



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

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9th - 17th October 2021

28th Sundays in OT Yr B

Psalter: Week 4

Message from the Archbishop ~ Dear Father, I am happy to send you the following information from the Bishops' Conference ahead of the Assisted Dying Bill which is due to receive its Second Reading, with full debate, on Friday 22 October 2021. I would be grateful if you could share the following information with your parishioners.

Novena to St John Paul II

There will be a national novena seeking the intercession of St John Paul II, on whose feast the Second Reading falls. **It will run from 13th-22nd October.** You will find a short and simple novena prayer for use in parish newsletters in the weeks ahead. This will also be accompanied by digital resources within the next few days which can be accessed via this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

Bishop John Sherrington (the Bishop responsible for the Day for Life) has said of the Novena:

'Jesus told his disciples to pray at all times and not lose heart. Providentially the discussion of Baroness Meacher's Bill in the House of Lords falls on the feast of St John Paul II on 22nd October. The novena, asking the intercession of St. John Paul II, who spoke courageously about the infinite worth of each human person and witnessed to the cross in his final illness, calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, to pray with perseverance that this Bill will be defeated. St. John Paul II, pray for us.'

The Novena Prayer for Parish Newsletters

Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be....

Right to Life: Call for Stories

Our friends at Right to Life are encouraging their supporters to submit compelling personal stories of the powerful benefits of palliative and end-of-life care, and of the dangers of assisted suicide. These will then be shared with peers as they consider the Bill this month. Any story, no matter how big or small it might seem, could be critical to the fight against assisted suicide in the Lord. These experiences will be very helpful to shaping the views of peers on this bill and convincing them to reject this extreme and dangerous proposal. You can submit your story here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/mystory>

With my prayers and kindest wishes.

Yours devotedly in Christ

✠Bernard Longley

Archbishop of Birmingham

Pope's call for a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.

Let us keep the intentions of the Pope in our thoughts and prayers, as we are put to action.

Pope Francis has recently called for all the family of God, the Church universal, to take part in this process of discerning a common vision for the mission of the Church. The process begins in the local church and then moves to the level of the universal Church, with the final synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in 2023. Over the next few weeks, I shall be giving more details of how we, as a parish, can participate and respond to the call of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to engage in this process of Synodality, a journeying together: Communion, Participation, & Mission. All the priests of the Archdiocese have been invited by His Grace, the Archbishop, to attend Pastoral Area Days in which we can explore the nature of Synodality with the people of the parish, in preparation for the 2023 Synod called by Pope Francis.

The Church of God is convoked in Synod. The path entitled "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission" will solemnly open on the 9th – 10th of October 2021 in Rome and on the following 17th of October in each particular Church. One fundamental stage will be the celebration of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, in October 2023,(1)which will be followed by the implementation phase that will again involve the particular Churches (cf. EC, arts. 19-21). With this convocation, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." 2 This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission. Our "journeying together" is, in fact, what most effectively enacts and manifests the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God.

FOR PASTORAL REFLECTION A basic question prompts and guides us: How does this "journeying together," which takes place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to Her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church?

Sacramental Programme

Those families that belong to the parish and whose children are not at St Thomas More, Kidlington are most welcome to enrol with Fr Prem for the sacramental programmes of First Holy Communion & Confirmation before the end of October.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Catherine Elford (McCann), Geoffery & 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, Richard Upton, Mary Sheehan, Sandra Lenagan, Gay Luff, Mona Doherty, Baby Martha & Anne Rammo
Kindly help to keep this list updated

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

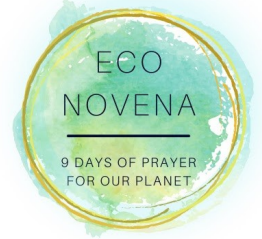


Deacon Pat Selwood, Christopher Dabney, Santiago Valero, Ian Thorns, Ross Sands, Bridget Purcell, Mary Hubbuck, Rose Juggins, Dorothy Gariff, Maureen Morgan, Frank Thomas, Leslie Hall, Oliver Hartigan, Maria Perry and James Murphy.

~ Eternal rest grant unto to them O' Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen ~

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Our Life in the Parish and Action in the World!

ECO NOVENA 10th - 19th October In the run up to COP26 - the global climate conference the UK is hosting in November, Churches Together in Kidlington is hosting 9 days of continuous prayer for our planet. The worship space at the Baptist Church will be transformed into an ambient and interactive prayer space with plenty of prayer prompts. These will be particularly geared towards the climate crisis (although of course you can use the space to pray however you feel led). The space will be open to the public from 1-5pm Mon-Sat. To sign up for an hour's slot (or 2 or 5!) use the sign up tool: <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/ec0889>



<https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/ec0889> A printable pdf with more information about the why's, how's and FAQ's etc can also be found [here](#). The Eco Novena is one of the ways that CTK are contributing to 'Revival for Survival', Kidlington's Eco Festival going on this Autumn. For more information about the [program of events see here](#). We're thrilled to have been able to play a role as churches in facilitating the conversations that have led to this taking place.



In the run up to the climate change conference COP26, Churches Together in Kidlington are holding an Eco Novena, 9 days and nights of continuous prayer for our world and environment. It is hosted by the Baptist church, and will start at 12 o'clock midnight on October 10th and finish at midnight on the 19th October. The inside of the Baptist church will be arranged into different areas, each with a focus for prayer and meditation, and St Thomas More church are setting up an area using prayers and resources from CAFOD and Pope Francis' 'encyclical 'Care for our common home'. The Baptist church will be open to the public for prayer between 1 and 5 each afternoon but individuals from the churches are invited to sign up for other times to ensure continuous prayer. Sign up at <http://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/ec0889>. ~ **Margaret King & Sally Grover**



St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

With Christ we **A**chieve, **B**elieve and **C**reate.

SCHOOL HEADTEACHER POST - I am informed that the newly appointed headteacher has resigned on personal grounds. So the school once again is in search of a new Headteacher. We keep the **Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Company** and the **Archdiocesan Education Services** in our thoughts and prayers in these very challenging time. We pray that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit in bringing about a well considered long term solution putting the well-being and the good of our children above everything else.

Please see the websites and the notice boards for the advert.

The Deadline for applications is 13h Oct. '21

Work at School Car Park - I just wanted to let you know that there will be work taking place in the school car park, and on the driveway, during the half term break (**from Friday 22nd October**). The collapsed drains are finally being seen to, and this will necessitate the digging up and resurfacing of these two areas. I am afraid that this will inconvenience the parishioners who use the car park at the weekends. It's a big job but absolutely essential, and once completed it will mean that there will be no more flooding in the car park, and a safer surface for cars and pedestrians alike. Please accept our apologies for the disruption that it may cause to you and the parish.

~ **School Headteacher**



Sunday 11am Mass is live interactive & streamed masses via zoom & YouTube join using the parish website, Catholic Parish of Kidlington (K) & Woodstock (W)

SATURDAY 9th Oct. 2021	<i>Confessions (K)</i> — Sunday Vigil St Thomas More, Kidlington (K)	5-5.30 — 6.00 pm	<i>RIP</i> <i>Marie Murphy</i> <i>(Sean & Maggie Calnan)</i>	Wisdom 7:7-11 Ps 89
SUNDAY 10th Oct. 2021 <i>Prisons</i> <i>Week</i>	28th in OT Yr B St Hugh's Woodstock (W) ----- St Thomas More Kidlington	9.30 am ----- 11am	<i>RIP</i> <i>Ryan Phillips</i> <i>(Mary Melvin)</i> ----- <i>12th Death Anni.</i> <i>Joseph Hatton (Rita)</i>	Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30 (Mk 10:17-27)
MONDAY 11th Oct.	Feria Ordinary Time (K)	9.30 am	-	Romans 1:1-7 Ps 97 Luke 11:29-32
TUESDAY 12th Oct.	Feria Ordinary Time (K)	7pm	<i>RIP</i> <i>Norman May</i> <i>(Mary May)</i>	Romans 1:16-25 Ps 18 Luke 11:37-41
WEDNES 13th Oct.	Feria Ordinary Time (W) <i>Adoration & Benediction</i>	11 am 11.30 —12	<i>RIP</i> <i>Edoardo Perello</i> <i>(Paola & Victor Albert)</i>	Romans 2:1-11 Ps 61 Luke 11:42-46
THURS 14th Oct.	Feria Ordinary Time (K)	9.30 am	-	Romans 3:21-30 Ps 129 Luke 11:47-54
FRIDAY 15th Oct.	Memorial, Virgin, Doc. Ch. St Teresa of Jesus (K)	11 am	-	Romans 4:1-8 Ps 31 Luke 12:1-7
SATURDAY 16th Oct. 2021	<i>Confessions (K)</i> — Sunday Vigil St Thomas More, Kidlington (K)	5-5.30 — 6.00 pm	<i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>(Sharon & Lemon family)</i>	Isaiah 53:10-11 Ps 32
SUNDAY 17th Oct. 2021	29th in OT Yr B St Hugh's Woodstock (W) ----- St Thomas More Kidlington	9.30 am ----- 11am	- ----- <i>10th Death Anni.</i> <i>William Laina (Mary)</i>	Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45 (Mk 10:42-45)