



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

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27th Apr—12th May 2024

5th & 6th Sundays of Easter Year B

Easter Psalter Weeks 1 & 2

Dear All, At the Parish Assembly meeting on the 25th February 2024 there was a discussion about the parish's finances. Attendees emphasized the importance to inform all parishioners about the running cost of the parish and explore ways to improve contributions, and also brainstormed ideas to raise funds to improve the situation.

Some ideas proposed were:

- Encouraging parishioners who are already gift aiding their collection to consider increasing their contributions (50 pence to £1 a week) if they are able to do so.
  - Encouraging all parishioners who pay any UK income tax or capital gains tax to participate in gift aid. (Gift Aid forms are available at the back of each Church). It was noted that £22,000 was not gift aided on collections last year, but not everyone may be aware that they are eligible.
  - Open call for fundraising suggestions: the Parish Assembly invited parishioners to share any ideas that they had to increase the parish finances. Fund raising activity for 2023 raised £6,698.13
  - INCOMING REVENUE £123,000 included in this figure is £14,000 in legacies.
  - RUNNING COSTS OF THE PARISH for last year was £109,000
  - The diocese as a policy caps the interest charges on debt at 2%. This is good news, but even with such a reduction the monthly interest on our debt is over £800 per month.
  - **STM – Hall:** Parish Volunteer Ian Drury manages the hall to the best he could, primarily for the parish use and is open for the wider parish's and public's reasonable use. Challenges faced are: no proper entrance unless through school car park. The lower ceiling and the availability of the spaces, restricts the demand for it raising health, safety and safeguarding risks. Parish is indebted to Ian, also to Lou Borucki for ready help.
  - **STH -Centre:** Parish Volunteer Ruth Fiddy manages to the best she could and has raised by way of hiring £21,770 for 2023. It is important to note that only so much could be raised by way of hiring. It is used to the best it could during the weekdays. During the weekends it could do with a bit of help in promoting, taking booking and manage the hall. Ruth would welcome some help for the weekends. We need to manage the bookings and the use of hall, reasonably taking to consideration the wear and tear. In this manner the use of the hall on weekends can be increased and so raise the income from hiring. Parish is indebted to Ruth.
  - The expenditure on maintenance and the interest on debt creates a shortfall on our target of raising £30,000 towards paying the debt. Parish needs your ideas, initiatives and support in every way you could.
- ~ Sean Calnan on behalf of the Finance committee.

**The Retiring collection weekends: 27th/28th—Help Parish Debt, 4th/5th May—Help Parish Debt, 11th/12th May Catholic Communications, 15th/16th May — Dy for life**

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.

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## 5th Sunday of Easter Yr B, Week 1 of Easter, Yr II- Psalter Easter Week 1

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> 27th Apr	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	<i>Sr Leo Hegarty O.P., Sr Annette McGarry O.P., Sr Damien O'Brien 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	—  <i>Diamond Jubilee of Sr Norbert (Parish)</i>	1 John 3:18-24  John 15:1-8
<b>Pope's Prayer Intention for May: For the formation of religious and seminarians</b> We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.				
<b>MONDAY</b> 29th Apr	<b>Feast of St Catherine of Siena</b> Virgin, Doc of Church, Patron of Europe (K)	9.30 am	<i>1st Death Anni.</i> <i>Ana Norris (Mary May)</i>	1 John 1:5-2:2, Ps 102, Matthew 11:25-30
<b>TUESDAY</b> 30th Apr	Easter Feria (K) <i>Funeral mass</i>	11 am	<i>Requiem of Patrick Duffy</i>	Acts 14:19-28, Ps 144, John 14:27-31
<b>WEDNES</b> 1st May	Easter Feria (W)	11 am	<i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>	Acts 15:1-6, Ps 121 John 15:1-8
<b>THURSDAY</b> 2nd May	<b>Mem. Of St Athanasius</b> Bishop, Doc of Church (K)	9.30 am	<i>School Class Mass Yr 4</i> <i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>	Acts 15:7-21, Ps 95 John 15:9-11
<b>FRIDAY</b> 3rd May	<b>Feast of Ss Philip &amp; James Apostles (K)</b> <i>Adoration &amp; Benediction after mass until 12</i>	11 am	<i>RIP Joan Copeland</i> <i>Mass, Adoration &amp; Benediction</i>	1 Cor. 15:1-8, Ps 18, John 14:6-14

### 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.



**New course launch:** The Way of Communion. A new opportunity for guided learning about Liturgy, Worship, Prayer. Please apply for this free, online course before Monday 29 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.
  - ♦ TBC St Hugh's Lecture series
  - ♦ **Sunday 30 June 2024 - Parish Celebrations**
  - ♦ **Summer Party in September Await!!**
- 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**

**6th Sunday of Easter Yr B, Week 2 , Yr II - Psalter Easter Week , Week 2**

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> 4th May	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	<i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>	Acts 10:25-26,34-35. 44-48
<b>SUNDAY</b> 5th May 2024	<b>6th 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 Yaminah Pupek</i> ( Mary & Jim Gilgunn-Jones)	Ps 97  1 John 4:7-10  John 15:9-17
<b>MONDAY</b> 6th May	Easter Feria (K)	9.30 am	<i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>	Acts 16:11-15, Ps 149 John 15:26-16:4
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7th May	Easter Feria (K)	7.00 pm	<i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>	Acts 16:22-34, Ps 137, John 16:5-11
<b>WEDNES</b> 8th May	Easter Feria (W)	11 am	<i>RIP Joan Copeland</i> <i>Mass, Adoration &amp; Benediction</i>	Acts 17:15,22-18;, Ps 148, John 16:12-15
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9th May	<b>Sol. of the Ascension of the Lord</b> <i>(Holy Day of Obligation) (K)</i>	9.30 am 7pm	<i>Whole school Mass in Church</i> <i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>  <i>Evening mass for those working</i>	Acts 1:1-11, Eph. 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 Mark 16:15-20
<b>FRIDAY</b> 10th May	Easter Feria (K)	11 am	<i>Intentions of Fr Prem</i> (Sr Lucy)	Acts 18:9-18, Ps 46 John 16:20-23
<b>SATURDAY</b> 11th May	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	<b>10th Death Anni.</b> <i>Wilf Hunt</i> (Pat Hunt)	Acts 1:15-17,20-26
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12th May 2024 <i>Communi- cation</i>	<b>7th 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	- - <i>Sr Damian O'Brien O.P.</i> ( Sr Norbert)	Ps 102  1 John 4:11-16  John 17:11-19



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

**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)

- **CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal** Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal).  
*Deborah Purfield Community Coordinator Oxford N&S*
- **A Year of Encounter** - CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) *Colette Byrne Community Coordinator, CAFOD Liverpool and North Wales*

- 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.*

Pope Francis appoints Monsignor Timothy Menezes (*first ever British Asian Bishop*) and Canon Richard Walker to be the new Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese [click here](#)



**Forthcoming Baptism**  
**St Hugh of Lincoln, Woodstock**  
**18th 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 De Santis & Giuseppe De 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!

**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 4th May 2024, 12 noon  
 at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham  
 followed by light refreshments  
 To let us know you are coming (by 21st 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**  
 Andrew Robinson, Jozef Borucki, Noreen Santos, Ana Norris, James O'Brien, Paul McLoughlin, Molly Freeman, Alan Gray, Albert Thomas, Veronika Kardos, Lord John Kerr, Hannah Brundish, Thomas Hedges, Kevin Riordan, Margaret Salmon, Joan Taylor, Robert Rigby, Catherine Mulligan, John Ryan, John Jenkins, John Hickey, Michael Conroy, Percy Billington, Eileen Cross, John Freeman and Chantelle Gatt-Williams

*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

**First Holy Communion 2023/2024 – Programme**

**PARENTS MEETINGS –**

- Thursday 6th June 2024, 7.00pm – 8pm – "The rite and rehearsals"

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MASSES, Sundays 11 am**

- 28th April 2024 – 5th Sunday in Easter
- 19th May 2024 – Pentecost Sunday



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

There will be a parish celebration on Sunday 30th June 2024

**FIRST CONFESSIONS: Tuesday 12th December 2023, 3.30pm – 4.30pm**

**First Holy Communion: 9th June 2024, 3.30pm**

**Preparation Meetings**

- Meeting with Fr Prem & Confessions with adoration Tuesday, 4th June 2024, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- Rehearsals – 6th 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

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

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

**Confirmation 2023/2024 – Programme**

**PARENTS MEETINGS –**

- Thursday, 20th June 2024, 7.00 – 8.00pm "The rite & rehearsals"

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MASSES, Saturdays 6pm**

- 27th April 2024 – 5th Sunday in Easter
- 18th May 2024 – Pentecost Sunday

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**Preparation for the Confirmation Day**

**Sunday 23rd June 2024, 3.30pm**

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



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

**International Day of Prayer for EASTERN CHRISTIANS**

Sunday 5 May 2024

One faith - One family - One hope



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 Please support Eastern Christians  
 Text PRAYER to 70460 to donate £5  
 Text PRAYER to 70480 to donate £10  
 (Texts cost donation amount plus standard network charge)



**Oxford 廣東話修和及彌撒**  
 Mass and Confessions in Cantonese

Fr Bruno Lepeu, who has been working in Hong Kong for over 30 years, has visited the HK immigrant community in more than 25 cities in the U.K. since November 2023. He is going to visit Oxford and celebrate Mass in Cantonese.

**復活期第六主日**  
 Sixth Sunday of Easter

日期 / Date:	4/5/2024 (Saturday 六)
時間 / Time:	14:15 修和聖事 Confessions 15:00 彌撒 Mass in Cantonese 16:15 聚餐交流 Coffee & tea 17:15 牛津教友會講 Sharing session
地點 / Venue:	Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church (Margaret Road, Headington, OX3 8AJ)
報名及查詢 / Enquiry:	請電郵至 oxfordcath@gmail.com

附註: 當天會有彌撒經文連結二維碼  
 Remark: a Mass sheet in electronic format will be available

These activities are arranged by Hong Kong community in collaboration with Co-ordinator of Ethnic Chaplaincies Mgr Daniel McHugh

More information [click image](#)