



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 2nd Sunday after Christmas 3 January 2021

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
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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. Also 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 : St Hugh's SO £119.00 St Thomas More: SO £130.00 St Teresa SO £160 —Thank you

We are pleased to let you know that public mass will be celebrated in the Church of St Teresa of Lisieux on Saturday evening at 6.30pm and Sunday morning at 11.00am. At St Hugh of Lincoln Bilborough on Sunday morning at 9.30am and at St Thomas More Wollaton on Saturday evening at 5.00pm Attendance is by booking only. Full details of how to book a seat for these masses and subsequent ones can be found on the website www.massbooking.uk or tel:07395614050 on Monday between the hours of 10.00am and 2.00pm Sunday Mass will continue to be live streamed each Sunday from 11.00 available via our Facebook page by going to the website www.stthomasmorewollaton.org and clicking on the facebook link (blue square)

Weekday Lectionary Christmastide Psalter: Wk 2

Sunday Message

Saturday 2 January Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Christmas
Int: STM Vocations
Int: ST

Our Gospel reading today comes from the Fourth Gospel: that account opens with an ancient Christian hymn which reflects on who Jesus Christ is, that he is the supreme means by which God completes the divine self-revealing to human beings.

Sunday 3 January 2nd Sunday of Christmas
Int SH: People of the Parish
Int ST: D'cd members of the Dawson & Duggan fam

Like all summaries, it is very dense and only states what the author believes: the details of how God is revealed will be set out in the Gospel narrative which follows.

Monday 4 January Christmas Feria
Int:

The first words, "In the beginning", echo the opening of the book of Genesis and tell us that even then, before creation, the Word existed in relationship with God. The central, pivotal point of the passage declares that "the Word was made flesh": the Prologue, as this hymn is usually known, presents Jesus Christ as the incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment", of this pre-existent Word. He is light and life to those who accept him and offers the possibility of becoming daughters and sons of God to those who decide to put their faith and trust in his message.

Tuesday 5 January Vigil of Epiphany
Int:

Wednesday 6 January The Epiphany
Int:

Thursday 7 January Thursday after Epiphany

But Jesus is not just a messenger: he is the Word. Whatever God is, the Word is: they are so closely identified that Jesus can say that "to have seen me is to have seen the Father". The Christmas story is thus given a cosmic sweep in the vision of the evangelist we call John.

Friday 8 January Friday after Epiphany

Saturday 9 January Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord
Int STM: MC
Int ST

Sunday 10 January The Baptism of the Lord
Int SH: Edna Gibson RIP
Int ST: Kay McCrann RIP

We pray for one another that the New Year may bring some relief and hope for the future, and that we may be bound together in an ever stronger sense of purpose to serve and minister to each other as a witness to our belief in the incarnation. May God Bless you all.

Fr Stanley, Fr Richard & Deacon Anthony

Some Community & Parish News Items

Making a booking for Mass . A seat can now be booked using the Diocesan booking system available at: www.massbooking.uk You will need to create an account; once that is up and running you can book your place at Mass. The Masses are bookable on a 7-day cycle. If you are not online please ring the central telephone number: 07395 614050 on Monday between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm You will not be allowed to enter unless you have booked a seat. Social distancing is set at 2 metres, so please observe this as you arrive and leave the Church. Wearing a face covering to protect yourself and others is now mandatory unless you have an exemption on grounds of age or health. You will be guided throughout by a steward. so please follow the steward's instructions

Newsletter If you wish to receive a copy but haven't supplied us with your email address then please send in a request to saint.htt@outlook.com and a newsletter will be sent out to you.

Thank you A very BIG THANKYOU to all our Volunteer Stewards who have worked so hard and have been sp generous with their time and commitment in getting our Churches prepared and ready for Mass during this pandemic. Especially during the Christmas period when extra masses were put on. It is a real expression of your Christian witness to see the dedication which you have all shown during this time. Without such dedication our Churches would have remained closed. It is deeply appreciated. Thank you so much. The Clergy Team.

The Feast of the Epiphany As you are probably aware the celebration of the Epiphany has now been restored to its traditional date on twelfth night January 6th. Two public Masses will be celebrated to enable those who are able to attend. Both masses will be at St Teresa so that numbers can be accommodated. A vigil mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 5 January at 7.00pm and a mass of the day will be celebrated at 10.00am on Wednesday 6th January. A seat can now be booked on line at www.massbooking.uk

2021 – Year of St. Joseph In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021. The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." For more information and to download a copy of the Apostolic letter please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>

2021 Year of the Gospel of Mark Information and resources can be found at www.godwhospeaks.uk or by emailing Fleur Dorrell at: fleur.dorrell@biblesociety.org.uk The now distinctly titled 'The Bible and Catholics' continues to be refreshed with articles, information, educational resources and devotional materials to promote the reading of and interest in '... the word of God given in sacred Scripture as an inspired testimony to revelation; together with the Church's living Tradition, [it] constitutes the supreme rule of faith and the primary source of evangelisation.' as well as presenting 'in an unmistakable way, God as the source of all splendour and beauty' (Directory for Catechesis. 27 & 106). NRSV copies of St. Mark's Gospel can be ordered in packs of 10 for £15 from the Bible Society at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk> with a 25% discount when ordering 4 or more packs. This lightweight pocket-sized edition of St. Mark's Gospel, with selected images to enhance the text, is ideal for those who want to have the coming year's Lectionary Gospel to hand.

Following on from the Advent Events We would like to continue with the 'Coffee n Chat' Zoom meetings on a fortnightly basis. Also we will be offering a monthly Scripture study meeting on the Gospel of Mark who is our evangelist this year. Also it would be worthwhile to continue with a monthly meeting of the Prayer Group. Further details will be posted in due course

NOTICES for St Teresa's

The Parish Hall Remedial work continues on the Parish Hall to which some notable improvements have been possible which will be well received.

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