



# 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 Ordinary Time 31 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 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 : St Hugh's SO £119.00 St Thomas More: SO £130.00 St Teresa SO £160 —Thank you**

**During this critical stage in the cycle of the pandemic, whilst the presence in the community of the virus in its different strains remains high, the celebration of public masses will continue to remain suspended, in order to protect the vulnerable, including our vulnerable clergy, and to protect the NHS.**  
**Mass will continue to be celebrated by Fr Stanley & Fr Richard streamed each Sunday from 11.00am available via our Facebook page by going to the website [www.stthomasmorewollaton.org](http://www.stthomasmorewollaton.org) and clicking on the facebook link (blue square)**

Weekday Lectionary Year 1 Psalter: Wk 4	Extract from the <i>Sunday Message</i>
Saturday 30 January Vigil of The 4th Sunday of the Year <i>Int: STM</i> <i>Int: ST Holy Souls</i>	Capernaum is the base for Jesus' ministry in Galilee and the incident in the synagogue there is the first public act of Jesus' ministry after his rather private gathering of companions for his mission.
Sunday 31 January The 4th Sunday of the Year <i>Int SH:</i> <i>Int ST: Mary Cosgrove RIP</i>	The story of the exorcism on the sabbath is the first of four such encounters between Jesus and demonic powers. The mention of the "unclean spirit" simply tells us that there was something wrong with the person concerned: it is the opposite of what is (ritually, not morally) holy, that is, reflecting God with whom the fullness of life and being a complete human being is associated.
Monday 1 February Feria <i>Int:</i>	Jesus' acts of power, commonly known as "miracles", are examples of the kingdom of God breaking into situations in human existence where a person is somehow impeded from enjoying full health.
Tuesday 2 February The Presentation of the Lord <i>Int:</i>	In a way, this incident confirms publicly Jesus' identity as "the Holy One of God", recalling the private announcement to Jesus himself at his baptism. It is a feature of Mark's writing that supernatural forces perceive who Jesus truly is, unlike the human characters in the story. This initial encounter with the forces of evil shows Jesus as the stronger one, who has authority over such hostile beings and can subdue by the power of his word. The people react with astonishment to the successful exorcism and declare that the word of Jesus' teaching is different from that with which they are familiar, namely that of their scribes, as mentioned at the beginning of the passage. The exorcism enhances Jesus' authority as a teacher and Mark also presents Jesus as a mysterious figure who provokes questions about himself, as throughout the Gospel narrative people will ask, "Who is this...?"
Wednesday 3 February Feria <i>Int:</i>	
Thursday 4 February St Gilbert of Sempringham <i>Int:</i>	
Friday 5 February St Agatha <i>Int:</i>	
Saturday 6 February Vigil of 5th Sunday of the Year <i>Int STM:</i> <i>Int ST:</i>	
Sunday 7 February The 5th Sunday of the Year <i>Int SH:</i> <i>Int ST:</i>	

**Candlemas - The Feast of the Presentation** Candlemas brings to an end the Season of Christmas which has lasted for forty days. During this time we have celebrated the coming into our lives of the Word made flesh. This extraordinary reality of the incarnation is made manifest to us through the normal and everyday things which impact on us and our families. The fact that Jesus also experienced all the ups and downs, the joys and sorrows of family life, brings him into the heart of every family. All of these events are made sacred through the celebration of Candlemas and the lighting of candles. The lighting of a candle is a sign. It expresses a prayer, a symbol of hope for the future, and it continues to shed the light of that prayer and hope into the unknown, the unforeseen, and the unpredicted. So on Tuesday at home, light a candle and pray for our wounded world that it may experience healing and renewal even in these most trying of times.

### Some Community & Parish News Items

**Making a booking for Mass . This is temporarily suspended for our three parishes** A seat can now be booked using the Diocesan booking system available at: [www.massbooking.uk](http://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

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**Children's Liturgy** One of the consequences of the pandemic has been the absence of our children's liturgy at the Sunday Mass at St Teresa's. Obviously at the moment there is little likelihood of this liturgy returning anytime soon. However our Catechists are acutely aware of the loss of this important part of our ministry and of what may be possible to offer in the interim. As with most things it is likely to be on-line and there are many web offerings available. To begin with may we suggest logging on to the Cafod site at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) and following the links to *Schools and Youth* where the drop down menu will highlight various options for young people, families as well as children's liturgy. There you will find tailored resource sheets that can be downloaded, also at 10.00am each Sunday there is a Webinar for a Children's virtual liturgy of shared Bible reading, song, reflection and prayer. Just register your details to join in.

There are other websites available such as Redemptorists Publications

**Diocesan Resources for Lent** Bishop Patrick writes; the Lenten edition of 'Walk with Me' prayer booklets for Lent 2021 will soon be available in our parishes . This Lenten edition explores the gift of prayer alongside the great themes of Lent; conversion, transformative healing and the Paschal Mystery. It also draws inspiration from Pope Francis' latest encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, on fraternal love and social friendship, and his new book, Let us Dream, which explores faith in the light of the pandemic. It fits in well with our own diocesan Lenten theme, which is discipleship. An essential element of being a disciple of Christ is to discover more deeply in prayer, both His love for each of us and His desire that we would grow in our personal relationship with Him. Ongoing conversion and transformation of heart is required, so that we can move from a 'me-centred' relationship with Christ, to one that seeks to know and respond to what Christ is asking of us. I do realise of course, the uncertainty whether our churches will be allowed to remain open during Lent, but please be creative in you use or adaptation of these and other Lenten resources that are available for use in your homes.

**"Caritas" in our Parishes** As some of you are already aware our parishes are looking to engage with Caritas in order to better witness to the Charitable works of mercy which are such an integral part of our mission as disciples of Jesus. Many of us are unknowingly already engaged in such works through all the acts of generosity and kindness which go on quietly under the radar and this witness has been invaluable during the pandemic. The hope now is to engage more of us in a deeper, co-ordinated way through the agency of Caritas and to embed this ministry of love as a living framework within our parish structures so that every act of love emanates outwards from the heart of our witness. The opportunities that this will provide are diverse and on a parish level range from the smallest to the greatest. Therefore we would like to begin by collating a list of parishioners from the young to the not so young ,willing to become engaged with this project across our three parishes and to form a group(s) who want to put their faith into action. If you feel that this is where your vocation is calling you, then please let me know. We already have a number of parishioners who have begun the journey; why not join us by emailing me at [saint.htt@outlook.com](mailto:saint.htt@outlook.com) Thank you Deacon Anthony

**Mary Greatorex RIP** Please remember Mary who passed away last Saturday (16. January) May she rest in peace. Her funeral will be on Monday 8 Feb 2021 at 10.30am at St Thomas More Wollaton. followed later at Bramcote Crematorium at 11.45am. Due to Covid restrictions all places at Church have been allocated. Please keep her and her family and friends in your prayers at this sad and difficult time.

**Lent is Coming** Ash Wednesday is 17 February and the beginning of Lent. At this moment in time it is uncertain as to what stage of lockdown we will still be under and therefore unable to say with certainty what will be happening. Our programme of events for February however will include Stations of the Cross via Zoom each Friday evening of Lent at 7.00pm along with our other regular monthly features.

Date	Event
Monday 1 February 10.00am -11.00am	<b>Coffee n Chat: Join with parishioners and friends for a chat</b>
Thursday 11 February 8.00pm - 9.00pm	<b>Scripture Study : The Gospel of Mark: Healing the World</b>
Monday 15 February 10.00am -11.00am	<b>Coffee n Chat: Join with parishioners and friends for a chat</b>
Friday 19 February 7.00pm -7.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross: Lenten Devotion</b>
Friday 26 February 7.00pm -7.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross: Lenten Devotion</b>

If you would like to book in with any of these Zoom events then please email us at [saint.htt@outlook.com](mailto:saint.htt@outlook.com)

