



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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16th Sunday of the Year 18 July 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. 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 11 July : St Hugh's £75.65 + SO £104.00
St Thomas More: £55.84 + SO £165.00
St Teresa £342.16 + SO £227 .00
Thank you

“They were like sheep without a shepherd.”

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 www.stthomasmorewollaton.org.uk and clicking on the facebook link (blue square)

Weekday Lectionary Wk 16 Year 1 Psalter: Wk 4

He set out to teach them

Saturday 17 July Vigil of 16th Sunday of the Year
 STM. Int: John Cummins RIP
 ST. Int: People of the parish

Sunday 18 July 16th Sunday of the Year
 SH. Int: Gordon Goodwin
 ST. Int:

Monday 19 July Feria
 Mass 9.30 am ST Int: Tossie Quigley RIP

Tuesday 20 July Feria
 Int:

Wednesday 21 July Feria
 Mass 9.30am SH

Thursday 22 July St Mary Magdalene
 Int:

Friday 23 July St Bridget of Sweden
 Mass 9.30am STM Int: John Cummins RIP

Saturday 24 July Vigil of 17th Sunday of the Year
 STM. Int: Damian Byrne & Family
 ST. Int: People of the parish

Sunday 25 July 17th Sunday of the Year
 SH. Int : People of the parish
 ST. Int: John Cummins RIP

One of the things you soon realise about Mark's gospel, is that whenever he introduces a moment where he says: *and Jesus began to teach them*, more often than not, he fails to tell us what it was Jesus began to teach! It is very frustrating because we want to know what Jesus said and what it was that he taught. Today's gospel is a case in point, and it seems that the only way to answer is by reflecting on what Jesus saw, and then, by considering what he may have had in mind. Mark tells us Jesus felt pity for the crowd for they were *like sheep without a shepherd*. Now can we draw some important conclusions from this? I think so.

Just as the good shepherd knows and understands the needs of his flock, so will he recognise their needs and provide sanctuary for their souls. Our world is one in which we may have the capacity to satisfy material wants, but does that really make us content? We live in a society in which inequality is rife and injustice omnipresent. You only have to think of the abusive comments suffered by our young footballers to realise just how much this is so. In spite of all our material wealth, many people remain deeply insecure and embittered. Many questions are asked about how our society can overcome such feelings. The Church must offer her voice in response, and point to the message of the gospel as a way forward in understanding the need for a true application of moderation and compassion.

Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened. This is not a sentimental call to meekly surrender ourselves into unrealism, but a call to live and act in accordance with what Jesus desires us to be. The Church's social teaching, built upon the teaching of Jesus, is such a pathway, which set out an alternative route for the people of the world to take. *"The human race is a single family working together in true communion, not simply a group of subjects who happen to live side by side"* (Caritas in Veritate n.53). It will take a lot of persuasion, but at least let's open the debate and ask the world to listen to his teaching.

The gaze of Jesus is not a neutral one — or worse, a cold and detached one because Jesus always looks with the eyes of the heart. And his heart is so tender and filled with compassion, that he is able to understand even the most hidden needs of people. Moreover, his compassion does not simply suggest an emotional response toward people in situations of distress. It is much more. It is God's attitude and predisposition toward mankind and its history. Jesus appears as the fulfillment of God's concern and care for his people.

Pope Francis. Angelus Year B

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.

We are as yet unsure of the future restrictions, if any, that may remain in place regarding the attendance at Mass in Church over the coming weeks. This all depends on what the Government decides and how, as a Diocese we will wish to implement what is proposed. In the meantime and until further notice the social distancing and requirement to wear a face mask in Church unless exempt, remain in situ.

Newsletter If you wish to receive a copy of the newsletter please send in a request to saint.htt@outlook.com and a newsletter will be sent out to you.

Programme of events for July If you would like to book in with any of these Zoom events then please email us at saint.htt@outlook.com please note

Date	Event
Monday 19 July 10.00am - 11.00am	Coffee n Chat: Join with parishioners and friends for a chat
Thursday 22 July 7.30pm - 9.00pm	Scripture Study St Mark Loaves & Fish

the change of date for the Scripture Study.
“Caritas” in our Parishes Please visit the Caritas page on our website for all the information regarding this important missionary resource for our parishes where upcoming events and progress reports regarding Caritas can be accessed. Thanks to those who attended the Here, Now, Us sessions on Zoom which provided some good insights into the structure and potential of what

Caritas and Catholic Social Teaching can and is able to offer.. We are anticipating that in the autumn we will be holding a parish workshop for our three parishes when a programme of action will be put into place.

Sacramental Preparation: First Holy Communion & Reconciliation

Our next session for parents and children will be this **Monday 26 July at 5.30pm** to review and complete Chapters 5 & 6 of the I Belong book. **All candidates** along with a parent/guardian are expected to attend. Please keep our children in your prayers as they prepare for this important step on their faith journey.

RECONCILIATION: Please note that Reconciliation on the 24th July has now been postponed and will be scheduled to take place later in the programme and closer to the day of the First Holy Communion celebration.

A Message from the Clergy Team

With the coming of the summer break we hope that as many of us as possible will be able to enjoy some sort of “down time” from what has been a very stressful last twelve months. We appreciate all the efforts and kindness that you, our parishioners have put into to ensuring that our Churches have been places of safety and sanctuary in this difficult time. The fact that we have been able to celebrate the sacraments at all has been down to your commitment and hard work throughout. A special thankyou must go to all our stewards who have made it their priority to maintain a covid secure environment for us all to worship in safety. Your dedication has been a great example of your Christian witness throughout to the love we all have of the liturgy. We also thank you all for keeping to the rules and following all the guidelines so that no accidents have happened in any of our parishes. Of course we understand that it has been hard for those at home who have not been able to get to mass for so many months and we are grateful for the livestream masses and other liturgies which have meant that so many have been able to share the events through the Facebook page. We have so much to be grateful for but also much to reflect upon about the way in which our parishes will emerge from the lockdown and this will be our focus in the coming months. How and in what way will we become a better and more discerning community of Christians? What can we provide and put in place that helps us to reach out to those around us in a way which communicates more effectively the love and hope we all share in the message of the Gospel? This is our challenge as we move forward and it is incumbent on each one of us to explore how both as individuals and as parishes, this reality can become our goal for the months ahead.

Please pray for your clergy in these changing times.

With thanks for your love and support, we offer you our prayers and blessings.

Online Discussion: Post Lockdown Parish Evangelisation and Catechesis

Bishop Patrick's vision for our diocese is that our parishes will be places of Encounter with the love of God in the Sacraments and the Community, places where we can grow as disciples of Jesus, and places where we can be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sent out as Missionary Disciples. The lockdown has really stifled opportunities to make this a reality in our parishes, so as we begin to leave lockdown, come and share ideas how our parishes can we can live this vision through evangelisation and catechesis. We will host an online meeting on **Wednesday 21st July at 7pm** to hear from parishes across the diocese about what they hope to do to reach more people and grow in faith as lockdown comes to an end. We will also look at some resources that the we have put together as a department to help parishes with this. Sign up here: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Holy Father's Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – 25th July 2021 At the end of January, the Holy Father announced a 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly' to be held annually on the Fourth Sunday in July (25th July 2021). The announcement formed part of Pope Francis' Angelus address on 31st January, a copy of which can be found at: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papafrancesco_angelus_20210131.html In addition, there are many helpful resources provided by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.