



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

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11th –26th May 2024

7th Sunday of Easter & Pentecost Year B

Easter Weeks 3 & OT 3

**Prem's Message:** *As was announced in our last newsletter two weeks ago, Pope Francis appointed Monsignor Timothy Menezes and Canon Richard Walker to be the new Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese. We prayed for them at our masses and are delighted about it. Once again we would echo our thanks to Bishop William Kenney who for many years served the Archdiocese with responsibility over us in our region. We are doubly thankful to him, for living in our parish for his support and readiness to be of help to the parish when it was possible to do so. More importantly my special thanks to him for the trust and confidence placed on me as his priest looking after both the parish and the chaplaincy. His support, relying on my ability and competence with a sense of admiration and appreciation did go a long way and must be admired and told.*

*I write this message, not with ease, but with a sense of Joy for the church here in this Land and for its peoples. With the appointment of the new Auxiliary Bishops to the Archdiocese it is significant that we have the first ever British Asian or Black bishop raised to the episcopate. It is not a secret that diverse people lived in this land for centuries. With the colonisation they have become a part and parcel of this country. In spite of all the odds and the history as has been, now in many works of life they are well represented. It is the greatness of this nation and the resilience of its peoples. It is significant then therefore to note that it is not the case in the church and in fact, not at all. In recent times the diverse people composed very much the churches and kept them going. There are number of priests, not deacons?, who are of Black and Asian backgrounds serving as clergy. But isn't it shocking that there is none in the episcopate within the Catholic church here in this country. Number of times in various articles I have highlighted this. And so it is obvious that I share this joy with you and hope you feel the same.*

*It is not good enough rejoicing over it. We must also ask the difficult questions as to why it has taken all this while. Is it likely the profiling of Black and Asian priests most falsely with a culture of; 'not us and like us, different to our culture', 'they do not know, not competent', 'we could not understand them nor they could understand us', 'they help their families their people', 'they help foreign students and people', 'they always ask for more money' 'Their names are in every type of a log entry and every type of fraud and offence' ....Oh! They are bound to carry a reputation— spoken, written, repeated, recorded, communicated and published. That's who they are! Thieves, brigands? Wow not an unfair, unfamiliar, comment, isn't it not! Am I far right?, or right to say!*

**The Retiring collection weekends: 11th/12th May- Catholic Communications.  
18th/19th May– Parish Debt, 25th/26th May– Parish Debt, 1st/2nd June-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

## 7th 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> 11th May	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	<i>10th Death Anni.</i> <i>Wilf Hunt</i> (Pat Hunt)	Acts 1:15-17,20-26  Ps 102
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12th May 2024 <i>Communi- cation</i>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter Yr B</b> St Hugh's Woodstock (W) <hr/> 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)	1 John 4:11-16  John 17:11-19
<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, pas- toral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.				
<b>MONDAY</b> 13th May	Easter Feria (K)	-	-	Acts 19:1-9, Ps 67, John 16:29-33
<b>TUESDAY</b> 14th May	Feast of St Matthias (K)	7.00 pm	<i>Wellbeing of Mary Laina</i> (Mary Gilgunn-Jones)	Acts 1:15-17,20-26, Ps 112 John 15:9-17
<b>WEDNES</b> 15th May	Easter Feria (W)	11 am	<i>Philomena Donoghoe &amp; Family</i> (Sr Lucy)	Acts 20:28-38, Ps 67, John 17:11-19
<b>THURSDAY</b> 16th May	Easter Feria (K)	9.30 am	<i>School Class Mass Yr 3</i> <i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11, Ps 15, John 17:20-26
<b>FRIDAY</b> 17th May	Easter Feria (K)	11 am	<i>RIP Stuart Perkins</i> (Eileen & Don Perkins)	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Ps 10, John 21;15-19

### 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.

- 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](#)

### 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 of children receiving sacraments**
- ♦ **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, Martha, and Mary Laina.*

~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**

**Solemnity of Pentecost Yr B, Week 3 , Yr II - Psalter OT Week , Week 3**

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<b>SATURDAY</b> 18th May	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	<i>Wellbeing of Donald</i> (Slawek)	Acts 2:1-11  Ps 103
<b>SUNDAY</b> 19th May 2024	<b>Solemnity of Pentecost Yr B</b> St Hugh's Woodstock (W) St Thomas More Kidlington(K) <i>Zoomed &amp; public attendance</i>	9.30 am --- 11am	<i>Parishioners of St Hugh's</i> (Sr Lucy) --- <i>6th Death Anni. Charles Newland</i> (Mary Newland)	Galatians 5:16-25  John 15:26-27, 16:12-15
<b>MONDAY</b> 20th May	Memorial of Mary Mother of the Church (K)	9.30 am	<i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>	Gen 3:9-15 or Acts 1:12-14, Ps 86 John 19:25-34
<b>TUESDAY</b> 21st May	Feria OT (K)	-	<i>Caution! Carpet laying in church</i>	James 4:1-10, Ps 54, Mark 9:30-37
<b>WEDNES</b> 22nd May	Feria OT (W)	11 am	<i>Nuala Killelea &amp; Family</i> (Sr Lucy)	James 4:13-17, Ps 48, Mark 9:38-40
<b>THURSDAY</b> 23th May	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest (K)	9.30 am	<i>School Class Mass Yr 5</i> <i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>	Jer.31:31-34 or Heb 10:11-18, Ps 40 Mark 14:22-25
<b>FRIDAY</b> 24th May	Feria OT (K)	11 am	<i>2nd Death Anni. Dr George</i> <i>Marni (Robin &amp; Teny Joseph)</i>	James 5:9-12, Ps 102, Mark 10:1-12
<b>SATURDAY</b> 25th May	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	<i>RIP Joan Copeland</i>	Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40  Ps 32
<b>SUNDAY</b> 26th May 2024	<b>Sol. of the Most Holy Trinity 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>RIP John &amp; Constance King</i> (Margaret & Charles King)	Romans 8:14-17  Matthew 28:16-20



**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)

'Churches Together in Kidlington (CTK) will be holding their annual **Ecumenical Pentecost service** on Sunday 19th May at 10:30am at Kidlington Baptist Church, and all are welcome. Unfortunately, this service clashes with the 11am Sunday Mass, however for those who attend on Saturday at 6pm, why not join in prayer with our Christian brothers and sisters on Sunday.

Also, all are invited to bring a picnic down to the Baptist church after the 11am Mass to socialise and celebrate the day with those from other churches in Kidlington'

**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.*



- **World communications Day - Sunday 12th May** [click here](#)
- Pope's message for the world day of communication s day [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!**

**Catholic Union - Headline news:** Parliament: On Monday 6th May, there was a Westminster Hall debate on Assisted Dying. The Catholic Union briefed MPs in advance. Also on Monday, Lord Bird (Crossbench) led a short debate in the House of Lords on child poverty across the UK. On Tuesday, Sir Edward Leigh MP, former President of the Catholic Union, asked a topical question regarding the faith cap which prevents the opening of new Catholic free schools. On Wednesday, the Education Secretary presented a written statement to Parliament on plan to lift the faith cap. [Click here for more](#)



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

*Katy Murphy, John Wyse, Wilf Hunt, Trevor Lutwana Ndugga, Desmond Ford, Barbara Black, Anne Tucker, Charles Lloyd, Michael Hartnett Jnr, Eileen Hawkins, Kathleen Murphy, John Batstone, Dilys Dorrington, Cliff Cooper, Patricia Doran, Josephine Connolly, Catherine Cookson, Angiolina Santoro, Henry Philipport, Andrew Mulligan, Rosemary Giraud, Charles Newland, Donald Matheson CBE, Vincent Villa, Anne Benham, Jean Brooke, Hilary Najak, Peter Parker, Janos Kardos, Anna Zoderer, Baby Dylan Harrison, Peter Reeves and Louis Rajandream*

*~ Eternal rest grant unto to them O' Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them,*

### First Holy Communion 2023/2024 – Programme

#### PARENTS MEETINGS –

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 7.00pm – 8pm – 'The rite and rehearsals'

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MASSES, Sundays 11 am

- 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, 4th 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

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, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 7.00 – 8.00pm 'The rite & rehearsals'

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MASSES, Saturdays 6pm

- 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter
- 18<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

#### 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 –

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

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### RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION

- You can view the newsletters and other resources on our website, here: [Responding to the Call of Creation Newsletter | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](#)
- Archdiocese of Birmingham: Responding to the Call of Creation Email: [climateaction@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:climateaction@rcaob.org.uk)
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