



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)
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 15TH 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.

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](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: 08/03 £155.13 + SO £105.62
St Thomas More: 08/03 £201.50 + SO £119.29
St Teresa: 08/03 £621.43 + SO £335.38

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

Psalter: Week 4 Weekday Cycle: Fourth Week of Lent

THE BLESSINGS OF LENT: INSIGHT

Saturday 14th March: Lenten Feria
9.30am ST : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10.30am St : Holy Mass

It is difficult to see how things will turn out. A familiar enough phrase that we often use when we are unsure of how situations or circumstances are going to resolve. No doubt all of us have our own thoughts about the outcomes of the conflict in the Middle East. It fills our media with speculation and conjecture. We can only surmise. But we pray that the end will come soon. War rages across the globe and our heartfelt prayers for peace must continue. Let us make it part of our Lenten prayer that swift and just solutions may be quickly forthcoming. The Gospel this weekend gives us the story of the man born blind – a man who from birth has been unable to see. What does it tell us about our own blindness, our own inability to envision the world in the way that God intended when everything is marred by the tragedy that is playing out before our eyes? What does this story offer?

Vigil Mass of The Fourth 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*

Jesus was not naïve. He was intrinsically aware of the difficulties and tragedies of people's lives. He encountered them every day. He knew their suffering and he understood their frustrations with the circumstances of their lives. We only have to look at the people he met to recognise this. Think of Jairus, think of the woman with the haemorrhage, the lepers, the lame. We could go on, recalling all to whom he came into contact with. What he recognised was a world that was bleeding. Bleeding with a blindness that stopped or prevented the inherent goodness of people from being valued. Blind to the realisation that we are called to see one another as icons or image bearers of the God who made us. He saw the goodness of God's creation as having become distorted and corrupted by this blindness too see, and by our deafness to listen and hear. His call to conversion, to metanoia was a call to a renewal of the covenantal relationship between God and humanity. The story of the today's gospel reflects this reality.

Monday 16th March: Lenten Feria
 9.30am ST:
 3.00pm ST: *Divine Mercy Chaplet*

Tuesday 17th March: St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland
9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 9.30am ST: *Martin Kilbane RIP*
 3.00pm ST: *Divine Mercy Chaplet*

Wednesday 18th March: Lenten Feria
 10.00 am SH: *St Teresa's School Community*
 3.00pm ST: *Divine Mercy Chaplet*

The blind man whose name we are not told, becomes a type for all humanity, fashioned anew, eyes now opened and able to see. Jesus, in an act of re-creation, has taken the dust of the earth and has worked a paste with his saliva. He smears the eyes of the blind man with the paste he has made. He tells the man to go and wash in the Pool of Siloam and he returns able to see. We too need to be refashioned and have our eyes opened so that we see with clarity the path we are called upon to choose. To follow Jesus requires us to become aware of the needs of those around us. To be able to discern the work he invites us to carry out. The call to bring the values of the kingdom into the realm of our own circumstances is a challenging one. Unless our eyes are opened we won't see. Jesus is asking us to come out of the darkness of our introspection and to lift up our eyes to view what is needed.

Thursday 19th March: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
 3.00pm ST: *Divine Mercy Chaplet*

Friday 20th March: Lenten Feria
 11.45am STM:
 3.00pm ST: *Divine Mercy Chaplet*

Saturday 21st March: Lenten Feria
9.30am ST : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10.30am St : Holy Mass

Here then is a moment of insight for us. Enlightened, we look at ourselves not with eyes shut but with eyes wide open and aware of what our role now is. The blind man recognises the primacy and centrality in his life of Jesus as the one who gave him insight. This light, this insight now floods his senses to the degree that he challenges his interrogators about their own understanding. May we be filled similarly with God's light and thus be emboldened to proclaim the good news. **Deacon Anthony**

Vigil Mass of The Fifth Sunday of Lent
 5.00pm STM: Int: *People of the Parish*
 6.30pm ST: Int: *Tommy Hesketh RIP*

Sunday 22nd March : Fifth Sunday of Lent
 9.30am SH: Int: *Mary Gibb Intentions*
 11.00am ST: Int: *Perry Cavanagh RIP*
 6.30pm ST: *Sunday Vespers Evening Prayer of the Church*

FEASTS OF THE WEEK
Tuesday 17 March: St Patrick (385-461) Patron Saint of Ireland. A missionary Bishop who evangelised Ireland in the 5th Century. He showed deep concern for his flock through his gentle pastoral care, using simple yet incisive ways of delivering the message of the gospel, which he delivered with great fervour and faith
Thursday 19 March: St Joseph. Husband to Mary and foster father to Jesus. A carpenter by trade, he utters not a word in the gospel accounts, yet his actions were decisive and honourable. A model for us all of dedication, love and support in his role as a father and husband within the family as he nurtured and raised the child Jesus.

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: SACRIFICE
 During Lent, we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and what it means for our lives. The sacrifice of Jesus is a reminder that we are all loved by God, and that we too are called to live our lives for others as humble servants. Sacrifice is a way to show our love for God and our commitment to living a life that reflects his values.
THINK ABOUT SOMEONE WHO MAKES SACRIFICES FOR YOU AND TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK THEM FOR WHAT THEY DO THIS WEEK

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL PILGRIMAGE WALK
 We look forward to welcoming 180 students in St Hugh's church on **Wednesday 18th March** from St Teresa's school. They will be completing their pilgrimage walk as part of their Big Lent Walk fundraising. They will arrive at St Hugh's in time for Mass at 10am. **NB. Please note the change of time of Mass for this Wednesday only.**

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.**

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. Details of how to purchase tickets will follow.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN
 The House of Lords is currently debating an extreme amendment to the Government's Crime and Policing Bill, which would allow women to self-induce their own abortions for any reason, and at any gestation. The last chance to remove this amendment will be at Report Stage, expected on the 11th or 17th March. Please act now to stop this barbaric proposal. Find out more and use SPUC's tool to write to members of the House of Lords by going to <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/>

RCIA PROGRAMME
 The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme classes will continue again this **Monday 16th March 2026.** Can all candidates make every effort to attend please.

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.

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 17th March at Grangewood and 24th March at St Leonard's. For further information please contact Deacon Anthony

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

WOLLATON CHURCHES TOGETHER GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS
 Do come and join in this public act of worship which takes place on **Good Friday 3 April. People will gather from 10.15am – 10.30am 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.

RED MISSIO BOXES
ST THOMAS MORE - If you would like your box emptying please bring to church on **Saturday 21st March** for Judith to empty and count.
ST TERESA'S CHURCH - The Spring Missio Magazine is now here and a copy can be collected from the back of church. If you would like your Red Box emptying please bring to the sacristy for Geraldine to collect and count.

LINK MAGAZINE
 The March edition is now available at the back of Church. Please pick one up – only 80p. It includes an article and photos of Deacon Anthony's Diaconal Silver Jubilee.

The Lord' is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the love of a Mother". St Teresa of Lisieux. Happy Mother's Day !

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