



## 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9TH JANUARY 2022

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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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 £117.60 + SO £104.00

St Thomas More: £39.00 + SO £165.00

St Teresa £379.46 + SO £227 .00 Thank you

#### SOMEONE IS COMING WHO WILL BAPTISE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE

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](http://www.stthomasmorewollaton.org.uk) and clicking on the facebook link (blue square)

Weekday Lectionary First week of Ordinary time  
Psalter: Wk 1

#### A DIFFERENT SORT OF RESOLUTION

Saturday 8th January Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord (Feast)  
5.00pm STM Int Margaret Cummins RIP  
6.30pm ST Int: Christine Carroll RIP

As we begin this new year of 2022, many of us will have been thinking ahead to what possibilities and outcomes await us. Perhaps we have been wondering about the pandemic and the ways in which it will continue to disrupt our lives? When will it be over? Will we have to learn to live our lives in its shadow and continue to adjust and adapt the way we do things for years to come? Such questions are inevitable, but they do highlight the sense of disruption we all feel about making plans in such uncertain times. The New Year though is often the catalyst for us to resolve to make changes which we hope will bring about improvements and innovations to our normal everyday routine, thereby opening up for us new avenues along which to walk, and which we hope, will affect a permanent and beneficial change. Do we ever think along these lines when considering our faith? Perhaps we should, and the Feast of the Baptism is a great model for encouraging us in this process.

Sunday 9th January The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)  
9.30am SH. Int : People of the Parish  
11.00am ST. Int: Welfare of Pauline Barry

Monday 10th January Feria  
9.30am Mass ST Int Welfare of Kay Twomey

Tuesday 11th January Feria

Wednesday 12th January Feria  
9.30am SH Int Edna Gibson RIP

Thursday 13th January Feria

Friday 14th January Feria  
10.30am Requiem Mass for David Amatt

Saturday 15th January Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of the Year  
5.00pm STM Int: M&P Bennett Intentions  
6.30pm ST Int: Maureen Dawson Intentions

Sunday 16th January 2nd Sunday of the Year  
9.30am SH. Int : John Hughes RIP  
11.00am ST. Int: Fr Stanley Ofoegbu Intentions

How can thinking about my baptism become the means through which my faith becomes more relevant and impactful for me as I live my life? To begin with I believe we must open our minds to the reality that for each of us our baptism is a living reality and not something which just happened years ago. If we ponder the thought that *I am baptised* rather than *I was baptised* thus making it a real and present experience, then it should become obvious to us that baptism is a dynamic and powerful motivating force for us. The moment of baptism is no longer an ossified, frozen memory, but a daily re-awakening of what my purpose is. My life as an ikon of the life of Christ, full of grace and truth, and as a consequence, an expression of the glory of God made present in me as a person fully alive. The grace which abounds in me is to be poured into others through the truth of God's boundless love being expressed in the ordinary and routine things which I do. These deeds become prophetic and priestly because they bring about the kingdom as a tangible reality each day. In living them each day, my life becomes ever closer to the one who has made his home in me. Let us make it our resolution this year, to allow the abiding presence of Christ, alive in each one of us by virtue of our baptism, to bear fruit in plenty.

Happy New Year.

Deacon Anthony

On the first day of his ministry, Jesus thus offers us his "programmatically manifesto". He tells us that he does not save us from on high, with a sovereign decision or act of force, a decree, no: he saves us by coming to meet us and taking our sins upon himself. This is how God conquers the world's evil: by humbling himself, taking charge of it. It is also the way that we can lift up others: not by judging, not by suggesting what to do, but by drawing near, empathizing, sharing God's love. Closeness is God's way with us.

ADDRESS OF POPE FRANCIS on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

#### THE SYNOD PROCESS THE NEXT STAGE



Thank you to all who have completed a questionnaire – there is still time for you to complete one if you haven't already done so – but the next phase of the consultation process is fast approaching. On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm at the Good Shepherd Arnold a special Deanery Meeting is being held to discuss our shared actions which are to be submitted to the Diocesan Synod contacts. We are asked to send two delegates from each parish to be parish reps at this meeting along with the clergy. If you would like to be a parish rep please let Deacon Anthony know by January 13<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Many thanks.

#### COVID GUIDANCE FROM BISHOP'S CONFERENCE IN THE LIGHT OF THE OMICRON VARIANT FOR ATTENDING MASS.

Face covering mandatory unless exempt.

Anyone displaying any symptoms of Covid should remain at home and not travel to Church. Good ventilation is necessary in Church so please wrap up well in Church. As regards the Sunday Obligation, the Bishops, now having reflected on the current situation in England and Wales, recognise that the causes and effects of the pandemic are still present to such a degree that the absolute duty for all to freely attend the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration cannot yet be fulfilled.

#### LOSS, GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next meeting for the Loss, Grief and Bereavement Group will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at St Thomas More Parish Social Centre 2.00pm – 3.30pm. Please contact Judith on 0115 9284816

#### SCRIPTURE STUDY

The Scripture Group will begin its study of the Gospel of John on Thursday 27 January 2022 at 7.30pm on Zoom. Please drop an email to [saint.htt@outlook.com](mailto:saint.htt@outlook.com) if you would like to attend.

#### ST TERESA'S SCHOOL INFORMATION ABOUT ADMISSIONS



St Teresa's  
Catholic Primary School

If you have a child who will be 5 years old between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### FAITH IN FAMILIES

Due to financial difficulties Faith in Families is merging with a larger agency and charity, Adoption Focus. They have decided to stop the collection boxes as they feel this source of fundraising has come to a natural end - the income from this method has dropped tremendously over the years. If you are a box holder, please would you contact Maria on tel: 07973786648 to organise collection of your final donation via this method. Thank you.

#### HELPING OUT AT YOUR CHURCH

As we begin a new year we need help to keep our churches in a good state of repair. If you can help with cleaning, flowers or general maintenance please contact the office on a Monday or Friday and we will be able to share more information with you. Your Church/Parish needs you. Please come forward.

#### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DAVID AMATT RIP

Evening Reception at St Thomas More:

Thursday 13 January 6.00pm.

Requiem Mass: Friday 14 January 10.30am

Burial: Beeston Cemetery 12.00noon

#### SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME IN OUR CHURCH

As we begin this new year we are already planning our programmes for the sacraments. We will have Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation beginning soon. Anyone who intends to receive the Sacraments needs to be attending Mass with their family regularly. This way the Priest and Catechists will get to know the candidates and won't be seeing their faces for the first time when the programme begins. If you are not already registered and receiving our weekly updates for your Church please do so that you don't miss out on these important dates when they are advertised. It is so important that candidates are attending Mass before starting this next step in their faith journey.

#### CARITAS IN OUR PARISHES

Don't forget to keep up to date with our Caritas initiative by checking out the website page and reading the Grapevine magazine. The new issue is now available and there are a number of different features and initiatives which provide opportunities for us all to get involved. We hope to gather the Here, Now Us group together in the New Year to review our workshop experience and plan our pathway ahead. Many thanks Deacon Anthony.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18 TO 25 JANUARY 2022

This year's theme is inspired by the story of the Magi. Prayer resources to help prepare services, and daily reflections can be found on Churches Together website at <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

#### 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](mailto:st.teresa.aspley@outlook.com) with your name/s address, telephone no/s and your preferred email address. Please let us know the church you worship at. We will then add you to our database and you will receive weekly email with Newsletter and updates.

#### REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL AFTER MASS

Tea/Coffee will be served in St Hugh's Hall after Mass on Wednesdays and Sundays and in St Teresa's Hall after Mass on a Sunday. Please note there will be no coffee this Friday at St Thomas More due to Funeral. Please do try and visit as this is an opportunity for parishioners to meet in a friendly atmosphere for a chat. If you would like to have a word with the Priest then please let him know after Mass and visit the hall and grab a coffee and Fr will come and see you in the warmth. This is an enjoyable gathering for all adults and children.