



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

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12th Apr-4th May 2025

Sundays Palm, Easter & 2nd of Easter Yr C

Psalter weeks 2, Holy Week & Easter



Reverend Phil Durant ~ Churches Together Walk of Witness Kidlington - Good Friday - 18th April, 9.45am Churches Together in Kidlington would like to invite all who wish to join them for the annual Walk of Witness on the morning of Good Friday, starting at 9:45 am from St John's Church (The Broadway, Kidlington, OX5 1DD). This is a powerful way to mark and remember a seismic day as we carry the wooden cross past cars, commuters and shoppers, stopping off to sing Easter songs and tell the story again of Jesus' journey to the cross and all that it means to us together. The whole walk is around 1.5 miles, and we'll be stopping along the route at St Thomas' More (142 Oxford Road, OX51DZ) and the Methodist (53 Oxford Road, OX5 2BP) churches, before finishing right in the heart of the village on the High Street. The walk will take around an hour and you can join us en route or in the village centre if mobility is an issue. Please come along and join us if you are able, and invite friends, neighbours or family members to take part. After the walk at around 11am, everyone is invited back to Kidlington Methodist Church for Hot Cross Buns and refreshments. We hope to see you there! ~

~Woodstock and Bladon Walk of Witness ~ Rev. Andy Mills

10.45am Beginning at St Hugh of Lincoln, Woodstock and on to carrying the cross to Methodist, Baptist and to St Mary Magdalene's

Penny Pedley ~ I am a trustee for the charity Cycling without age Oxfordshire, which has 2 trishaws, electric 3 wheel bikes with a bench seat on the front which can comfortably accommodate 2 passengers. The pilots are well trained and experienced cyclists, and there are seat belts and they don't go very fast. They also have rain covers and blankets if needed! We are planning to bring the trishaws to the Good Friday walk (Kidlington) this year and would love to give people who may not be able to do the walk on foot to take part by riding on the trishaws. Please think about people in your congregations who might enjoy this (it is great fun!) Let me know if you have people who are interested. ~

Services in the Parish

Holy Week

- All the services, except Easter Sunday 9.30 am Mass, will be held at the parish church in Kidlington (K).
- Liturgical Rubrics encourages just one concentrated service on these days for obvious reasons.

Maundy Thursday, 17th April - 8 pm (K)

Zoomed & on YouTube

- Holy Mass of the Lord's supper
- Watch before the Blessed Sacrament until 12 pm

Good Friday, 18th April - 3.00 pm (K)

Zoomed & on YouTube

- Solemn Liturgy of the Passion & the Veneration of the Cross

Solemn Easter Vigil Holy Mass, 19th April

Saturday, 9.00 pm (K), Zoomed & on YouTube

Blessing of New Fire, Easter Candle & Renewal of our Baptism

Easter Sunday, 20th April

- 8.00am Kidlington - Easter Dawn Mass (K)
- 9.30am Woodstock-Easter Morning Mass (W)
- 11.00am Kidlington - Late Morning Mass (K), Zoomed & on YouTube



The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance And the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Lena shams & Anastasia Hargreaves-Hand : 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 if you have any concern.

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Palm Sunday, Year C — Holy Week — Psalter Lent Week 2, Holy Week

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

SATURDAY 12th Apr	Sunday Vigil St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	<i>Wellbeing of Debbie</i> (Family)	Isaiah 50:4-7 Ps 21 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56 (LK 23:1-49)
SUNDAY 13th Apr 2025	Palm Sunday Yr C St Hugh's Woodstock (W) ----- St Thomas More Kidlington(K) <i>Zoomed & public attendance</i>	9.30 am ----- 11am	<i>RIP Margaret Finch</i> (Sandra Lenagan) ----- <i>RIP Hilary Patricia Daly</i> (Janice Relano)	

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

MONDAY 14th April	Monday of Holy Week (K)	9.30 am	<i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Isaiah 42:1-7, Ps 26, John 12:1-11
TUESDAY 15th April	Tuesday of Holy Week (K)	7.00 pm	<i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Isaiah 40:1-6, Ps 70, John5:13:21-33,36-38
WEDNES 16th April	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week (W)</i> Stations of the Cross 10.30	11 am	<i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Isaiah 50:4-9, Ps 68, Matthew 26:14-25
THURSDAY 17th April	Mass of the Lord's Supper (K)	8.00 pm	Intentions of the Parish	Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 Ps 115, 1 Cor 11:23-26 John 13:1-15
FRIDAY 18th April	Good Friday (K)	3.00 pm	<i>The only day there is no holy mass celebrated in the church</i>	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Ps 30 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9John 18:1-19:42

Happy Easter, Alleluia! Let's Celebrate Easter Together!

Following the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, 19th April, join us for celebratory refreshments in the Parish Hall. Wine and Soft Drinks will be available. Do come and join with family and friends.

SATURDAY 19th April	Easter Vigil St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	9.00 pm	Intentions of the Parish	Acts 10:34,37-43 Ps 117 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 or at evening Mass Luke 24:13-35
SUNDAY 20th April 2025	Easter Sunday St Thomas More (K) ----- St Hugh's Woodstock (W) ----- St Thomas More (K) <i>Zoomed, public attendance</i>	8am ----- 9.30 am ----- 11 am	Intentions of the Parish ----- Intentions of the Parish ----- Intentions of the Parish	



SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP The next monthly meeting will be held on the **Mondays 2025; 14th April, 12th May, 9th June at 2pm St Thomas More Church Hall.**
Sr Christina the spiritual directress. All are welcome. For more information please contact **Jane Lemon** Janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com

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

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

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Easter Octave & Easter Season — Psalter Easter Octave, Easter Week 2

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MONDAY 21st Apr	<i>Solemnity</i> <i>Easter Monday (K)</i>	11am	<i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Acts 2:14, 22-33, Ps 15, Matt 28:8-15
TUESDAY 22nd Apr	<i>Solemnity</i> <i>Easter Tuesday (K)</i>	11am	<i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Acts 2:36-41, Ps 32, John 20:11-18
WEDNES 23rd Apr	<i>Solemnity</i> <i>Easter Wednesday (W)</i>	11am	<i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Acts 3:1-10, Ps 104, Luke 24:13-35
THURS 24th Apr	<i>Solemnity</i> <i>Easter Thursday (K)</i>	11am	Mass in the Church <i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Acts 3:11-26, Ps 8, Luke 24:35-48
FRIDAY 25th Apr	<i>Solemnity</i> <i>Easter Friday (K)</i>	11am	<i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Acts 4:1-12, Ps 117, John 21:1-14
SATURDAY 26th Apr	Sunday Vigil St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	-	Acts 5:12-16
SUNDAY 27th Apr 2025 <i>Divine Mercy</i>	2nd Sunday of Easter Yr C St Hugh's Woodstock (W) St Thomas More Kidlington(K) <i>Zoomed & public attendance</i>	9.30 am 11am	RIP Fr Chris Greaney --- Michael Flynn <i>(Frances Nee-Flynn)</i>	Ps 117 Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31
MONDAY 28th Apr	<i>Sol. St George (transferred from 23rd)</i> <i>Martyr, Patron of England(K)</i>	9.30 am	<i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Apoc 12:10-12, Ps 125, Jn15:18-21 or Jn 15:1-8
TUESDAY 29th Apr	<i>Feast, St Catherine of Siena</i> <i>Virgin, Doc. Of Ch, Patron of Europe (K)</i>	7 pm	<i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	1 John 1:5-2:2, PS 102, Matthew 11:25-30
WEDNES 30th Apr	<i>Easter Feria (W)</i>	11 am	<i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Acts 5:17-26, Ps 33, John 3:16-21
THURS 01st May	<i>Easter Feria (K)</i> <i>Mass in the Church</i>	9.30 am	Whole School Summer term Mass <i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Acts 5:27-33, Ps 33, John 3:31-36
FRIDAY 02nd May	<i>Mem. St Athanasius</i> <i>Bishop, Doc of Church (K)</i> <i>Adoration after mass, benediction 12noon</i>	11 am	2nd Death Anni. Anna Norris <i>(M. May)</i>	Acts 5:34-42, Ps 26, John 6:1-15
SATURDAY 03rd May	Sunday Vigil St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	-	Acts 5:27-32,40-41
SUNDAY 04th May 2025	3rd Sunday of Easter Yr C St Hugh's Woodstock (W) St Thomas More Kidlington(K) <i>Zoomed & public attendance</i>	9.30 am 11am	- --- RIP Hils Daly <i>(Mary Laina)</i>	Ps 29 Apocalypse 5:11-14 John 21:1-19 (Jn 21:1-14)

A BIG THANK YOU to those who donated food for the FOOD BANK. Please leave all donations in/on the box which is just inside the door to the car park on the school side hall entrance. If you are able, please give generously to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. **Thank you again, Marika**

Newsletter published every fortnight. Please email your news items to Fr Prem by 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.



WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR DURING THIS TIME

Elizabeth Woodward, George Sulik, Bill McLoughlin, Pauline Allan, Owen Carney, Mary McGovern, Molly Clune, Emma Williamson, Teresa Donohoe, John Mallaghan, Margaret Richie, Vincent Palmer Paul, Robert Bouse, Cornelius Horgan, Dawn Hipwell, John Hanon, Sean Morgan, Neville Cherry, John Holman, Mary Austin, John Hoffmann, John Spiller, Jeff Clapp, Mary Hedge, Richard Verran, Jane Matthews, Rosa Faker, Doug Brumby, Pauline Fettner, Sylvia Springer-Martin, Thomas Cairns, Ernest Pring, Peter Passant, Andrew Robinson, Jozef Borucki, Noreen Santos, Ana Norris, James O'Brien, Paul McLoughlin, Molly Freeman, Alan Gray, Albert Thomas and Veronika Kardos.

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

Swaziland Education of Children - Your Support!

It is during this time of the year, over Easter we send some funds collected to the said charity. Donations can be given either to Sean Calnan (07925183907) or bank transfer to 88118562 and 77-23-09. Thank you for all your support through the years!

Assisted suicide Bill even worse than before - postcards available Committee Stage of the assisted suicide Bill has ended. It is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims. **Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details and post it to your MP today!** ~ Catherine Robinson Right To Life UK



21 Families say Thank you! This is a short note of thanks. Out of 21 couples who joined the Retrouvaille programme in February, two couples have turned away from divorce, and others now found hope to restore their marriages. Your bulletin announcements, referrals and prayers made this possible. **MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage.** Next date: 20-22 June www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Catherine Elford (McCann), Rebecca Lambert, Kit Murphy, Mary Couchman, Anne Howard, Tracy Richards, Christopher Browne, Neil Greenwood, Sheila Cooper, Geoff Boorman, Veryan Boorman, Debbie, and Martha.
~**Kindly help to keep this list updated**



Oscott College, the Diocesan Seminary in Sutton Coldfield, are trying to spread the news about the work they do, by getting people to sign up to their newsletter at www.oscott.org. April's newsletter includes an update from the Rector, some answers to frequently asked questions about discernment, a report on some of the 'Hidden Treasures' in Oscott's museum, and details of how to book a college tour. It takes less than a minute to sign up, and those who do will receive a monthly newsletter, as well as early access to the annual 'Oscottian Magazine' and events hosted at the college.



We Welcome - Congratulations! Baby Ludo Michael Octavius Coker & Family, Baptised on the 12th April

Forthcoming Baptisms

St Hugh's Woodstock

17th May 2025, 12 Noon

Baby **Timothy Edward Goyder-Kennerley**

St Thomas More, Kidlington

20th April 2025, 12.30pm

Baby **Charles Joseph McColgan**

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



If you haven't heard of WeBelieve, it's a Festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, taking place on the grounds of St Mary's College, Oscott, on July 25th -28th. We have built WeBelieve

with families and parishes in mind. This festival offers Catholic families the opportunity to meet other faithful families and offers dedicated content streams for children and teens. For parishes, WeBelieve is an opportunity to receive inspiring faith formation together, to bond as a community and to celebrate the Jubilee in a really tangible way. The festival programme brings together a great line-up of contributors, including Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray OP, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari & many more. We want this festival to be affordable for parishes and families and our current general adult Early Bird rate of £70 is available until the end of May. We recently launched Day Tickets to enable groups to make a day trip of it at a general adult Early Bird day rate of £40. [Click here](#) for more information.

Easter Offerings To your Priest: As you know Catholic priests are not employed and don't receive a salary nor do they claim a living wage, if not a clergy salary although they are entitled to like anyone else. They are given an allowance, mass stipends, stole fees and they are offered the Easter and Christmas offerings as their dues. This is your opportunity to show justice towards their services to the church and the parish.

EASTER OFFERING



Thank you for all the appreciation of your priest!

- **Archdiocesan news** [click here](#), **events** [click here](#)
- **Lent Easter resources** [click here](#)
- **Catholic Bishop's conference latest** [click here](#)
- **Vatican news** [click here](#) Justice Peace [click here](#)
- **For Youth** [Kenelm Youth Trust](#) / [click KENELM Oxford](#)
- **Responding the call of creation** [click here](#)

The Retiring collection weekends: 12th/13th Apr– Parish Debt, 18th Apr(Good Friday)-Holy Places, 26th/27th Apr– Parish Debt, 3rd/4th May– Parish Debt, 10th/11th May –Clergy Training, 17th/18th May –Parish Debt.