



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

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer for March 2026: For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

<p>The Third Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</p>
<p>"A spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 Psalter week 3</p>

Saturday 7 th March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	Vigil for the Second Sunday of Lent Cathedral Maintenance.	6.00 pm: Mass:
Sunday 8 th March <i>St Hugh of Lincoln, (W)</i>	The Second Sunday of Lent Cathedral Maintenance.	9.30 am: Mass: Ann Harrington RIP
Sunday 8 th March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	The Second Sunday of Lent Cathedral Maintenance.	11.00 am: Mass: Divine healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh, Peggy Lennon
Tuesday 10 th March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	Lent Feria	7.00 pm Mass
Wednesday 11 th March <i>St Hugh of Lincoln, (W)</i>	Lent Feria	11.00 am Stations of the Cross 11.30 am Mass 12.00: Coffee/Tea
Thurs 12 th March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	Lent Feria	9.30 am Mass School Mass Jim O' Brien RIP, 18 th Anniversary (Mary May)
Friday 13 th March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	Lent Feria	11.00 am Stations of the Cross 11.30 am Mass 12.00: Lenten Soup Lunch (Cafod Fundraiser)
Saturday 14 th March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	Vigil for the Third Sunday of Lent Parish Debt	6.00 pm: Mass:
Sunday 15 th March <i>St Hugh of Lincoln, (W)</i>	The Third Sunday of Lent Parish Dept	9.30 am: Mass, Veryan Boorman RIP
Sunday 15 th March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	The Third Sunday of Lent Parish Dept	11.00 am: Mass

Prayer Intentions, Parish Sick: We pray for all on our parish sick list and for those who care for them. Catherine Elford (McCann), Rebecca Lambert, Kit Murphy, Mary Couchman, Anne Howard, Tracy Richards, Christopher Browne, Neil Greenwood, Sheila Cooper, Geoff Boorman, Debbie and Martha. May they be strengthened in all their needs by the Lord Jesus Christ and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Anniversaries: We pray for all our parish anniversaries, Mary Shepperson, Patrick Murphy, Betty Murphy, John Makin, Stephen Ivings, John Carroll, Molly O'Hanlon, Katherine Boden, Winnie Coyne, Evelyn O'Keeffe, Eileen O'Sullivan, John Clune, Sidney Alderman, Mick Leahy and Kathleen Darling. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O' Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.**

Fr Jiji's Book Presentation Event - The Mystery of the Church, 14th March, 12.30 pm at St Hugh's Centre: God's self-revelation in the writings of Ephrem the Syrian. Tickets £8 includes light buffet lunch, available from Sandra Lenagan (St Hugh's) or Mary Gilgunn-Jones (St Thomas More's). See Poster for full details. Please come and support this event.

CJM MUSIC will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2026 with a landmark performance of "Born for This" at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on March 25. This special production features six Catholic secondary schools from Birmingham and Solihull performing alongside a legacy cast of narrators and musicians, promising a powerful celebration of faith, music, and storytelling in a prestigious venue.

'Commissioned', the National Men's Pro-life Conference, on April 18th at Birmingham Christian College
Men of all ages are invited to book a place at our conference. Join us for insightful talks, aimed at helping you live your vocation with humility and integrity. For details and to register, visit <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or email info@marchforlife.co.uk.

Called to Love, 2 - 3 May 2026: A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May, with the option of staying Friday night. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love>

Forming Catholic Student Leaders: Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst.

Join us for 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, and build your character.

www.christianleadershipformation.com

We Believe Festival: <https://www.webelievefestival.com/> Catholic festival for all ages and interests at Oscott College, 24-27 July. Tickets are available now.

Walk with me booklets: Lent 2026 booklets are available. Take a copy & drop your donation in the piety box.

Piety Shop is now open for your card, medals, gifts, etc. Please show your support and appreciation! ~ Eileen Perkins & Milagros Ponte.

Scripture Study Group: The monthly meetings are held on Mondays at 2pm in STM Hall. Next dates are: **16th March**, 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Jane Lemon Janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com

Carmelite Contemplative Prayer Circle, Join us for shared prayer, wisdom and friendship in STM Hall, 6pm on **19th March**, 23rd April, and 21st May. For more information contact Kathleen McGlynn on kathleenikelly@yahoo.com

Food Bank: Please consider donating to the Food Bank this Lent, the next time you shop. You can drop off items in/on the box inside the door to the car park on the school side hall entrance. Thank you again, Marika

Upcoming Retiring Collection Weekends: 14th/15th Mar- Parish Debt, 21st/22nd Mar - Easter Flowers, 28th/29th Mar - Parish Debt.
Safeguarding Information from The Archdiocese Office: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese 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

Kenelm Youth Oxford: <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/oxfordnews.html> **Young Adults group: 1st Sunday of the Month after 6.30 pm Mass at Corpus Christi, Headington.**

Birmingham Archdiocese Link: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Lent/ Easter Resources: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lent-and-easter>

Responding to the call of creation: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/listing/category/reourses-care-for-creation>

Vatican News: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

Catholic Bishops' Conference: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/news/>

Follow the Readings at Mass: www.universalis.com/mass. or www.alivepublishing.co.uk.

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Job advertisement: title: Diocesan Parish Mission & Formation Co-ordinator, see notice board for details.