



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 8TH MARCH 2026

Our Catholic Community welcomes you to The Parish of All Saints, West Nottingham. It is lovely to have you with us as we gather together as one in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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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](https://www.facebook.com/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: 01/03 £243.00 + SO £105.62
St Thomas More: 01/03 £91.50 + SO £119.29
St Teresa: 01/03 £635.22 + SO £335.38

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

Psalter: Week 3 Weekday Cycle: 3rd Week of Lent

THE BLESSINGS OF LENT: ENCOUNTER

Saturday 7th March: Lenten Feria

Vigil Mass of The Third Sunday of Lent

5.00pm STM: Int: Sheila Ferrar RIP
 6.30pm ST: Int: Christopher Quigley RIP & Deceased members of Quigley Family.

Sunday 8th March : The Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am SH: Int: Francesca, David and Baby Alexander
 Special Intention
 11.00am ST: Int: People of the Parish

6.30pm ST: Sunday Vespers Evening Prayer of the Church

Monday 9th March: Lenten Feria

9.30am ST:
 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday 10th March: Lenten Feria

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 9.30am ST:
 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday 11th March: Lenten Feria

9.30am SH:
 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday 12th March: Lenten Feria

3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday 13th March: Lenten Feria

11.45am STM: For Peace in the World
 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday 14th March: Lenten Feria

9.30am ST : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 10.30am ST : Holy Mass

Vigil Mass of The Third Sunday of Lent

5.00pm STM: Int: Thanksgiving – Ninan Thomas
 6.30pm ST: Int: People of the Parish

Sunday 15th March : Fourth Sunday of Lent—Laetare Sunday

9.30am SH: Int: Anton & Thelma Daniels RIP
 11.00am ST: Int: Paul Stiegler RIP

6.30pm ST: Sunday Vespers Evening Prayer of the Church

For the next three Sundays our gospel reading comes from the Gospel of John. And what majestic gospels readings they are. We begin this Sunday with the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman as they meet at a well. It is the fundamental, aboriginal meeting, which resonates with such deep symbolism and meaning for everyone who encounters Jesus. As we revisit our own encounter with him, we are blessed indeed by the graces which we will receive as he comes to us with his request: give me a drink. Let us explore what these words mean for each one of us in the context of our own lives.

To begin with, it is a direct request, addressed to the woman. It opens up a dialogue, evoking a response. It could be ignored but on the other hand it is an imperative and Jesus wants to engage with her and by analogy with us. What was she pondering as she came to the well, what was going through her mind as she trudged along the path? She arrives at the well at the hottest part of the day, no doubt craving herself for a drink and some respite from the heat, yet unexpectedly she gets this request. What to make of it? Clearly, she is slightly affronted, no doubt surprised that a Jewish man would make such a request of her a Samaritan woman, but she is not daunted nor inhibited. Instead, she responds boldly and the dialogue begins and a conversation ensues.

The well at which they met was ancient and was named after the Patriarch Jacob, the one who “wrestled with God” and intriguingly enough Jesus and the woman discuss “godly” things between them. Jesus brings forth from her the concerns that trouble her about her life. The relationships she has had and the one she continues to have, and how they have caused her so much anxiety and distress, including her relationship with God. How often do we carry such burdens and wish for the chance to unload what we carry. It is at this moment that Jesus through the encounter with the woman begins to unfold for her and with her the inner secrets of her desire. She doubts he can understand her - the well is deep she says and you have no bucket - but Jesus will not let her words be an obstacle for him. No matter how deep the issue, or how complex the problem, Jesus will not be deterred. He continues to offer her the “living water” which he offers to all who come to him and engage with him. It is water that will never dry up, and which is there for us whenever we need his presence. Ultimately, she knows this. She leaves her water jar, abandoned and empty because she herself has now been sated. So, she returns unburdened by what weighed her down because her whole being has been replenished by the grace she has received from Jesus through the mystery of the encounter she has had with him.

Our encounter with Jesus must be of a similar nature, exploring with him the depths of our own desire. It must have the same impact, and we must not be afraid of responding to his demand when he asks us to give him a drink. It is by engaging with him in the totality of our own weakness that he pours into us his strength. Renewed and replenished by this spiritual encounter, we are liberated from the shackles that bound us to our former ways and free to live in the new light of his grace.

Deacon Anthony

ADORATION DURING LENT

Please note we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on a Tuesday morning at 9.00am before Mass during Lent commencing this week on **Tuesday 3rd March** in St Teresa’s church.

Also from **Saturday 14th March** we will have Adoration at 9.30am followed by Mass at 10.30am in St Teresa’s church. Everyone welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN OUR CHURCHES

We warmly invite everyone to join us for the Stations of the Cross, a reflective journey through the final hours of Jesus. This moving service will be held in St Hugh’s church on a Friday at 6.00pm, St Thomas More church on a Saturday at 4.20pm before the Vigil Mass and in St Teresa’s Church on a Sunday at 5.30pm. All are welcome – come and spend some quiet time in prayer and contemplation. Bring your family and friends to share in this meaningful tradition. We look forward to seeing you there.

WORD OF THE WEEK: ALMSGIVING

Almsgiving is the practice of giving to those in need. It is a way of showing love and compassion for others. Almsgiving can also be a way of expressing our gratitude for God’s blessings. Almsgiving is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to share with those in need and to be an example of mercy in the world.

Find a way to give something to charity or to someone in need this week.

BESTWOOD MALE VOICE CHOIR—ST HUGH’S

Will be holding a concert at St Hugh’s on **Friday 10th April** at 7.00 pm. The cost will be £10 per person to include tea/coffee and biscuits in the hall at the interval. Half of the entry fee, after expenses will be donated to the church. In addition, the keyboard at St Hugh’s, which has been on loan from the choir for the last few months will be also donated to St Hugh’s.

BAPTISM COURSE

Our class for parents of children 6 years and under will continue on Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm in St Teresa’s Parish hall.

RCIA PROGRAMME

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme classes will continue again this **Monday 9th March 2026**. Can all candidates make every effort to attend please.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Our next meeting for **CHILDREN** is scheduled for **Thursday 19th March at 6:00pm at St Teresa’s.**

WOLLATON CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE

Runs on each Wednesday and Tuesday of Lent, WCT are putting on a series of group sessions guided by the book **Alive – Life changing encounters with the Risen Lord**, by Dave Smith. Meetings will be held on a Tuesday afternoon at 2.00pm at Grangewood, and a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm 10th March at Kingswood, 17th March at Grangewood and 24th March at St Leonard’s. For further information please contact Deacon Anthony

WOLLATON CHURCHES TOGETHER GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

Do come and join in this public act of worship which takes place on **Good Friday 3rd April**. People will gather at 10.15am at St Thomas More on Glenwood Ave Wollaton to join in the walk of witness behind the cross to Bramcote Lane shops where there will then be a short liturgy of prayers, readings and hymns to commemorate the sacrifice of Jesus for the world.

ST PATRICK’S DAY MASS

Our Lady and St Patrick’s Church in The Meadows, NG2 1JQ, will celebrate their annual St Patrick’s Day Mass on **Tuesday, 17th March at 9.30am**. The Mass this year will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick and parish priest, Fr Pitak. Afterwards, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and hospitality in the hall.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Johnson John-Baptiste who passed away last week. Johnson attended Mass in St Teresa’s church on a Sunday morning for many years before health reasons prevented. Johnson always had a smile on his face and a warm welcome for everyone. His funeral will be held at The Good Shepherd Church, Arnold on **Monday 16th March at 10.30am**. We pray for all his family and friends at this difficult time. **May He Rest in Peace.**

VOX HARMONICA

presents an evening of hymns, themed ‘Ashes to Mercy’ to be held on **Saturday 21st March** at 4.00pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe, NG5 4HT. “Vox Harmonica” are an African choir drawn from different parts of this country under the leadership / baton of their conductor Emmanuel Anyanwu. All are welcome to this evening of sacred hymns and solemn reflection. Light refreshment will be available after the event.

WOMENS RETREAT

Lenten Women’s Retreat will be held on **Saturday 21st March** at Holy Family Church, Blenheim Drive, Allestree DE22 2LG, between 10.00am and 4.00pm. The Retreat is entitled “The Great Women of the Old Testament”, and will be led by Sister Susan Richert. The Retreat costs £15 per person, including a cream tea; please bring your own packed lunch. To book, visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/womensretreatday

MENS RETREAT

A Men’s Retreat will be held on **Saturday 28th March** between 9.45am and 3.45pm, at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Coalville. Canon Chris Thomas (Secretary of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales for 10 years) will lead the Day, entitled “Limitless: In the Lenten Gospel readings the Limitless power of God is revealed. In Christ we too can be limitless”. The Retreat costs £15 per person; please bring your own packed lunch. All men aged 18 or over are very welcome; to book (by 20th March) visit: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=K0aLivJiz0GWFBy9r3UQDuiJPmfhpEBEo-L5QsatoShUOTNOSThPTzdYV1FXWINEQ0UwT0I2VzM4SC4u&rout e=shorturl>

EXTREME WAY OF THE CROSS

The Polish Catholic Community in Nottingham is leading an Extreme Way of the Cross on **Friday 13th March** from 8.00pm, until about 6.00am the next morning. The route takes in 41 kilometres across the city centre and fields around. For those wishing to participate, gather at the Polish Church of Our Lady of Częstochowa, Nottingham NG7 6JN, by 8.00pm (Mass in Polish will be celebrated at 7.00pm). More information is at: <https://extremewayofthecross.org/>

O that today you would listen to his voice! “Harden not your hearts.”

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The Welcome Table continues on Friday’s at St Thomas More from 12.30pm until 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.