



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

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24th April - 9th May 2021

4th, 5th & 6th Sunday in Easter

Weeks: 4 & 1 of Easter

'This Sunday, The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, and is marked as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people - vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.' Taken from the Archdiocese of Birmingham Vocations office Website. For more information you can go to the Website by [clicking here](#).



Prayer for Vocations Sunday 2021 - 25th April

*God our Father,
you call each of us to follow Jesus, your Son,
on the path he has marked out for us -
the way of charity, service and fulfilment.*

*May the homes and parishes
of the Archdiocese of Birmingham
be blessed with ever-renewed dedication
to the work of building up your kingdom here on earth.*

*May those whom you call
to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life
faithfully give themselves
to the service of your Church.*

*Prompted and strengthened
by your Holy Spirit,
may I respond generously to
the call
to follow you each day and live out
my vocation,
to give you glory, for the good of
those around me
and for my own happiness.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen.*



Emblem of the Catechism of the Catholic Faith

"Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us." - Pope Francis

Fr Prem's message: Vocation is sadly misread and misinterpreted intentionally and unintentionally. It means a summoning (calling) by God and an unreserved, total surrender to God. Not every walk of life is a vocation. But we pray that every life will strive to be fulfilling God's will unreservedly and totally with a faithfulness to their calling to save & serve humankind for God - a vocation!

Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage 2021

Launched! The Archdiocese of Birmingham Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee, alongside The Kenelm Youth Trust have a great programme of activities for young people to engage in this year's pilgrimage and we hope to see schools, parishes and families from across our Diocese joining us this May! Keep reading to find out more... [click here](#)

ST THOMAS MORE, KIDLINGTON and St HUGH of Lincoln, WOODSTOCK
Our Life in the Parish and Action in the World!

**Sacramental Programme for our Children
First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion
& Confirmation**

I have given on our parish website an outline of the sacramental programme for our children of the parish [click here](#).

I have proposed three ways of preparing children

1. Home catechising and preparing
2. Families coming together in small groups and bubbles with or without parish volunteers helping with the catechesis and preparation.
3. Parish School preparing Children for the sacraments in keeping with the purpose of setting up faith schools. It comes under the diocesan Education Services.

I will be personally available to help, guide, lead those preparing children whenever and wherever is needed. I would invite parishioners to volunteer to be catechists and be available to support the catechesis of our children. I am also happy to help, support answer any clarifications on the faith or life of the Church - email, message, drop a note or bang on the door between 8.30 - 9.30 am!

Dates for the celebration of the sacraments fixed so far:

The Sacrament of first Confession / Reconciliation for the school - Tuesday, 25th May 2021 3.30pm

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion for the school Sunday 4th July 2021, 3.30pm

The Sacrament of Confirmation - for those who were due last year - 11th July 2021, 3.30pm

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the school for Yr 6 this year - 18th July 2021, 3.30pm

Photographs and celebration (only a cake) for First Holy Communion and Confirmation parents to come together and organise appropriately.

We Celebrate the Sacraments, We Pray, We faithfully live the life of the Church (Try to!), we support and build our village / town community & THEN WE DON'T STOP WE ACT WHEREVER WE ARE in matters of the world, for a better world! Come let us not shy about our faith but live it and live it to the full!

Missio Red Box 2020: Thank you!

In 2020, our community of St Thomas More & St Hugh of Lincoln raised **£1633.56** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Kidlington and Woodstock are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. **With kindest regards and many thanks again to you all, ~ Mary Laina**

Swazi Land Parish Project: Thank you to all who contributed to the Swaziland Appeal and the good news is that we were able to send £2000 to the Church community there. This will enable them to distribute some of the money to those in need within the community. They also need some money for a much needed water tower as they are building a disabled school nearby which is nearing completion. Thank you all again for your generosity and the nuns are so appreciative of our help-all the money goes directly to them. **~ Sean Calnan**

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SATURDAY 24th April 2021	Sunday Vigil St Thomas More, Kidlington (K) <i>Public by simply letting know</i> Not Zoomed	12-1 pm 5-530 6.00 Pm	<i>Private prayer and communion St Hugh's Woodstock</i> <i>Confessions (by appointment)</i> <i>At Kidlington before mass</i>	Acts 4:8-12 Ps 117 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18
SUNDAY 25th April 2021	4th Sunday of Easter <i>Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> St Hugh's Woodstock (W) <i>Holy Mass Zoomed & Public Attendance in church by emailing</i>	11 am 2-3 pm	<i>Thank you to Sirs Lucy, Norbert & Christina (Sean & Maggie Calnan)</i> Private prayer & Communion at St Thomas More, Kidlington	
MONDAY 26th April	Easter Feria (K) <i>Holy Mass only on Zoom</i> <i>NOT for public attendance</i>	11 am	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>(Jane Lemon)</i>	Acts 11:1-18 Ps 41-42 John 10:1-10
TUESDAY 27th April	Easter Feria (K) <i>Holy Mass Zoomed & Public Attendance in church by emailing</i>	11 am	<i>RIP Usha Canning</i> <i>(Tony & Teresa Canning)</i> 11.45 –12.45 Church open for Private Prayer & Communion (K)	Acts 11:19-26 Ps 86 John 10:22-30
WEDNES 28th April	Easter Feria (W)	-	-	Acts 12:24-13:5 Ps 66 John 12:44-50
THURS 29th April	Feast of St Catherine of Siena Virgin Doctor of the Church Patron of Europe <i>Holy Mass Zoomed & Public Attendance in church by emailing</i>	11 am	- 11.45 –12.45 Church open for Private Prayer & Communion (K)	1 John 1:5-2:2 Ps 102 Matthew 11:25-30
FRIDAY 30th April	Easter Feria (K) <i>Holy Mass only on Zoom,</i> <i>NOT for public attendance</i>	11 am	<i>Wellbeing Iris Jordan</i> <i>(Margaret King)</i>	Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2 John 14:1-6

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Catherine Elford (McCann), Jeoffery & Eileen Groom, Rebecca Lambert, Ella Osborne, Kit Murphy, Mary Couchman, Anne Howard, Sue Rugman, June O'Leary, Tracy Richards, Pauline Lilley, Christopher Browne, Neil Greenwood, Joyce Franklin, Sheila Cooper, Geoff Boorman, Stephen Kardos, Veryan Boorman, Marion Robinson, Richard Upton, Mary Sheehan, Sandra Lennagan, Gay Luff, Marie Murphy, Mona Doherty and Baby Martha

Kindly help to keep this list updated



WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR DURING THIS WEEK:

Ernest Pring, Peter Passant, Andrew Robinson, Jozef Borucki, Noreen Santos, James O'Brien, Paul McLoughlin, Molly Freeman, Alan Gray, Albert Thomas, Lord John Kerr, Thomas Hedges, Kevin Riordan, Margaret Salmon, Joan Taylor, Robert Rigby, Catherine Mulligan, John Ryan, John Jenkins, John Hickey, Percy Billington, & Eileen Cross
Eternal rest grant unto to them & to Noel Chue-Sang, O'Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen

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SUNDAY 2nd May 2021	5th Sunday in Easter St Thomas More, Kidlington (K) <i>Public by simply letting know</i> <i>& zoomed</i>	11 am ----- 2-3 pm	<i>RIP Martin Mellett</i> <i>(Jo & Al Foley)</i> ----- Private prayer & Communion at St Hugh's Woodstock(W)	
MONDAY 3rd May	Feast, Apostles St Philip & St James (K) <i>Holy Mass only on Zoom,</i> <i>NOT for public attendance</i>	11 am	<i>Wellbeing Marjorie Shaw</i> <i>(Margaret King)</i>	1 Corinthians 15:1-8 Ps 18 John 14:6-14
TUESDAY 4th May	Feast, English Martyrs (K) <i>Holy Mass zoomed & Public</i> <i>Attendance in church by emailing</i>	11 am	<i>Well being - Marion Robinson</i> <i>(Mary May)</i> 11.45 –12.45 Church open for Private Prayer & Communion (K)	Acts 7:55-60 Ps 30 Matthew 10:17-22
WEDNES 5th May	Easter Feria (W) <i>Holy Mass Zoomed & Public</i> <i>Attendance by emailing</i>	11 am	<i>14th Death Anni</i> <i>John Mallaghan (Anne Mallaghan)</i> 11.45 –12.45 Church open for Private Prayer & Communion (W)	Acts 15:1-6 Ps 121 John 15:1-8
THURS 6th May	Easter Feria (K) <i>Holy Mass zoomed & Public</i> <i>Attendance in church by emailing</i>	11 am	- 11.45 –12.45 Church open for Private Prayer & Communion (K)	Acts 15:7-21 Ps 95 John 15:9-11
FRIDAY 7th May	Easter Feria (K) <i>Holy Mass only on Zoom,</i> <i>NOT for public attendance</i>	11 am	-	Acts 15:22-31 Ps 56 John 15:12-17
SATURDAY 8th May 2021	Sunday Vigil St Thomas More, Kidlington (K) <i>Public by simply letting know</i> Not Zoomed	12-1 pm 5-530 ----- 6.00 Pm	<i>Private prayer and communion St Hugh's Woodstock</i> <i>Confessions (by appointment)</i> <i>At Kidlington before mass</i> ----- -	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 97 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17
SUNDAY 9th May 2021	6th Sunday of Easter <i>Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> St Hugh's Woodstock (W) <i>Public by simply letting know</i> <i>& zoomed</i>	11 am ----- 2-3 pm	<i>11th Death Anni.</i> <i>John Wyse (Daphne Wyse)</i> ----- Private prayer & Communion at St Thomas More, Kidlington	