



**St Hugh of Lincoln Bilborough, St Teresa of Lisieux Aspley,
St Thomas More Wollaton**

Three parishes, one community in the Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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The Fourth Week of Lent 22 March 2020

Our Catholic Community welcomes you to its Three Parishes. It is lovely to have you with us as we gather together as one in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Parish Newsletter Price 10p

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Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Vigil and Sunday Mass or by appointment with the priest.
Please keep in your prayers those who are sick in our parishes. Aslo please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time at Sick and Housebound Please let the Team 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 visit by Fr Stan or Fr Richard arranged for confession.
Collections 15/3 : St Hugh's £ + SO £119.00 St Thomas More: £ + SO £130.00 St Teresa £ + SO £160 –Thank you

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic and in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, weekend and weekday Masses and Services have now been suspended until further notice

Weekday Lectionary Lent Psalter: Wk 4	St Hugh of Lincoln	St Teresa of Lisieux	St Thomas More
Saturday 21 March Lenten Feria Vigil of The Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare	Without the Mass being celebrated we can feel bereft as to how to continue the normal pattern of our spiritual lives. Week by week we come to gather and join together as a family to celebrate the love that Jesus has for us all and to receive his presence into our lives through the Eucharist. For the time being we are no longer able to do this.		
Sunday 22 March The Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare	However we can still express our solidarity with each other through the great prayer of the Church known as the Divine Office. This prayer is offered by all of our Clergy on a daily basis, and it is a fact that many lay people too have taken up the practice of saying some if not all of the prayers.		
Monday 23 March Lenten Feria	As your pastors we would invite you to think about saying these prayers. They consist of: Morning Prayer, Mid-day Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer, and The Office of Readings. Access to these can be found by logging on to the parish website (type in stthomasmorewollaton.org). You will be taken to the <i>Welcome</i> page of the site. Scroll down to the <i>Related Links</i> and then click on the link headed <i>Today's Readings</i> . This will take you to the Mass readings of the day. In the side bar of that page you will find the links for the different prayers for the day.		
Tuesday 24 March Lenten Feria	Knowing that we are united in prayer at this anxious and tense time for us, our families and for our parishes, will be a great support and strength as we go forward. We hope that it will be of comfort to you. We pray that this period without the Mass will be short and that the God who loves us will be with us and provide us with the solace and succour we all need. We pray for our doctors, nurses and health professionals and that the Lord will inspire all those working for solutions to this outbreak to bring about a timely resolution to this crisis.		
Wednesday 25 March The Annunciation of the Lord	May God Bless you Fr Stanley , Fr Richard, Deacon Anthony		
Thursday 26 March Lenten Feria			
Friday 27 March Lenten Feria			
Saturday 28 March Vigil of The Fifth Sunday of Lent			
Sunday 29 March The Fifth Sunday of Lent			

Our Parish Website

Over the period of suspension of parish gatherings we will on the whole be communicating with you via the parish website. In order to access it you need to type into your search engine **stthomasmorewollaton.org.uk** and this will take you to front Welcome Page. All of the latest news and updates will be posted on this page under specific headings. These headings will be highlighted and a simple click of your mouse on the heading will open the item for you. The weekly bulletin will be uploaded but we are aware that not everyone has access to the internet and so paper copies of the bulletin will be printed and placed at the back of Church for collection.

We are working to add a Facebook page so that we can receive your own comments and observations should you wish to.

COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS About keeping Churches open

Bishop Patrick has written the following to the Clergy of the Diocese

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, having consulted the Ordinaries of the Dioceses, have agreed that the cessation of public liturgies should begin from this Friday evening, 20th March 2020. Because of the situation the Church finds herself in, the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy day of Obligation is removed, until further notice. Please do all you can let your parishioners know this as soon as possible, especially those who are elderly or in a vulnerable group, so that they do not feel anxious or worried about not attending Mass. In preparation for the coming weekend I would suggest that you put a clear notice on your parish website and on the church door making clear that Mass is not being celebrated, but that the church is open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (in the tabernacle, not exposition) for a period of time throughout the day, making sure that social distancing is taking place. For my part, I will ensure that this letter is put on the diocesan website and on my Facebook and Twitter accounts. I have also created a YouTube channel, so that during this time Mass and other devotions will be live-streamed from the chapel at Bishop's House. This can be found by searching for 'Bishop Patrick McKinney' on YouTube and it will also be linked to my Facebook and Twitter accounts. **I will be streaming Sunday Mass at 10am this coming Sunday, 22nd March and each Sunday during this period.** Other devotions will be advertised on my social media channels. I encourage you to share this with parishioners and on your own website/social media platforms as a small way of remaining united in prayer as we begin this time in the diocese without public Masses. I know that the Cathedral is also planning to stream Masses and there may well be churches doing this in other parts of the diocese.

+ Patrick
 Right Reverend Patrick McKinney
 Bishop of Nottingham



As Clergy we will do all that we can to make sure that your spiritual needs are met and that our Churches are accessible and available whenever possible, so that parishioners have the opportunity to come into Church to pray quietly and reverently and light candles during this time. **It is vitally important that we observe all the social distancing protocols when coming into Church.**

As well as Bishop Patrick streaming mass from his own Chapel, the Cathedral will also be broadcasting a mass on Sunday which can be accessed at http://stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream

Fr Stanley and Fr Richard will continue privately to celebrate Mass each day and so mass intentions already requested will be honoured. Please continue to request a mass intention for your loved ones and for other needs. Such requests should be made either in person, by telephone, by post to the presbytery at St Teresa's or St Hugh's

Just to confirm that all social and catechetical activities in our three parishes are now suspended.

The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil will be dependent on the forthcoming decision of the Bishops for the Holy Week ceremonies.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion should be postponed until a time that allows for families and friends to gather safely within our churches.

Visits by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the sick in private domestic homes, care homes or hospitals should cease immediately.

These are sad decisions we know but unavoidable in the circumstances.