th December: St Thomas of Canterbury (Becket)</b> 9.30am ST:		I suppose we never really think about the early home life of Jesus except on the Feast of the Holy Family which we celebrate today. Of how his relationship with his parents (and grandparents and other relatives assuming he knew them) developed and provided him support during both his early years and his teenage years. The building blocks of a family are diverse and various and can at the same time be influential as well as challenging. No doubt he had his moments of truculence and mischievousness like every other child. Of course, our society today is completely different to the one in which Jesus was raised, and it is perhaps somewhat spurious to try and make any comparison between then and now. Except to say that the parent's role in nurturing their child is crucial and that, as much as it is possible, every help should be afforded to them in their task.
<b>Tuesday 30th December: Sixth Day Within the Octave</b> 9.30am ST Int:		As Christians the presence of family and its witness is an essential part of our understanding of what makes a stable community. If our families are suffering, then our society suffers too. The challenges we face in bringing up our children are manifold and such is our world today that options and choices abound about which is the best or which is the most appropriate way of doing so. That aside however, the love that sits at the heart of the relationship between the parents and their child, remains for us the elemental and unbreakable bond, which for us as disciples of Jesus is both sacramental and sacred.
<b>Wednesday 31st December: Seventh Day within the Octave</b> 9.30am SH:		<b>Deacon Anthony</b>
<b>10.00pm ST : Crossover Mass to the New Year (Nottingham African Community)</b>		
<b>Thursday 1st January: Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>  9.30am ST: People of the Parish		
<b>Friday 2nd January: St s Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nzianzen</b> 11.45am STM: CSJP at Wollaton Living and Deceased		
<b>Saturday 3rd January: Christmas Before Epiphany</b>  <b>Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday after Christmas</b>  5.00pm STM: Int: CSJP Deceased Associates & Families RIP  6.30pm ST: Int: Margaret Ann Grealis RIP		
<b>Sunday 4th January : Second Sunday after Christmas</b>  9.30am SH: Int: People of the Parish  11.00am ST: Int: Martin Kilbane RIP		

Christmas Message 2025

Beloved Parishioners,

As we gather to celebrate the joyous occasion of Christmas at the parish of All Saints West Nottingham, we are reminded of the profound message found in the Gospel of John: "The Word became flesh and dwells among us." This message invites us to reflect deeply on the incarnation of Christ, where divine love and grace took human form. Through this miraculous event, we are gifted with the presence of God in our daily lives, offering light and hope in our world. Let us take this moment to embrace the true meaning of Christmas and the comfort of knowing that God is with us. “Emmanuel”

The phrase "The Word became flesh" is a link between God and people, showing us fully what God wanted to do with creation through Jesus. This deep change calls us to do more than just acknowledge the miraculous birth we celebrate at Christmas. It calls us to accept Christ's ongoing presence in our lives. So, since we are all part of this living story, we can think about how our own stories fit into the bigger picture of God's purpose and love shown through His presence among us.

Friends, I pray that by preserving and nurturing the truth of the gospel here at the Parish of All Saints , may we align ourselves with the divine purpose manifested through the Word becoming flesh, ensuring that the light and hope He brings continues to shine in our lives. May we find renewed strength to live out and share this powerful message of Christmas with courage and fidelity.

As we gather together this Christmas season, on behalf of Deacon Anthony, Fr Victor and all in different parish ministries, May I use this opportunity to thank you my dear parishioners for the unwavering support and generosity. Your dedication and involvement have been pivotal in sustaining our parish community and fostering a spirit of togetherness that resonates throughout our parish. I am deeply grateful for the warmth and kindness you continue to embody, which enriches our collective experience and enhances our celebrations. This message serves as a heartfelt expression of our gratitude and appreciation for all that you do here at All Saints.

I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Blessed New year.

Remain Blessed

Canon Stanley Ofoegbu

Parish Priest.

SAINTS AND FEASTDAYS

Monday 29 December. St Thomas Becket (1118-1170) A close friend of King Henry II was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury and defended the Church against the wishes of the king. He was assassinated in his Cathedral on 29 December for which the King himself did penance and visited his shrine.

Thursday 1 January. Mary Mother of God. This Solemnity draws on the tradition of the Council of Ephesus which recognized the role of Mary by virtue of her motherhood of Jesus as being entitled as theotokos or God bearer.

Friday 2 January. Sts Basil & Gregory (330-379 & 330-389) Two great Bishops and Doctors of the Eastern Orthodox Church known for their scholarship and learning alongside deeply pastoral and monastic virtues.

