



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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24th Sunday of the Year 12 September 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.

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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 5 September : St Hugh's £89.02 + SO £104.00
St Thomas More: £40.40 + SO £165.00
St Teresa £ + SO £227 .00 Thank you

The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously

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 24 Year 1 Psalter: Wk 4

Crisis

Saturday 11 Sept Vigil of 24th Sunday of the Year
STM. Int: Vocations
ST. Int: John Duggan RIP

We are all familiar of the feeling that something is brewing in the background, and that if we don't take steps to deal with it, its going to create a situation which may just become beyond our capacity to control; a crisis is looming. That sense of impending doom sums up our definition of the word "crisis" and we can cite many examples both big and small. We talk of an international crisis when relationships between nations break down. Of an economic crisis when the stock market collapses. A humanitarian crisis when people are forced to flee their homes and become refugees. And of course, we are all being impacted by the Climate Change crisis, which is now so clearly having such a devastating impact on our lives. But crises can occur too in family situations and these are no less distressing if we fail to sort them out, just think of the phrase: *I'm going through a mid-life crisis* as a typical example of what we mean. Most of us therefore at some stage in our lives are going to be confronted with a crisis. The word itself derives from a Greek root, *krinein (krisis)* which means: to decide or make a decision. So the word doesn't describe the event or the situation to which it relates, but rather alludes to the need to act in a decisive way to resolve and deal with the event or situation.

Sunday 12 September 24th Sunday of the Year
SH. Int: Billy Moriarty RIP
ST. Int: William Tunney RIP

Monday 13 September St John Chrysostom
Mass 9.30 am ST Int:

Tuesday 14 September Exaltation of the Cross
Int:

Wednesday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows
Mass 9.30am SH

Thursday 16 September Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
Int:

Friday 17 September Feria
Mass 9.30am STM Int: Welfare of the CSJP Srs

Saturday 18 Sept Vigil of 25th Sunday of the Year
STM. Int: Anthony & Frances Cordes—Thanksgiving for 40yrs of marriage
ST. Int: Ezinne Jacinta Ofoegbu RIP

Sunday 19 Sept 25th Sunday of the Year
SH. Int : People of the Parish
ST. Int: Orlando Aiello RIP

The question which Jesus puts before the disciples in today's gospel is one which requires such a "krisis" - or decision. Who do you say I am? Jesus asks. It comes at the pivotal point of Mark's gospel. Jesus has shown through his deeds, his actions, his words and his teaching that his call to us all to proclaim the message of the coming kingdom of God is all about making this decision. And he then presents us with the impact of what it will involve: suffering, rejection, ridicule, hardship and ultimately death. It's not what Peter wants to hear. Surely the Christ, the Messiah, is meant to reign as king with great power and might and to much acclaim? The truth, as Mark will present to us in the rest of his gospel, is yes he will reign as king in our lives, but from an altogether different perspective in which our crisis, our decision to follow him, frees us from the constraints which tie us to earthly things, so as to live for the sake of the Good News.

Deacon Anthony

The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Here I want to recognize, encourage and thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share. Particular appreciation is owed to those who tirelessly seek to resolve the tragic effects of environmental degradation on the lives of the world's poorest.

Pope Francis. Encyclical Laudato Si

REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASS. As from **Monday 13th September** the need to book to come to Mass will no longer apply. As you are aware, in July, England moved onto Stage 4 of the road map and most of the restrictions which were in place were lifted. Please be assured that our responsibility for ensuring the health and safety of all who use our Churches and buildings still remains uppermost in our minds and if circumstances change then we will review our policies accordingly.

We still request that the following takes place:

- The need to sign in will no longer apply, but we encourage everyone to check in using the QR codes via the NHS app for track and trace. If anyone wants to be contacted in the event of any reported covid infection and you have not checked in using the QR code you can leave your name and contact number on the sheet provided in the porch either on entry or exit to church and we will then contact you.
- For the protection of all, we request that you use the hand sanitiser on entry.
- We request that everyone should wear a face mask unless exempt.
- Ventilation will be maintained as we will continue to open the windows and doors where possible.
- Welcomers will be on hand to help as necessary with greeting and seating.
- There will be no designation of individual seating or family pews. You are free to sit with others if you wish to. However "please leave a space" cards will be available to enable a gap to be left for distancing should you wish. Please respect the use of these cards.
- Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind and continues to be recommended that we receive in the hand only.
- Please continue to observe the one way systems and social distancing currently in place when coming up to Holy Communion.
- Please continue to refrain from meeting and chatting with others inside Church. You are welcome to do so once outside.
- Please take care on leaving Church by doing so in an orderly manner.
- If you still do not feel comfortable coming to the 11am Mass on a Sunday when it is busy, the Saturday evening Masses at St Teresa's and St Thomas More and the 9.30am Mass on a Sunday at St Hugh's are less busy.

Congregational Singing: This is now permitted although we envisage a gradual re-introduction with perhaps an entry and recessional hymn, Gospel and Eucharistic acclamation and the Great Amen to begin with .

Collections and Donations: We are encouraged to give by standing order (please see website for further details), or the Donate Button on the website, by the collection box at or nearby the Church entrance or the passing of the collection basket at the Offertory. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation

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.

"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 in the latest edition of Grapevine magazine. 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.

Season of Creation 1 Sep to 4 Oct During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share. Attached is a link to a Novena to Saint Francis which we can access and pray during this time.

Novena to St Francis | CAFOD There are also plenty of resources available by going to the Grapevine link on the Parish Caritas website.

Also a new document has been published by the Vatican. It is a joint message from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople Bartholomew and the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby for the protection of Creation.

Press Release: Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Archbishop of Canterbury join together for the first time in urgent appeal for the future of the planet (vatican.va) It can be accessed through the Vatican link on the parish website.

Cafod Family Fast Day is on Friday 1 October.

Sacramental Preparation: First Holy Communion & Reconciliation

We pray that all our children, Mums and Dads enjoyed the summer break. Thank you for your hard work and cooperation. Please use the time now available to catch up on any outstanding work in the I Belong book which you haven't yet completed.

Our next session for parents and children will be **Monday 20th September at 5.30pm** to review and complete Chapters 9 & 10 of the I Belong book. **All candidates** along with a parent/guardian are expected to attend. Don't forget the videos that are available for you to follow on the website. There is one video for each Chapter. So if anyone needs to go over any topic then please do use them as an extra resource.

Reconciliation: This will now be celebrated on **Saturday 9th October 2021**. Please keep our children in your prayers as they prepare for this important step on their faith journey.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA A new RCIA course commenced last Monday in St Teresa's Parish Hall. The course is for adults who are interested in becoming Catholics and enquirers from all three parishes are welcome. If anyone would like further information please contact Bernadette Allinson, on 0115 9293812 or 07890237027, or one of the clergy.

St Hugh's Church Hall. Thankyou to everyone who has supported the raffle. Up to now we have raised £298 and it will be drawn today. We also have raised £527.41 towards the gardening fund. Thanks again to everyone. This will go towards the large bills we had to pay out. We are also pleased to welcome people to our Coffee after Sunday and Wednesday Mass.

St Thomas More Tea and Coffee available after the 9.30am Mass every Friday. Do come along for some easy chat and social.

St Teresa's We will start serving refreshments after the 11am Mass on Sunday 19th September in the church hall. If anyone would like to help and join the rota for teas and coffees on a Sunday please see one of the Clergy.