



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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 28th Nov 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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Messages can be left on all the above numbers if they are not answered immediately. We will attempt to respond as soon as possible. If you have an item of news for the Bulletin then please email the office by Thursday lunchtime at the latest.

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 or the office 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 a visit by Fr Stanley or Fr Richard can be arranged for confession.

Collections : St Hugh's £96.25 + SO £104.00
St Thomas More: £67.00 + SO £165.00
St Teresa £426.66 + SO £227 .00 Thank you

THAT DAY WILL BE SPRUNG ON YOU SUDDENLY, LIKE A TRAP

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 Advent Psalter: Wk 1

THE ADVENT OF THE LORD—MARANTHA, COME, JESUS COME!

Saturday 27th November Vigil of First Sunday of Advent
5.00pm STM. Int: Audrey Chollerton RIP
6.30pm ST. Int: Molloy Family Intentions

Sunday 28th November First Sunday of Advent
9.30am SH. Int: Mira Catherine Gilsean RIP
11.00am ST. Int: John, Margaret & Brendan Cummins RIP

Monday 29th November Advent Feria
Mass 9.30 am ST Int: Oliver Begley RIP

Tuesday 30th November St Andrew, Apostle

Wednesday 1st December Advent Feria
Mass 9.30am SH Int Thanksgiving

Thursday 2nd December Advent Feria

Friday 3rd December St Frances Xavier, Priest (memorial)
Mass 9.30am STM Int Joyce Waldron & Eileen Bennett RIP

Saturday 4th December Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Advent
5.00pm STM. Int: Fred & Mary Bennett RIP
6.30pm ST. Int: Paul Scullion RIP

Sunday 5th December Second Sunday of Advent
9.30am SH. Int : Valenan Tauro. RIP
11.00am ST. Int: Imelda & Martin McQuaid Intentions

Two weeks ago, as you may recall, the gospel we read from St Mark, spoke of the events which St Luke describes today. We were told to interpret those events as apocalyptic. In other words, Jesus was describing in revelatory terms, the happenings which would be witnessed because of his actions and deeds. In particular, the destruction of the Temple. This majestic and imposing edifice would, he told the disciples, be left in ruins, with not a single stone remaining on another. This dramatic prospect obviously horrified and startled them. But Jesus told them something which also astonished them. He said that when this happened it would be the moment when they were to stand erect and hold their heads high, because their liberation was near at hand. Understandably they thought this was completely counterintuitive.

Times of trial and tribulation often come upon us without any warning. A sudden change of circumstance, a piece of devastating news, can throw all our plans and hopes into confusion and chaos. Such happenings can cause us to question our motives and our belief. Why are these things happening and taking place? How do we accept them or receive them? Often we do so with the same sense of trepidation which swept over the disciples - shock and incomprehension - and that's completely natural. But notice how Jesus shapes our understanding by asking us to find a pathway within these events that enables us to come through them. Such things can indeed cause us to become hard hearted. They can lead us down a pathway of abandoning the mercy and compassion which lies at the centre of our faith, coarsening and deadening our willingness to make sense of what has taken place. Jesus invites us to use our reason, or as he puts it, to "stay awake". He asks us to keep faith, or as he puts it, to "pray for the strength to survive", so that, with his guidance we navigate our way through these stormy waters. This we can do because we are on a pathway which draws us ever close to the advent of the Lord.

As we begin this Advent, let us use this liturgical season to interpret the signs of our times and what the tearing down of the temples we have erected, might signify for us.
Deacon Anthony

Today Advent begins, the liturgical time which prepares us for Christmas, inviting us to lift our gaze and open our hearts to welcome Jesus. During Advent we do not just live in anticipation of Christmas; we are also called to rekindle the anticipation of the glorious return of Christ — when he will return at the end of time — preparing ourselves, with consistent and courageous choices, for the final encounter with him. We remember Christmas, we await the glorious return of Christ, and also our personal encounter: the day in which the Lord will call.

ADDRESS OF POPE FRANCIS at the Angelus 1st Sunday of Advent

SYNODAL PATHWAY 2021



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Thanks to those who have submitted their questionnaires. Please keep them coming in – we want to have your views and hopes for the future of our parishes. It can be downloaded from the website by clicking on the Synod logo on the front page at www.stthomasmorewollaton.org.uk Hard copies are still available from each Church. Please email your replies by 5 December 2021 to saint.htt@outlook.com or by handing it in at Church. Thank you.

For those unable to access it through the parish you can submit your responses to the parish questions online by visiting www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/synod2023 and clicking on 'HAVE YOUR SAY'. The information submitted will feed into our own parish reflections. This form can also be used by those on the margins of the Church or who are not a Catholic. We are being invited to ask those furthest away from our community to be involved so I encourage you to share this with friends and family. Scan the QR code to go directly to the form. Scan the QR code to go directly to the form.



CONGRATULATIONS

St Teresa's Primary School received an 'Outstanding' award in the recent OFSTED inspection that took place on the 28th and 29th September. We are extremely delighted with this recognition and delighted to have such a wonderful school available to the children of our Parish.



ST TERESA'S SCHOOL INFORMATION ABOUT ADMISSIONS

If you have a child who will be 5 years old between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 and would like to apply for a place at St-Teresa's Catholic Primary School please make your application on the Nottingham City website before 15th January 2022. IMPORTANT: When applying for a school place at St-Teresa's Primary school, in addition to your online application with Admissions, please also complete the Supplementary Form which can be found on the school website. Please remember to also provide a copy of your child's baptism certificate. For further help and support please ring the school office on 0115 9155762.

ST HUGH'S AUTUMN FAYRE

THANKS to everyone who worked and supported our Fayre. The grand total is £1071.76. There are some unclaimed prizes in the church, all pink tickets and some lovely gifts and toys (new) for sale in the hall.

DISCOVER HOW JESUS IS SPEAKING TO YOU IN SCRIPTURE

On Tuesday 7th December at 7:30pm Sr Hyacinthe a Dominican Sister, catechist, tutor, writer and joy filled follower of Jesus will lead a workshop on Zoom introducing the 4 senses of Scripture. These skills are great ways to help us see how we can use and understand scripture more in our own lives and in catechesis too. Register for the talk by visiting www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/onlineevents

THE CRISIS IN AFGHANISTAN

The humanitarian situation in Afghanistan is deteriorating. If you wish to donate then please access the Cafod Appeal through this link to the Cafod website [AfghanistanCrisisAppeal | CAFOD](http://AfghanistanCrisisAppeal.CAFOD)

MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY

A meeting of the Working Party will be convened on Thursday 9th December at 6.30pm at St Hugh's Parish Hall.

KATH AMATT RIP

Kath's funeral rites will be as follows: Reception in St Thomas More Church Wednesday 1st December at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 2nd December at 11.30am followed by burial at Beeston Cemetery at 1.00pm

MARGARET CUMMINS RIP

Margaret's funeral rites will be as follows: Reception in St Thomas More Church Wednesday 15th December at 5.00pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 16th December at 10.00am followed by burial at Beeston Cemetery at 11.30am.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and welcome to Joella Achu, Luna Contarato Batista, Ikechi Eze Inechi and Finley Hill who are being baptised into our church community this weekend. Please keep Joella, Luna, Ikechi, Finley, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

VOLUNTEERS AT ST HUGH'S

We are looking for volunteer drivers to take a Minister of Holy Communion to the sick after Mass on a Sunday morning. If you can help please contact Doreen. Also if you are interested in reading at Mass on a Sunday please speak with Doreen.

ST HUGH'S CHURCH CLEANING

is planned for this Tuesday 30th November from 10am. If you can help please speak to Doreen.

FOOD BANK

At Lincoln Court we are collecting food etc for our local food bank here in Bilborough. If you would like to support this please bring items along to St Hugh's Church where it will be collected.

CHURCH REGISTRATION

If you would like to register as a parishioner at either of our churches please email us at st.teresa.aspley@outlook.com with your name/s address, telephone no/s and your preferred email address. Thank you.

ADVENT LITURGIES FOR OUR PARISHES

You are warmly invited as part of our Advent preparation to the following liturgies in our parishes:

Sunday 12th DECEMBER AT ST THOMAS MORE 4.30PM
Courage – Do not be afraid. Look your God is coming.
An Advent with the Prophet Isaiah

Followed by the blessing of the tree and refreshments in the Hall

THURSDAY 16th DECEMBER AT ST TERESA 7.30PM
Service of Reconciliation with individual Confession

ADVENT "WALK WITH ME" BOOKLETS
Available at the back of church at a cost of £1.00.

