



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 22ND 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 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: 15/03 £213.43 + SO £105.62
St Thomas More: 15/03 £202.65 + SO £119.29
St Teresa: 15/03 £462.51 + SO £335.38

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

Psalter: Week 1 Weekday Cycle: Fifth Week of Lent

THE BLESSINGS OF LENT: NEW-CREATION

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

Vigil Mass of The Fifth Sunday of Lent
 5.00pm STM: Int: CSJP Deceased Srs, Families & Associates
 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

Monday 23rd March: Lenten Feria
 9.30am ST:
 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday 24th March: Lenten Feria
9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 9.30am ST: Gianluca Fattore RIP (1st Anniversary)
 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday 25th March: The Annunciation of the Lord (solemnity)

9.30am SH: Sneha Subin
 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday 26th March: Lenten Feria
 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday 27th March: Lenten Feria
 11.45am STM: Vocations to priesthood, diaconate and religious life.
 3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday 28th March: Lenten Feria
9.30am ST : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10.30am St : Holy Mass

Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 5.00pm STM: Int: Teresa Brunnock & Brunnock family RIP
 6.30pm ST: Int: Maura Cunny RIP

Sunday 29th March : Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9.30am SH: Int: Akab Kebianyor Intentions
 11.00am ST: Int: Perry Cavanagh RIP

6.30pm ST: Sunday Vespers Evening Prayer of the Church

We come to the 5th Sunday of Lent in which the gospel of John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus. It brings to a conclusion our reflections on the Blessings of Lent which began with our call to conversion, to repent and change our lives through a pathway of transformation and encounter with Jesus, who enlightens and illuminates our bodies and our spirits with his divine wisdom. Today in the final Sunday gospel before Holy Week, John recounts the greatest of the "signs" of Jesus: the raising of Lazarus from the dead. It is the pathway through which we must all pass so as to meet and greet the Lord of life. This moment is not though the fulness of what we will receive, rather it is a pointer to what is still to come, when Jesus himself will be resurrected as the model of re-creation which awaits us all.

What is this "sign" wanting to reveal? We are all familiar with the story, the characters and the events that transpire. We know that Lazarus has been brought back to life, but he has not been resurrected. Why does Jesus do this? The whole scope of Jesus' ministry has been focussed on his proclamation of the coming of the kingdom. Heaven and earth are overlapping together as the values of the Gospel are unfolded before us. These values express that the pattern of our lives as disciple of Jesus. We are called to live them out as a witness to the fact that we have been called to be image bearers of the God who made us and who breathed the breath of life into us. We recall how at our baptism we were anointed with the oil of chrism, the oil of holiness which sets us apart as children of God. This sign of holiness manifests as our mission to be Christlike in our dealings with the world. As St Paul says in his letter to the Galatians: The life I now live is not my own but that of Christ who lives within me. It is a life of faith, faith in the Son of God who loved me and who died for me.

As such we have be touched with faith, just as Martha was when she spoke to Jesus when he arrived at the tomb of her brother: Yes Lord I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. But our faith, just like Martha's and Mary's and just like the raised Lazarus' still awaits the consummation of the new creation. The burial bands are not cast aside, rather they are only laid down as they will be needed again. What Jesus shows with the raising of Lazarus is that our faith has still one more moment of encounter to come. One more moment that awaits, one more experience of testing. Our coming to Christ and thus our entrance into his glory means we too will come to the threshold of life and death. Our faith as children of God, tells us that Jesus, the first born from the dead has been raised. We have to roll the stone away and enter and live the new life of the kingdom where we will no longer need our burial bands.. **Deacon Anthony**

THE EASTER TRIDUUM & EASTER CELEBRATION
 The Triduum will be celebrated at St Teresa's church as follows:
Maundy Thursday 7.30pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of feet followed by watching before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight
Good Friday 2.00pm. Stations of the Cross
Good Friday 3.00pm. Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross
Saturday Evening: The Easter Vigil 7.30pm. with reception of candidates and catechumens
EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES:
St Hugh's 9.30am St Thomas More 10.00am St Teresa's 11.00am

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday 25 March: The Annunciation. The moment when history changed. The moment of Mary's "fiat" – "let it be done". The feast of the incarnation reveals to us the role we play within the saving plan of God. We rejoice in Mary's "yes", and to the faith she showed in placing her trust in the God of love. May we all make a similar "yes" to God when he calls us to place our trust and faith in him. Let us all become "handmaids of the Lord" as we receive our vocation.

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.

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.

RCIA PROGRAMME

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme classes will continue again this **Monday 23rd March 2026.** Can all candidates make every effort to attend please.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Our next meeting for **CHILDREN** is scheduled for **Thursday 16th April 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 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 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.

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.

PLANT POTS REQUIRED

Any 3" -5" plant pots people have spare? I shall need them for potting on plants for the coffee morning! (date to be fixed). Please bring them to St Thomas More. Many thanks Judith.

REMINDER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Children must not go to the toilet alone. Parents or guardians must accompany them if they need to use the toilet during Mass. Your support helps ensure that every child in our parish community is kept safe.

SAFEGUARDING PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

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

EASTER FLOWERS

A retiring collection for Easter Flowers, in memory of deceased loved-ones, will be taken at all Masses next weekend - **Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March** - at all churches.

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

On Saturday 20th June 2026 a coach will be leaving from Sacred Heart Church, Carlton NG4 1FP at 8am and then leaving Good Shepherd, Arnold NG5 4HT at 8.15am. If you would like to go, seats cost £25 payable in advance.

Please email ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk or telephone **0115 9116266** to book your place. Payment will be by BACS – bank details will be sent. Places will be confirmed once payment received. For information on the Catholic shrine at Walsingham visit: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

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=K0aLivJiz0GWFBY9r3UQDuiJPmfhpEBEoL5QsatoShUOTNOSThPTzdYV1FXWINEQ0UwT0I2VzM4SC4u&rout e=shorturl>

"I am the resurrection and the life"

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY - SUNDAY APRIL 12TH 2026

at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Brooklyn Rd, Bulwell Nottingham NG6 9ES. The celebration begins at 2.30pm and ends with Benediction at 3.45pm.

Talk given by Rev Evarist Kaniki. There will be three priests available after the service for 1 HOUR for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We invite you to join us for this great feast. For more information ring Madeleine 0115 9277893 or Teresa 07733224700

