



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

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27th Sept—05th Oct 2025 / 26th & 27th Sundays in Ordinary Time Yr C / Psalter weeks OT week 2

Fr Prem's message: *This will be my last message to the parish, and the next weekend 4th / 5th October the last masses. Just one thing to say, as said on the parish poster 'So long, farewell, Goodbye'. I am deeply thankful to one and all for all your welcome and all the support valuing my priestly calling and ministry all the while. Without which, as I preached in my first sermons, a priest would not be able to function his priestly ministry, live his charism and so the community, culture and country to be enriched.*

It is, has been and always shall be a challenging time and all times, to faiths and clergy. Especially to celebrate ministry as is in the Catholic church and it abounds when you are considered, treated and tagged as not one's own. At times it is more as it is in the present 'all out' or 'one in, one out'. It is dooms day when it is within religion, the church,... for there would be nothing to save the world! It is worst when it is within and when the leaders fail. It brings a tear when people are marginalised, treated with prejudice, divided against own brothers and sisters. Will the west be held accountable for it? 'Not so!'.

There has been challenging times here in my ministry in the parish together with the chaplaincy. Some quite visible, some not so or not known at all, but the parish has always stood by me trusting in me and valuing my ministry here in the parish. The worst for a priest is to take away all the means to fulfil his priestly ministry as he wishes, according to what he values and not simply do as is told, or not as some-one wants. Religious freedom and ones free will in all that matters in life is fundamental for any flourishing of a person, community, country and a culture with any civility. It is paramount to a priest. I thank you for allowing me to exercise it to the best I could, fully I believe! You stood by me.

*It is not made known yet to me as to who would replace me. Like me you too must be praying very much to know who it is, sooner than later, not left to be in a 'dilapidated state' a wish to be reported as is sought out at the corner. I know you would extend a warm welcome to the new priest, when he comes, valuing his priestly ministry one in substance, unique in character, different in nature in its varying shades, 'charisms' the buzz word it seems! However ancient it is. Good! I know you value the priest. The sacrament. One in the family of God not different. Without which there is no church, there is no faith. Yes the community will and always will be. As I said in my first report to the parish assembly it is the priest and the community that makes the church sacramentally present to one another. Without which they exist but not a sacramental presence. There would be no 'awe and the wonder', yes together I believe, we lived the wonder of God in the parish and the school, and you shall continue to do so. Thank you. I trust you were entertained, thrilled, enjoyed and benefited with such understanding. Me too. **Thank you. Goodbye!***

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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Ordinary Time, Year C — Ordinary Time Week 26, Year 1 — Psalter Week 2

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 27th Sept.	Sunday Vigil St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	4th Death Anni. <i>Marie Murphy (Murphy family)</i>	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146(145)
SUNDAY 28th Sept. 2025 <i>Harvest</i>	26th Sunday in OT Yr C St Hugh's Woodstock (W) St Thomas More Kidlington(K) <i>Zoomed & public attendance</i>	9.30 am -- 11am	- — 14th Death Anniversary <i>William Laina (Mary Laina)</i>	1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

Pope's Prayer Intention for October: For Collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that, believers in different religious traditions may work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

MONDAY 29th Sept.	Feast. Ss Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael. Archangels (K)	11 am	Funeral <i>Requiem for Diana Bennett</i>	Dan 7:9-14 or Apoc 12:7-12, Ps 137, John 1:47-51
TUESDAY 30th Sept.	Mem. St Jerome, Priest, Doc. of Church (K)	7 Pm	<i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Zech 8:20-23, Ps 86, Luke 9:51-56
WEDNES 01st Oct.	Mem. St Therese of the Child Jesus Virgin, Doc. of Church (W) <i>Adoration, benediction at 12 noon</i>	11 am	The Soul of Augustine <i>Maria Mori</i>	NEH 2;1-8, PS 136, Luke 9:57-62
THURSDAY 02nd Oct.	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels (K)	9.30 am	Mass in the Church <i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Heh 8:1-12, Ps 18, Matthew 18:1-5,10
Friday 03rd Oct.	Feria OT (K) <i>Adoration, benediction at 12 noon</i>	11 am	RIP Stuart Perkins <i>Eileen & Don Perkins</i>	Baruch 1:15-22, Ps 78, Luke 10:13-16
SATURDAY 04th Oct.	Sunday Vigil St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	Special Intention <i>Eileen & Don Perkins</i>	Habakkuk 1:2 2;2-4-3, Ps 94
SUNDAY 05th Oct. 2025 <i>CAFOD</i>	27th in OT Yr C St Hugh's Woodstock (W) St Thomas More Kidlington(K) <i>Zoomed & public attendance</i>	9.30 am -- 11am	- — RIP Hugh Allen <i>(Mary Gilgunn-Jones)</i>	2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10



CAFOD Family Fast Day - Harvest Family Fast Day is on Friday 3rd October 2025. Your support this Family Fast Day will help more of our neighbours get safe water for their families - how will you get involved?

The 'The Harvest Fast Appeal' will take place this weekend, 27th/28th September and the collection will take place next weekend 4/5th Oct.



SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP The monthly meetings will be held on the **Mondays 2025 at 2pm;** Next is **20th Oct., 17th Nov., 15th Dec., 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**



Forthcoming Baptism

St Thomas More, Kidlington, 04th October 2025

Jeremiah Selasi-Kawaku Lagudah

Let us keep him in our prayers
and welcome his parents
as they prepare for the celebration of
the sacrament - gift of faith, our inheritance.

'Churches Together in Kidlington warmly invite you to a Joint Harvest Celebration on Sunday 28th September starting from 5.30pm at Kidlington Methodist Church. This will be 'café' style, with a bring and share tea while we celebrate with an informal 'Songs of Praise' style service starting at 6pm This is an opportunity to share together in celebrating God's provision for us and provide for each other to share a simple meal - just food that can be eaten with fingers please, to save on clearing up. Everyone welcome.' ~ **Margaret King**



WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR DURING THIS TIME

Alice Dorrington, Catherine Wynn, Sir Philip Haddon-Cave, Jane O'Hara, James Lavery, Patrick Conaty, Elaine Santos, John Carroll, Richard Weatherley, Catherine Canning, Christine Johnston, Margaret Hartnett, Sheila Smye, Leonard Alderman, Peter Osborne, Teresa O'Donoghue, Hilda Bennett, Janet Beahan, Maureen Dunseath, John Jenkins, Deacon Pat Selwood, Christopher Dabney, Santiago Valero, Ian Thorns, Ross Sands, Johanna Brown, Bridget Purcell, Guy Jurgensen, Mary Hubbuck, Rose Jiggins, Ella Osborne, Dorothy Gariff, Maureen Morgan, Frank Thomas, Leslie Hall, Oliver Hartigan, Maria Perry, James Murphy, Eileen Honey, John Nee, Zenola Smith, Bruno Marchini, Andrew Cooper, Annie McGovern, David Mungall

We Pray for the eternal rest of Diana Bennett and keep her loving family in our prayer. Her funeral takes place on Monday 29th September 11am at St Thomas More Church.

We Pray for the eternal rest of Roy & Helen Hamlet and keep their loving family in our prayer. Their funeral will take place on Thursday, the 9th October at 3pm at St Thomas More Church.

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

A report on the Birmingham Charismatic Conference shared by Jane Lemon and Marcella Williamson with the parish are printed and left at the entrances to the churches for your perusal. We thank them for their prayers for the parish. If not how shall the parish survive!! ~ **Thank You**

Food Bank. Our collection box is at the back entrance, outside the hall. If you are able, please endeavour to bring in a weekly item of food/bathroom product when you come to church. On the other hand, if you are in a needy situation yourself, this is for you too. Please help yourself.
~Thank you, Marika



Oxford Deanery Youth Group

Every First Sunday of the month post 6.30pm Mass (rough start time 7.30). Corpus Christi Headington =, OX3 8AJ
Patrick Denton – [click KENELM Oxford](#)

Parish Diary in Advance

- **30th September, Tuesday, 5pm** Parish Assembly Support Group meeting
- **30th September, Tuesday, 7.30 pm** Parish Finance Committee
- **6th December**, Wreath Making
- **21st June 2026**, Trinity Sunday at 3.30pm Confirmation Mass with the Episcopal Vicar for our region.
- **7th June 2026**, Corpus Christi Sunday, First Holy Communion Mass 3.30pm

The Season of Creation -The "Celebration" begins 1 September, the Feast of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. Our Biblical text for this year is Isaiah 32:14-18. [Click here](#) & [click here](#)

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT IN YOUR CHURCH: 2025

Celebrating Fairtrade: 22 September to 5 October



Celebrating Fair Trade 22nd Sept - 5th October

"And if you make a sale to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor, you shall not wrong one another."

Leviticus 25:14 (ESV) The Bible has a lot to say about trade. Why? Because trade isn't just a transaction - land or services or products we pick up from a shelf or a website. When we buy a cup of tea, a chocolate bar, or a new shirt, we're entering into a relationship with our neighbours - the people who grew, processed or crafted what we see when we shop. Each of these people is made in God's image. And God doesn't just call us not to wrong them. God calls us to love them as we love ourselves. That means we have to care about their lives: Were they paid enough for their work? Do their families have access to schooling and food? Are they free to ask for good working conditions? Protected from environmental harm? As followers of Jesus, we want to ensure that the answer to these questions is 'yes'. But in a world of power imbalances where, all too often, workers are exploited and farmers and artisans experience injustice, how do we do this? Fair Trade offers a way to 'do it fair' and to show love. It helps producers get better prices, access services, secure rights, and protect the planet. This Fairtrade Fortnight, let's help our churches get re-enthused for Fairtrade. It's easy to get started: take a look inside! [Click.](#)

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, Vervan Boorman, Debbie, and Martha.

~ Kindly help to keep this list updated

- 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: 27th/28th- Fr Hudson's Caritas, 4th/5th Oct- Cafod Harvest Fast, 11th/12th Oct- Prisoners Advise & Care, 18th/19th Oct APF World Mission

'Together we shall work wonders' what we have achieved

- As I leave the parish I am very proud to say that we have been able to payoff over £200,000 (£200K) of our debt and also nearly £18,000 (£18k) in diocesan investments.
- Our School achieving Outstanding has made the parish proud. As I say, made the parish outstanding too!
- The Church and the School buildings and premises at its best.
- I believe and hope you too as well would say that the spiritual achievement was beyond telling!!
- Together we have achieved, and I trust you would continue to rise up to even greater heights by supporting and always working with the blessing of the new Parish Priest.

**Thank you to one and all
Leaving head held high & proud**

School report



Inspection of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Kidlington

Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxfordshire OX5 1EA

Inspection dates: 15 and 16 July 2025

The quality of education	Outstanding
Behaviour and attitudes	Outstanding
Personal development	Outstanding
Leadership and management	Outstanding
Early years provision	Outstanding
Previous inspection grade	Good



Carmelite Contemplative Circle. Join us for spiritual reading, shared silent prayer and friendship. Meeting monthly in St Thomas More's Parish Hall at 615 pm. Next dates are **16th October** & 20th November . Kathleenikelly@yahoo.com

Nursery and Reception Open Mornings at St Thomas More

Catholic School and Nursery

Tuesday 14th October 10:00-11:30
and Friday 21st November 2:15-3:15

Discover What Makes Us Exceptional. We warmly invite you to attend our Open Day and see why our school is rated Outstanding. Choosing the right school is an important step in your child's educational journey. At St. Thomas More, we pride ourselves on academic excellence, a nurturing environment, and a strong sense of community rooted in our core values. Come and explore our vibrant classrooms, meet our dedicated staff, and experience the exceptional learning opportunities we offer every child. To book your place or find out more, please contact us at:

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As always thank you for your support and God bless.

Every Blessing,

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A Big Thank You - to all those who organised the **Parish Summer Party**. It raised £1273. Our heartfelt thanks to Mary Guilgunn Jones, Sebastian & Yaminah Pupek, Rania Naser, Our Schools Headteacher and all others who helped in many ways a special thank you all the children that performed for us on the day entertaining us. Bravo! Well done!

A Big Thank You - All those who organised and supported our Parish Pilgrimage to 'The Newman College' in Littlemore. We are very thankful to Irma Foster and Margaret King for suggesting and organising it for the parish



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