



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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 15TH MAY 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 Price 10p

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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 can be arranged for confession.

Collections : St Hugh's £149.71 + SO £104.00

St Thomas More: £136.01 + SO £165.00

St Teresa £498.23 + SO £227 .00 Thank you

IN THE SON OF MAN, GOD HAS BEEN GLORIFIED

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 Eastertide Psalter: Wk 1

THE SIGNATURE OF OUR DISCIPLESHIP

Saturday 14th May The Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Easter

5.00pm STM Int: Parishioners in thanksgiving for support

6.30pm ST Int: People of the Parish

Sunday 15th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am SH. Int: Anna Ludlow. RIP

11.00am ST. Int: People of the Parish

Monday 16th May Sts Philip and James, Apostles (Feast)

9.30am ST. Int:

Tuesday 17th May Easter Feria

Wednesday 18th May Easter Feria

9.30am SH. Int: M & P Bennet Thanksgiving Anniversary (58)

Thursday 19th May Easter Feria

Friday 20th May Easter Feria

7.30pm STM. Int: John Savage RIP

Saturday 21st May The Vigil of Sixth Sunday of Easter

5.00pm STM Int: Paddy McCormack RIP

6.30pm ST Int: Thanksgiving (NC)

Sunday 22nd May Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am SH. Int: Yvonne Rowbottom RIP

11.00am ST. Int: People of the Parish

Although we are still in the Season of Easter, when the joy of the resurrection is still very much the experience of the moment, the gospel readings from now on take us back into the Upper Room with its atmosphere of uncertainty and tension. This may at first seem rather an odd thing to do. Here we are currently living the joy and hope of the news that Jesus is risen, so why, we may ask, do we need to revisit the sad and harrowing moment that so overwhelmed the disciples? It is a reasonable question to ask, and I think the answer is to be found in the words of Jesus: I shall not be with you much longer. When they first heard them what must the disciples have thought? Is he turning his back on us all and leaving? Is he running away and abandoning us to our fate? What does he mean, I give you a new commandment? How does leaving us on our own demonstrate how he loves us? It is only when we can look back at these words from the standpoint of the Risen Jesus, that we finally come to understand them.

The commandment to love one another is given during the Last Supper when he takes a bowl of water and washes their feet, and remember he washes the feet of all the disciples, Judas included. Yet all of them will run away from him and abandon him to his fate. Jesus will no longer be with them because they have left him. But now they have witnessed him alive again and he comes into their presence and speaks of a love for them that is overwhelming in its beauty and generosity and which he calls on them to copy. He shows them his hands and his side and speaks to them words of peace and not words of recrimination. There is no animosity but simply an outpouring of his spirit when he breathes on them and offers them his risen self. The bread and the wine which they shared on that tension filled Thursday evening, now stands before them. In his risen body and his blood is the love that renews them and fills them with faith. By this love, he tells them, will all people know that you are my disciples.

We can now understand what he means and why the words spoken on that holy Thursday are so vital to the events that now take place after the resurrection. The gospels we read from now till Pentecost will illuminate our own appreciation of the power of this love, of its abiding presence within us and of its power to consecrate us as his disciples. It is the signature by which we are to be identified. Let us make its presence felt in our lives, in times of tension and anxiety as well as in times of joy and gladness.

Deacon Anthony

Jesus loved us first. He loved us despite our frailties, our limitations and our human weaknesses. It was he who ensured we become worthy of his boundless and never-ending love. By giving us this new commandment, he asks us to love one another, not only and not so much with our love, but with his, which the Holy Spirit instils in our hearts if we invoke him with faith. In this way — and only in this way — can we love one another not only as we love ourselves but as he loved us, that is, infinitely more. Indeed, God loves us much more than we love ourselves. And thus, we can spread everywhere the seed of love that renews relationships between people and opens horizons of hope.

ADDRESS OF POPE FRANCIS on 5th Sunday of Easter

MINISTRIES WITHIN THE CHURCH

We have various ministries within the church to enable parishioners to assist the priest in preparing and celebrating the Mass. We aim to encourage people to use their gifts in the service of the church. Due to the increasing number of parishioners attending our Masses at the weekend we very much need new volunteers to step up and help with the different ministries around the Church. At the moment the responsibility lies with a small number of volunteers and it is getting more difficult to sustain this. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: **Welcomers/Stewards: Readers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Church Cleaning: Flower Arranging: Altar Servers: Buildings/Maintenance: Sacristans: Social Team.** Please speak to Fr Stanley/Deacon Anthony or email your details to the office or complete a volunteer form which can be found at the back of church if you are able to help with any of the above ministries.

DEANERY AND PARISH RE-ORGANISATION 2022

A copy of the proposal along with the Diocesan proposal and minutes from the Deanery Road show of the 7 March can be found and accessed from the front page of the parish website. We will inform you of the Bishop's response when received and thereafter begin the process towards merger into one new parish with either three or two places of worship, in line with what the Bishop has decided.

ROSARY AT ST TERESA'S

As we enter the month of May, our minds turn to Our Blessed Lady. It has been a long-standing Catholic tradition to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in May, so with this in mind, the Rosary will be said at St Teresa's church, 20 minutes before Mass during the month of May. Please join us for this devotion in church.

LET US PRAY

For all our school children at Trinity secondary school who are preparing for their exams this May. We pray that the wisdom of God will come upon their lives and may they be able to focus and understand the work presented to them. We pray for Your peace to come upon them, and that they will learn to lean upon You, and to cast their worries into Your hands.

CONFIRMATION 2022

The next meeting for candidates will be this Saturday 14th May at 5pm in Church hall. Can we ask that candidates make every effort to arrive on time for the class to start promptly at 5pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our next meeting takes place Monday 23rd May at 5.30pm at St Teresa's Church. All candidates should attend with a parent/guardian.

CLERGY FORMATION FUND SECOND COLLECTION

Thank you to all who gave so generously to the second collection for the Clergy Formation Fund. It is very much appreciated.

ST THOMAS MORE: CREAM TEA TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

This will be on Thursday 2 June 2022 from 2.00 – 4.00pm at the Parish Social Centre. Tickets are £5.00. Please let Deacon Anthony know if you wish to attend. All proceeds will go to Hayward House Specialist Palliative Care Unit.

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX CELEBRATION FOR HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Together with the people in the community we will be running an event at the church hall on Sunday 5th June in the afternoon to celebrate this special occasion. There will be live music, entertainment, children's entertainment, dancing and food. This event will be free and will be open to parishioners and people in the community. We will issue tickets to keep a record of number of attendees. Please save the date and try and join us for this parish and community celebration. More details to follow.

INTERNATIONAL SHARING LUNCH

Sunday 26th June at St Hugh's. Please add your name if you are able to join in this event. More details to follow.

CARITAS IN OUR PARISHES

Here Now Us Springboard is the follow up to the HNU workshop from last November. Full details are available on the Caritas Page of the website along with booking details for the workshop on 10 September at the Cathedral.

Live Simply As a long-term project, we will begin the process of accepting the Cafod challenge to become a LiveSimply Parish. Please have a look at the Cafod website for the details of what is involved. It can be accessed at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/LiveSimply-award> If you would like to be part of this project, please contact Deacon Anthony. We would especially encourage our young parishioners to come on board with this project.

Ideas for Parish Social Activity across the parishes Please let us have your ideas for Parish Social activities. There's a sheet on the Notice Board at the back of each Church for you to give us your thoughts.



AWAKENING

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us at The Good Shepherd Church, Thackeray's Lane, Woodthorpe, (direct buses from the City every 10 minutes drop you outside the door). **Friday, 20th May.** Holy Mass at 7.30 am followed by Exposition :-8.00 am - 8.00 pm. Benediction at 7.45 pm.

"Without prolonged moments of adoration, of prayerful encounter with the Word, of sincere conversation with Lord, our work becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervour dies out. The Church urgently needs the deep breath of prayer".

Pope Francis. "Evangelii Gaudium"

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION

A Blessed Sacrament Procession, led by Bishop Patrick, will be celebrated on Corpus Christi, **Sunday 19th June**, starting from Saint Mary's church in Hyson Green, Nottingham (NG7 6FZ) at 2pm, and finishing at our Cathedral at around 4pm. All are very welcome – especially First Holy Communion children – see the poster for more details.

VOLUNTEERS AT ST HUGH'S

GARDENING... Still looking for volunteers to cut hedges and bushes, weed borders and car parks. If you can help please speak to Doreen. Garden Bin provided.

THE ANNUAL NEOPHYTES' MASS

Those who have been received into the Church this year and over the last two years, their families, catechists, sponsors are invited to a special Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, with Bishop Patrick, on this **Sunday 15th May at 3.00pm.** The period after initiation is a special time for those recently received into the Catholic Church (Neophytes), a time to explore the "mysteries" they have experienced, a time to gather and deepen their grasp of the strengthening of the Eucharist. Do join this special Mass with Neophytes from across the diocese, and enjoy the refreshments afterwards.

WELCOMING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Details of the schemes both Government and Diocesan can be found on the parish website front page.

I WAS IN PRISON...

An event on Saturday 21st May at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell. An opportunity to listen to the lived experience of prisoners and their families, and discover simple ways to help individually or as a parish. Pact, the Catholic prison charity, are joining forces with Caritas for the conference, with Bishop Patrick and prison chaplaincy from across in the diocese. For More information visit: bit.ly/iwasinprison or email parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk

HOSPITALS

To get a priest to visit your loved ones in hospital- The first step is to go through the ward and the Chaplaincy Department...QMC: 01150249924 ext 63799. City..1005 9691169. However, in an emergency please call and leave a message for your Parish Priest.

REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL AFTER MASS

St Hugh's Hall after Mass on Wednesdays and Sundays
St Thomas More's Hall After Mass on a Saturday
St Teresa's Hall After Mass on a Sunday.
Please do try and join us.