



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

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13th-28th April 2024

3rd & 4th Sundays of Easter Year B

Easter Psalter Weeks 3 & 4

**Fr Prem's message:** Alleluia!! It goes without saying, a big thank you to all for playing each ones role duly for a very prayerful celebration of the Triduum. I must give a very special thank you to the Choir for their exceptional upliftment for the services as always with such generosity in the service of the Lord and therefore the sacraments celebrated. Thanks to Tim Selwood and altar servers, to Lou Borucki and team, flowers, sacristy helpers, and all clean and tidied the place, the greeters, readers and for you attending the services in numbers well in time as requested to catch up with the introduction etc. it was all so amazing a wonder to see. I could only say thank you. But it is not the drama of the priest but the Lord's that we participated. You did not help me but we all in one good intention manifested the Risen Lord in our community, at his service, Alleluia! As I say; you, we and us are the first witnesses, first disciples please God!

MISSIO UPDATE – MISSIONARIES KILLED IN 2023 news highlights from Missio that last year 20 missionaries met violent deaths worldwide: one Bishop, eight Priests, two Religious Brothers, one Seminarian, one Novice and seven Lay faithful. May their unity with the Lord's passion be a fount of grace for their local communities and for us all. We continue to pray for all our persecuted brothers and sisters across the globe.



## CAFOD UPDATE

I thought it a good time on behalf of CAFOD for us both to say a huge thank you to all parishioners for the continued support shown during Lent.

At the Lent appeals we raised around £1,147 and together with the Lent Soup Lunches, which raised £787, our parish has raised a total of £1,933.

Whether you have contributed with an appeal presentation, made or helped serve delicious Friday Soup or maybe dug deeper into your pockets than ever before, rest assured that you have made a large impact towards CAFOD'S work in ensuring the welfare, development and well-being of the poor and deprived communities of this, our world.

Thank you all once again. *Bob Wright & Sandra Lenagan*

The Parish of St Thomas more  
Kidlington & Woodstock raised  
£ 1336.19 in 2023,

**Our thanks to Mary Laina**



## Silent Auction

Saturday 27th April 7pm in STM Hall

Please come and support this  
popular parish fund raising event

and grab yourself a bargain! A great social too!!  
See poster and flyers for further details.

**The Retiring collection weekends: 13th/14th April —Help Parish Debt, 20th/21st—  
Clergy Training, 27th/28th—Help Parish Debt, 4th/5th May—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 & Hannah Tebb : [sg.stthomasmore.kidlington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stthomasmore.kidlington@rcaob.org.uk).**  
They can be contacted at: [safeguarding email address] or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be  
contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

## ST THOMAS MORE, KIDLINGTON & St HUGH WOODSTOCK

### 3rd Sunday of Easter Yr B, Week 3 of Easter, Yr II- Psalter Easter 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> 13th April	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	<i>Death Anni.</i> <b>William &amp; Paul McLoughlin</b> <i>(Eileen McLoughlin)</i>	Acts 3:13-15,17-19  Ps 4  1 John 2:1-5  Luke 24:35-48
<b>SUNDAY</b> 14th April 2023	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter Yr B</b> St Hugh's Woodstock (W) ----- St Thomas More Kidlington(K) <i>Zoomed &amp; public attendance</i>	9.30 am  ---  11 am	- ---  <b>RIP Sheila &amp; John Brockman</b> <i>(Margaret King)</i>	

#### Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

<b>MONDAY</b> 15th Apr	Easter Feria (K)	9.30 am	<i>Wellbeing of Debbie</i> <i>(Jane Lemon &amp; family)</i>	Acts 6:8-15, Ps 118 John 6:22-29
<b>TUESDAY</b> 16th Apr	Easter Feria (K)	7pm	<i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>	Acts 7:51-8:1, Ps 30 John 6:30-35
<b>WEDNES</b> 17th Apr	Easter Feria (W)	11 am	<i>Wellbeing Mary Harrington</i> <i>(Sr Lucy)</i>	Acts 8:1-8, Ps 66 John 6:35-40
<b>THURSDAY</b> 18th Apr	Easter Feria (K)	9.30 am	<b>Holy Mass in the Church</b> <i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>	Acts 8:26-40, Ps 65 John 6:44-51
<b>FRIDAY</b> 19th Apr	Easter Feria (K)	11 am	<i>Wellbeing Elizabeth McHugh</i> <i>(Sr Lucy)</i>	Acts 9:1-20, Ps 116 John 6:52-29

#### Parish Diary for the Year

- **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.

#### Modern Slavery Awareness Sessions

Hosted by the Medaille Trust and Father Hudson's Care, Birmingham  
The session will explore the different types of modern slavery and trafficking and some of the signs to look out for, its prevalence and what you can do to support survivors, as well as having the chance to ask any questions.  
**Wednesday 17 April and Thursday 18 April.** [Click here](#)

#### 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** – Soup lunch after 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 Easter Yr B, Week 4 , Yr II - Psalter Easter Week , Week 4**

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

<b>SATURDAY</b> 20th Apr	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	For Parishioners of St Thomas More ( <i>Sr Lucy</i> )	Acts 4:8-12
<b>SUNDAY</b> 21st April 2024	<b>4th Sunday of Easter Yr B</b> St Hugh's Woodstock (W) St Thomas More Kidlington(K) <i>Zoomed &amp; public attendance</i>	9.30 am — 11am	<i>Blessings on Ken Riley</i> ( <i>People of Sri Lanka</i> )  <i>Late husband William and for</i> <i>Mary Laina, 50th Wedding</i> <i>Anniversary (Mary Laina)</i>	Ps 117  1 John 3:1-2  John 10:11-18
<b>MONDAY</b> 22nd Apr	Easter Feria (K)	-	-	Acts 11:1-18, Ps 41-42 John 10:1-10
<b>TUESDAY</b> 23rd Apr	Solemnity of St George Martyr, Patron of England (K)	7.00 pm	<i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>	Apoc 12:10-12, Ps 125, 2nd Common Marytrs, John 15:18-21 or 15:1-8
<b>WEDNES</b> 24th Apr	Easter Feria (W)	11 am	<b>Wellbeing Gabriel Fitzpatrick</b> ( <i>Sr Lucy</i> )	Acts 12:24-13:5, Ps 66 John 12:44-50
<b>THURSDAY</b> 25th Apr	Feast of St Mark, Evangelist (K)	9.30 am	<b>Whole school Mass in Church</b> <i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>	1Peter 5:-14, Ps 88 Mark 16:15-20
<b>FRIDAY</b> 26th Apr	Easter Feria (K)	11 am	<i>Intentions of Fr Prem</i> ( <i>Sr Lucy</i> )	Acts 13:26-33, Ps 2 John 14:1-6
<b>SATURDAY</b> 27th Apr	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	<i>Diamond Jubilarians: Sr Leo Hegarty O.P., Sr</i> <i>Annette McGarry O.P., Sr Damien O'Brien</i> <i>O.P., (Sr Norbert)</i>	Acts 9:26-31  Ps 21
<b>SUNDAY</b> 28th April 2024	<b>5th Sunday of Easter Yr B</b> St Hugh's Woodstock (W) St Thomas More Kidlington(K) <i>Zoomed &amp; public attendance</i>	9.30 am — 11 am	—  <b>Diamond Jubilee of Sr Norbert OP</b> ( <i>Parish</i> )	1 John 3:18-24  John 15:1-8



**SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP** The next monthly meeting will be held on the **Mondays 2024.**

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

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

For more information please contact Jane Lemon [Janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com](mailto:Janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com)

We continue to pray in a special way for all those adults who were baptised and received into the faith at our Easter Vigil - the first mass of Easter. Let us welcome them at our masses to give thanks and praise to God in a special way for the new purpose and meaning of life that Christ has assured to us with his glorified bodily resurrection. **Alleluia !!**

- Archdiocesan news [click here](#), events [click here](#)
- Catholic Bishop's conference latest [click here](#)
- Vatican news [click here](#),
- For Youth [Kenelm Youth Trust](#) Justice Peace [click here](#)
- Responding to the call of creation [click here](#)
- Year of Prayer [click here](#) Pope Francis on prayer [click here](#)
- The Validity - celebration of the sacraments [click here](#)

**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.*

## First Holy Communion 2023/2024 – Programme

PARENTS MEETINGS – its open to all parents who are interested (probably will invite a parishioner / a visitor to speak with me too)

- o Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 7.30pm – 8.30pm - Enrolment / Sacrament of reconciliation
- o Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 7.30pm – 8.30pm - Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist
- o Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 7.00pm – 8pm – 'The rite and rehearsals'

### CATECHISM SESSIONS

For the Children in the parish School the catechism sessions are organised by the school led by the RE teacher and teachers. For those not in the parish school few options are given on the parish website. All information regarding the celebration and preparation for the sacrament are given on the parish website. Those parishioners' children not in the parish school kindly request for enrolment from Fr Prem via email before the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. (Fr Prem's email: [fr.prem.j.fernando@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.prem.j.fernando@rcaob.org.uk))

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MASSES, Sundays 11 am

- 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT, Enrolment mass
- 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT, (Remembrance Sunday)
- 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent
- 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent
- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent
- 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter
- 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Pentecost Sunday



Parents to come together themselves in organising the celebrations and taking photographs.

There will be a parish celebration on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

FIRST CONFESSIONS: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

First Holy Communion: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 3.30pm

### Preparation Meetings

- Meeting with Fr Prem & Confessions with adoration Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- Rehearsals – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Thursday 7pm at the Church

Parish Volunteer CATECHISTS for those do not attending the Parish School for Sacrament of First Holy Communion - We would welcome parishioners to help Mary Gilgunn\_Jones - [mgilgunn\\_jones@hotmail.com](mailto:mgilgunn_jones@hotmail.com)

Parish Volunteers: catechists, helpers most welcome – email Fr Prem

The Catholic Parish of Kidlington & Woodstock, First Holy Communion Programme 2023/2024

## Mass for Marriage



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM  
OFFICE for MISSION

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."



An invitation to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year.

Celebrant: Archbishop Bernard Longley

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 12 noon  
at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham  
followed by light refreshments

To let us know you are coming (by 21<sup>st</sup> April) visit:

[www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass)



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

Owen Carney, Mary McGovern, Molly Clune, Emma Williamson, Teresa Donohoe, John Mallaghan, Margaret Richie, Vincent Palmer Paul, Robert Bouse, Cornelius Horgan, Dawn Hipwell, John Hannon, Sean Morgan, Neville Cherry, John Holman, Mary Austin, John Hoffman, John Spiller, Jeff Clapp, Mary Hedge, Richard Verran, Jane Matthews, Rosa Faker, Doug Brumby, Pauline Fettner, Sylvia Springer-Martin, Thomas Cairns, Ernest Pring and Peter Passant.

We pray for Patrick Duffy who passed away recently

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

## Forthcoming Baptism



St Hugh of Lincoln, Woodstock  
18<sup>th</sup> May, 12noon  
Baby Irene Rugna-Scigliano

Let us keep her and her family in our prayers and welcome them to our Masses as their preparation for the celebration of this sacrament.

## Sacrament of Marriage of Parishioners Wedding announcements



2024

Piera Santis & Giuseppe Angeli

June, in Naples

Miriam Shams & Troy Britton

July, in Ghana

Olivia Groves & David Shepley

July, at St Thomas More's Kidlington

We keep them in prayer as they prepare for this beautiful day and congratulate them!

## Confirmation 2023/2024 – Programme

PARENTS MEETINGS – its open to all parents who are interested (probably will invite a parishioner / a visitor to speak with me too)

- o Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 7.30pm – 8.30pm 'The Sacrament'
- o Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 7.00 – 8.00pm 'The rite & rehearsals'

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- 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent
- 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent
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### Preparation for the Confirmation Day

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024, 3.30pm

- Meeting with Fr Prem & Confessions with adoration - Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- Rehearsals – Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 7pm at the Church
- Confirmation – Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024, 3.30pm

Parish Volunteer CATECHISTS for those do not attending the Parish School for Sacrament of Confirmation –

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The Catholic Parish of Kidlington & Woodstock, Confirmation Programme 2023/2024

