THE PARISH OF ST.THOMAS MORE, KIDLINGTON & ST.HUGH OF LINCOLN, WOODSTOCK

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2nd - 10th Dec'17 **1st Sunday in Advent - *Migrant's day*** **Week 1**

Parish Newsletter Text

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics t send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write t the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic Schools.

With my thanks for your kind cooperation, together with assurance of prayers as Advent approaches.

Yours devotedly in Christ

+ Bernard Longley

✠Bernard Longley
Archbishop of Birmingham

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Preparation for the Sacraments: May I thank all those parents who take the trouble and commitment to prepare their children for the sacraments meaningfully. Parents are the first teachers, and neither the school nor the parish could replace it. Nor could there be a machine or institution like the church that outputs sacraments, like our MARMITE! It is important that we do not make a mockery of the sacraments, and so do all that is right and proper in conscience. Priest is the minister of sacraments, and it is important that he is free to act in conscience and not feel coerced or muzzled in to performing the sacraments, it shall not happen. So, one need to choose to stand by your priest than to do otherwise. Nor should we feel forced to 'sacramenting', and so feel free to opt out of receiving the sacraments if we feel we are not ready, or find no meaning or have no faith or even if we have faith but not yet ready to receive them. It will be the right thing to do for our Children. We need to do all that is reasonably possible, we will be held accountable. This season reminds us of it quite starkly. Mind you not just for the sacraments, but for our lives & those for whom we are responsible!! - we need to remind ourselves, lest we forget! I know you will. I say well done! to all those; parents & teachers, for putting in an honest responsible effort, not just ticking boxes or appeasing one another. Of course this is not without sacrifices & hurt. I trust we are mature & grown up enough to face them & learn from them. Thank you for such understanding &courtesy. *Have a meaningful Advent!* ~ ***Fr Prem***

PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY FOR THE PREPARATION OF MASS Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come to us and renew us as we gather to celebrate this Sunday Mass. As we continue our pilgrimage of life, help us to become better Christians on earth so that we may rejoice with you for ever in Heaven.
To the Holy Trinity be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Diary

- **12th December 2017,** Tuesday Advent Taize Prayer Service, 7.30pm
- **10th & 11th of March 2018 Pastoral visitations** of the parish by Bishop William Kenny - **Parish Assembly**
- **10th June 2018,** Sunday First Holy Communion Mass 3.30pm
- **17th June 2018**, at 3.30pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop Kenney

Fund Raising Events

- **St Hugh's Monthly Lottery draw** - 1st Sunday of the month. All welcome.
- **4th Sunday of the Month**—Soup lunch after Midday mass– Next 22nd January
- **2nd December**—Christmas Bingo, 7.30pm
- **17th December**—Carol Service and Christmas Draw. 3pm

Christmas Carols & masses

Christmas Eve

7.00pm Carols 7.30pm Family Christmas Mass (W)

10.30pm Carols 11.00pm Christmas Night Mass (K)

Christmas Day 8.00am Dawn Mass (K)
9.30am Early morning Mass (W)
11.00am Christmas morning Mass (K

Please note, change of Christmas Mass times this year

CTK Announcements ~ CTK reps Kate & Marika

• volunteers needed to help the Food Bank, handing out here in Kidlington, packing up for other areas covered by the Bank in North Oxfordshire, and maybe drivers to take the stuff to some of the destinations. The Bank is open on Fridays from 10 to 1pm at Kidlington Baptist Church, High Street, and all are welcome.

• Glebe House Community Ecumenical Service, 10 December, 3 -4 pm

• Carol Singing: 16 December outside the Co-Op: 20 minutes at 10 am, 11 am, and 12 noon. ALL WELCOME to sing or just listen, coffee courtesy of the Co-op.

MISSIO: Dear Red Box Holders; Kindly collect your brown envelope, containing Mission TODAY calendar for 2018, from the Church porch. Please return to Church by 10th December, as I have to submit the annual audit before Christmas. Many thanks again for your continued support of the Mission Work in 2017. ~***Mary Laina***

Please pass the message to our bothers and sisters in the village and invite them along with you for our Advent Taize Service

Parish Christmas Draw Tickets

Books of the parish Christmas draw are available from the church porch.

Please support the parish by buying and taking some home and selling to family and friends. The draw will take place at the Carol Service on Sunday 17th December, 3pm.

Please return stubs and money to the sacristy, or through the Presbytery inner door in an envelope marked 'Christmas Draw'.

Donations of prizes would be much appreciated.

I have just forwarded £300 to our **mission in Swaziland** as an Advent Contribution. Reading the Students letters, at this time of year they are looking forward to the next years learning, some to progress and some to retake this years failures.

Zanele writes:Hi friends I hope that you are well and doing fine in life. I am a female who completed school but couldn't continue with my studies for tertiary because I failed some subjects in form 5. Thank you so much for paying for my school fees with the help of Sister Helen I am asking you once again to assist me financially next year. I would like to re-write the subjects which I failed so that I pass them and then be able to be accepted in a varsity or college. I would like to study accounting. May grace and peace from God be upon your lives at all times. May he also bless you abundantly and enlarge your territory. With love Zanele. ~ ***Sheila Cooper***

Please email your news item to Fr Prem by Thursday

This Newsletter is for the parishioners and friends of the parish. It is for private circulation. Feel free to take it with you and share it with others especially the sick and the homebound.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Charles Newland, Kate d'Ambrumenil, Catherine Elford (McCann), Baby David Ruth, Jane Lemon, Iris Ative, Lisa Crisp, Eileen Groom, Mark Selwood, Rebecca Lambert, William Hayes, Derek and Ella Osborne, Kit Murphy, Mary Couchman, Tina & Ray Hazell, Anne Howard, Sue Rugman, Fr Donald Cahill, June O'Leary, Tracy Richards, Bridget Spark, Jean Neale, Margaret Clancy, Pat Hornsby, Ambrose Hargreaves, Lord John Kerr, Pauline Lilley, Mona & Jimmy Doherty, Christopher Browne, Joan Knatt, Zoe Kamen, Pat Barfield, Amanda Ellington, Carmina, Rosa Liggins, Joyce Franklin, Cliff and Sheila Cooper, Fr Chris Greaney, Geoff Boorman, Vinca Boorman,

(Kindly keep us updated to remove names from the sick list as and when required)

AND FOR ALL THOSE WHOSE DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR DURING THIS TIME

Kathleen Walsh, Frank Taylor, Valerie Belton, Clara Cowley,

We Pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Margaret Josephine Acock who passed away during the week

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

Last Sundays Collections: STM: £322.94 - STH: £160.98

This Week's retiring collection is towards the Christmas Flowers & decorations

Next retiring collection is on 10/12/17—For Poor Parishes *Thank you.*

Advent Walk with me Please take with you, your Advent booklet and calendar.
If you wish you may make a donation towards it.

First Holy Communion 2017/2018 Programme

PARENTS MEETINGS

~~Thursday September 28th , 7.30pm~~
Tuesday Feb. 27th 2018, 7.30pm
Tuesday May 22nd 2018, 7.30pm

Celebration Masses Sunday 11.00am

~~1st October~~, ~~12th November~~, **3rd December (Giving Mass),** 28th January 2018, 25th Feb., 18th March, 22nd April, 20th May

First Confession– Catechist Session

~~*18th Sept —Pages 2-7*~~, ~~*2nd Oct—Pages 8-13*~~
~~*16th Oct—Pages 14-19*~~, ~~*30th Oct—Pages 20-25*~~
~~*6th Nov—Pages 26-30*~~, ~~*20thNov Pages 31-39*~~,
27th Nov—Pages 40-46

1st Confessions Tues. 5th Dec 2017 1.45pm

First Holy Communion-Catechist Sessions

14th Jan 2018, 28th Jan, 18h Feb, 5th Mar, 19th Mar , 16th Apr , 30th Apr , 14th May,
**Catechists sessions exact days, times and place will begin bfore the 18th, and catechist will get in touch*

Confessions 5th June 2018 3.30pm
Rehearsals - 7th June 2018, Thursday 3.30pm
First Holy Communion Mass, Sunday 10th June 2017 3.30 pm

coordinator: Sr Norbert Tel: 01865 433143
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Confirmation Programme—2017/2018

Parents Meetings

~~**27 /09/ 2017 - Wed, 7.30pm, Parents Meeting**~~
15/05/2018- Tuesday 7.30pm, Parents Meeting

Adoration & Benediction
18/05/2018 5 –5.30pm

Meeting with Fr Prem & Confessions
12/06/2018- (3.30–4.30)

Catechist's Sessions, Week Starting:
~~8/10/2017~~ , ~~13/11/2017~~, **14/01/2018**, 25/02/2018, 11/03/2018, 22/04/2018, 13/05/2018

Organising Mass—Saturday 6pm
~~30/09/2017 -Saturday 6.00pm Mass, Presentation of the Bibles~~
~~11/11/2017~~, **02/12/2017,** 27/01/2018, 24/02/2018, 17/03/2018, 21/04/2018, 29/04/2018, 19/05/2018

14th June (Thursday, 7pm) Rehearsals
17th June (Sunday 3.30pm) Confirmation Mass

Coordinator: Mrs Lena Shams
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St Hugh's Wish List - awaits your support!!

The revised version with the addition of chairs & tables are available. Please consider supporting it with the best you can, please pick your copy to give it a thought! I know you would as you always do. **Thank you!**

ST THOMAS MORE, KIDLINGTON **1st Advent** **Week 1**

SATURDAY 02nd Dec	**Sunday VIGIL MASS**	6.00 pm	Death anni John Hogan	Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8, Ps 79 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37
SUNDAY 03rd Dec	**1st Sunday of Advent**	11.00 am	RIP Constance & John King	
MONDAY 4th Dec	Advent Feria	9.30 am	-	Isaiah 2:1-5, Ps 121 Matthew 8:5-11
TUESDAY 5th Dec	Feast, Bishop St Birinus	7.00 pm	-	Isaiah 11:1-10, Ps 71 Luke 10:21-24
WEDNESDAY 6th Dec	Advent Feria	12.00 noon	***Mass at Woodstock***	Isaiah 25:6-10Ps 22 Matthew 15:29-37
THURSDAY 7th Dec	Memorial, Bishop & Doctory St Ambrose	-	University Chaplaincy	Isaiah 26:1-6, Ps 117 Matthew 7:21, 24-27
FRIDAY 8th Dec	Solemnity **Immaculate Conception of the** Blessed Virgin Mary	12.00 Noon	Mike & Paula Geary, & family	Genesis 3:9- 20, Ps 97 Ephesians 1:3-12 Luke 1:26-38
SATURDAY 9th Dec	**Sunday VIGIL MASS**	6.00 pm	-	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 84 2Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8
SUNDAY 10th Dec	**2nd Sunday of Advent**	11.00 am	Macario & Aguida Abraham (RIP)	

ST HUGH'S, WOODSTOCK (Morning Prayer daily at 11.30)

SUNDAY 03rd Dec	**1st Sunday of Advent**	**9.30 am**	The Lenagan family
WEDNESDAY 6th Dec	Feria OT	12.00 noon	Mike Hale
SUNDAY 10th Dec	**2nd Sunday of Advent**	**9.30 am**	Ahern & Harty Family

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 5-5.30 pm

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES
by appointment with Fr Prem
Please make sure you attend the parish regularly to ask for Sacraments.

Kindly make sure you are registered with the parish

Scripture Study Group **Monday, 11th December, 1.30 pm.** Come join us to read a scripture passage, and then to reflect and pray together. Contact Eileen Perkins on 01865 374129. **All are most welcome.**

'Tea/ Coffee - chit chat' at the Pub / Hall after 9.30 and 11 Masses. Stop by for a sip!