



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

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2nd—17th Mar 2024

3rd & 4th Sundays in Lent Year B

Psalter Lent weeks 3&4

**Fr Prem's Message:** Our General Parish Pastoral Assembly we held last Sunday was very well attended and it had a lovely spirit. I hope and pray very much that everyone felt that you were part of the parish life. Even though you might not have been able to attend, you had the opportunity and more importantly you kept the parish in your prayer with a promise to support the parish-life in everyway you could, to your best. I thank you all.

Very specially I thank Hanna Duncan for the wonderful summary on the parish's reflections on the synodality in a manner that pertains to the life of the parish in an ongoing way. It was uplifting setting the tone and the spirit to the meeting. My heartfelt thanks to Margaret for co-chairing the meeting with Hannah, and also John Bellasis for taking the secretarial role with such an enthusiasm and commitment. He has already sent me the minutes to read it first and accept it. I thank him for such courtesy and hope he forgives me for not doing so promptly as he expected, as I chase of few other things. But promise to do so before the next publishing of the newsletter.

Thank you to Kazia and the finance team for tackling the nut and bolt of the parish mechanism with a thankfulness to all parishioners amidst explaining the financial challenges and the difficulties. The headteacher for her very positive outlook for the school and the parish, sharing with us the good-news, new initiatives and goals of the school, thank you. Also how the parish could contribute to raise the profile of the school, to the benefit of the parish was inspiring. Thanks to Paul Molloy quite succulently highlighting the health and safety concerns and the awareness we must all have as a commonsense approach keeping the safety of the other and us, paramount. Many thanks.

There was a wonderful atmosphere and a joy at the meeting. Everyone was supportive, cooperative, and was taking the effort to understand each other without being challenging nor feeling challenged, nor the feel for any need of it. There were smiling faces not grinding! How can we help, what can we do to better the life of the parish with a sense of care, respect and regard for one another was the essence. We were a true family of God I felt. Thank you for such. Now, it was not simply the discussions and the will of the people were heavenly, but I think the atmosphere for such was not without the delicious food that was laid with such generosity at the courtesy of Mary Guilgunn-Jones and her lieutenants: Mary Laina and all Marys, all Margarets... and the team. A very big thank you.

I trust we all went feeling that we would have had a bit more time, bit more to talk and discuss other matters too, and lot more for the good of the parish. But this was just enough! Yes there are three other opportunities in the year to come and discuss the nitty-gritty of the parish, any particular interests and concerns. The door is open. the opportunity is there, yours. So please do participate through the year in these discussions. The ways you could support the parish were given too. You must have seen that I have appointed Irma Foster as the chief catechist for the parish as a mentor and the check for me and the parish on the catechesis and teachings of the Church. Thank YOU!

**The Retiring collection weekends: 2nd/3rd Mar - Cathedral Maintenance, 16th/17th - Easter Flowers, 29th (Good Friday) - Holy Places, 6th/7th Apr—Help Parish Debt.**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance  
And the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is  
**Anastasia Hargreaves-Hand and Hannah Tebb : [sg.stthomasmore.kidlington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stthomasmore.kidlington@rcaob.org.uk).**  
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3rd Sunday of Lent Yr B, Week 3 in Lent, Yr II- Psalter Lent Week 3

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

<b>SATURDAY</b> 02nd Mar	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	RIP Bernard Knatt (Parish)	Exodus 20:1-17  Ps 18
<b>SUNDAY</b> 03rd Mar 2024	<b>Third Sunday of Lent, Yr B</b> St Hugh's Woodstock (W) St Thomas More Kidlington (K) Zoomed & public attendance	9.30 am -- 11am	1st Death Anni. Casimiro Botelho (Maria Claudina Botelho)  RIP Bernard Knatt (Maggie Beahan )	1 Corinthians 1:22-25  John 2:13-25

## Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For the New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

<b>MONDAY</b> 04th Mar	Lent Feria (K)	9.30 am	RIP Joan Copeland	2 Kings 5:1-15, Ps 41-42, Luke 4:24-30
<b>TUESDAY</b> 05th Mar	Lent Feria (K)	7pm	RIP John Kevin Guianae (Angela Nolan & Family)	Dan 3:25,34-43, Ps 24, Matthew 18:21-35
<b>WEDNES</b> 06th Mar	Lent Feria (W) Way of the Cross 11& Holy Mass 11.30	11 am	RIP Joan Copeland	Deut 4:1,5-9, Ps 147, Matthew 5:17-19
<b>THURSDAY</b> 07th Mar	Lent Feria (K)	9.30 am	<b>School Class mass Yr 4</b> RIP Joan Copeland	Jeremiah 7:23-28, Ps 94 Luke 11:14-23
<b>FRIDAY</b> 08th Mar	Lent Feria (K) Way of the Cross 11 & Holy Mass 11.30	11 am	RIP Joan Copeland	Hosea 14:2-10, Ps 80, Mark 12:28-34

## Parish Diary for the Year

- **4th Thursday of Lent, 14th March** Parish Penitential Service, 7pm - 8pm.
- **9th June 2024**, Sunday, First Holy Communion Mass 3.30pm
- **23rd June 2024**, Sunday at 3.30pm Confirmation Mass with the Episcopal Vicar for our region.

Please sign up for the Washing up of the Feet on Maundy Thursday, 6th April 8pm

## Fund Raising Events for the School & the Parish

- ♦ **St Hugh's Monthly Draw** - 1st Sunday of the month. All welcome.
- ♦ **Last Friday of the Month (out side of Lent)**— Soup lunch after Midday mass.
- ♦ Saturday 27th April 2024 **SILENT AUCTION**
- ♦ TBC St Hugh's Lecture series
- ♦ **Sunday 30 June 2024 - Parish Celebrations**

Come up with yours!! Have an idea!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Catherine Elford (McCann), Eileen Groom, Rebecca Lambert, Kit Murphy, Mary Couchman, Anne Howard, June O'Leary, Tracy Richards, Christopher Browne, Neil Greenwood, Joyce Franklin, Sheila Cooper, Geoff Boorman, Veryan Boorman, Mary Sheehan, Sandra Lenagan, Gay Luff, Debbie, and Baby Martha  
~Kindly help to keep this list updated




**Piety Shop is now open** for your card, medals, gifts etc.

Please show your support and appreciation! ~ **Eileen Perkins & Milagros Ponte**

# ST THOMAS MORE, KIDLINGTON & St HUGH WOODSTOCK

## 4th Sunday of Lent Yr B, Week 4 in Lent, Yr II- Psalter Lent Week 4

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<b>SATURDAY</b> 09th Mar	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	RIP Farrokh Marchant (Liliane Asman)	2 Chronicle 36:14-16, 19-23
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10th Mar 2024 <i>Laetare</i>	 <b>4th Sunday of Lent, Yr B</b> St Hugh's Woodstock (W) St Thomas More Kidlington(K) Zoomed & public attendance	9.30 am -- 11am	--- <b>RIP Sean O'Keeffe</b> (Stephanie O'Keeffe)	Ps 136 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21
<b>MONDAY</b> 11th Mar	Lent Feria (K)	9.30 am	16th Death Anni. Jim O'Brien (Mary May)	Isaiah 65:17-21, Ps 29, John 4:43-54
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12th Mar	Lent Feria (K)	7pm	Jean Guenez (Stephanie O'Keeffe)	Ezekiel 47:1-0,12, Ps 45, John 5:1-3,5-16
<b>WEDNES</b> 13th Mar	Lent Feria (W) Funeral Mass	12 Noon	Requiem of Geoffrey Groom	Isaiah 49:8-15, Ps 144, John 5:17-30
<b>THURSDAY</b> 14th Mar	Lent Feria (K) Parish Penitential Service 7-8pm	9.30 am	School Class Mass Yr 3 RIP Joan Copeland	Exodus 32:7-14, Ps 105, John 5:31-47
<b>FRIDAY</b> 15th Mar	Lent Feria (K) Way of the Cross 11 & Holy Mass 11.30	11 am	RIP Joan Copeland	Wis.2:1,12-22, Ps 33, John 7:1-2,10,25-30
<b>SATURDAY</b> 16th Mar	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	Georgette et Maurice Fernando (Mark Asman)	Jeremiah 31:31-34
<b>SUNDAY</b> 17th Mar 2024	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent, Yr B</b> St Hugh's Woodstock (W) St Thomas More Kidlington(K) Zoomed & public attendance	9.30 am -- 11am	RIP John Patrick Cantwell (Marie Duncan) 80th B'Day Anni. RIP William Laina(Mary Laina)	Ps 50 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33



### WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR DURING THIS TIME

Violet Mungall, William Compton, Margaret Priscott, Alun Lewis, John Dunseath, Peter Rogers, Brian Acock, Mary Bride, Eric Panting, Honora Spears, Margaret Martin, Mary Shepperson, Patrick Murphy, Betty Murphy, John Makin, Stephen Ivings, John Carroll, Molly O'Hanlon, Katherine Boden, Winnie Coyne, Evelyn O'Keeffe, Eileen O'Sullivan, John Clune, Sidney Alderman, Mick Leahy, Kathleen Darling, Maria Lavery, Wendy Anonuevo and Maria Gray.

*We Pray for Geoffrey Groom whose funeral takes place  
Wednesday, 13th March, 12 noon*

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



### SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

The next monthly meeting will be held on the Mondays.

**11th March (cancelled),**

**8th April, 13th May, 10th June, 8th July  
at 2pm St Thomas More Church Hall.**

**Sr Christina** will lead the Reflection. All are welcome.

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**Please email your news items to Fr Prem by two weeks on Wednesday**

*This Newsletter is for the parishioners and friends of the parish. It is for the intended circulation.*

*Feel free to take it with you and share it with others especially the sick and the homebound.*



**Parish Penitential Service**  
**Thursday, 14th March 7 - 8 pm.**  
**Essential Elements of a Good Confession**

**Preparation** - A good examination of our consciences, know and identify your sins, how many times, what occasions, and what led to them. We can use the Ten Commandments, the beatitudes, or any other scripture passage or something that suits us best to examine our lives.

**Contrition** - Be truly sorry for your sins. The essential act of Penance, on the part of the penitent, is contrition - sorrow, a clear and decisive rejection of the sin committed, together with a resolution not to commit it again, out of the love one has for God and which is reborn with repentance.

**Confession** - The confession (or disclosure) of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with God and one another. Every sin is a sin against God and one another. Through such an admission we look squarely at the sins we are guilty of. We take responsibility for them, and thereby open ourselves again to God and to the communion of the Church, and others in order to make a new future possible.

**Absolution** - By going to a priest for absolution, we recognise the action of Christ. For Christ commissioned His disciples to do so. It is not the priest who forgives, but God. The priest is a mere shameful instrument, suffering servant for the saving work of God. To deny this is to deny the presence, and the healing and saving work of Christ.

**Reparation / satisfaction** - An important part of our healing is the "penance" the priest imposes in reparation for our sins. It is an expression of our determination to amend our lives and so we seek God's grace, for we know with God nothing is impossible. After confessing you return to your seat and fulfil the penance given.

**Making your confession**

**Step 1:** 'Bless me Father for I have sinned'

**Step 2:** *Say when did you made your last confession, or to that effect*

**Step 3:** 'These are my sins ... *you say your sins*

**Step 4:** 'For these and all since I have forgotten, and not conscious of, by volition or omission, I ask for forgiveness and penance'

**Step 5:** *Listen to the advice the priest gives*

**Step 6:** Carefully listen / ask if not sure, for your penance

**Step 7:** *Act of contrition* : 'O my God, because You are so good, I am truly sorry that I have sinned against You. With the help of Your Grace, I am determined not to sin again. Amen.'

**Step 8:** *Bow your head and receive the absolution from the priest*

**Step 9:** *Return back to your seat and prayerfully fulfil your penance. You are most welcome to light a candle and pray for all who seek forgiveness on this day and for the priests who are at the service of the sacrament today.*

**Hints for a Good Examination of Conscience:** **What is my relation ship with God:** My prayer life, importance of Sunday masses, what has been my motif in taking part in masses and prayers. **How do I treat my body and myself:** As a gift of God, respectful, caring, with no excess indulgences. **How do I treat others:** Do I treat them as children of God. Am I prejudiced, uncaring and unrespectful. Worked for what is paid. Do I failed to give ones due, be unjust but do charity. Do I do justice to God, to church. Have I mislead the young and the Children: maliciously talking bad of the church, the priest and the sacraments and so misguiding and misdirecting them and the vulnerable.

**CTK 'Churches Together in England** is a national ecumenical organisation supporting and encouraging Christian churches from a wide range of traditions to work together in unity. There are six presidents of the national organisation, including Cardinal Vincent Nichols. In Kidlington representatives from St Thomas More's and the Anglican, Methodist and Baptist churches meet several times a year, working collaboratively in different ways to share Gods love and witness to his presence. If you would like to find out more and get involved, please contact Margaret King (07986604001)

One event run by Churches Together in Kidlington is a Walk of Witness on Good Friday. A large cross is carried through the village followed by Christians from the different churches. The walk starts at St John's church at 9:45am and stops for prayers and hymns at St Thomas More and then the Methodist church, before continuing in silence to the village centre where the Passion of our Lord is read. Families and dogs on leads are welcome to join and witness to the importance of this solemn day and afterwards all are kindly invited back to the methodist church for hot cross buns.' ~ **Margaret King**