



**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.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, Mothering Sunday.
Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments
"He went and washed and received his sight." John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34- 38
Psalter week 4

Saturday 14 th March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Lent Parish Debt	6.00 pm: Mass:
Sunday 15 th March <i>St Hugh of Lincoln, (W)</i>	The Fourth Sunday of Lent Parish Debt.	9.30 am: Mass Veryan Boorman RIP
Sunday 15 th March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	The Fourth Sunday of Lent Parish Debt	11.00 am: Mass:
Tuesday 17 th March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	Feast of St Patrick, Patron of Ireland and Nigeria.	7.00 pm Mass
Wednesday 18 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 afterwards
Thurs 19 th March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30 am Mass
Friday 20 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 21 st March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Lent Parish Debt	6.00 pm: Mass:
Sunday 22 nd March <i>St Hugh of Lincoln, (W)</i>	The Fifth Sunday of Lent Parish Debt	9.30 am: Mass
Sunday 22 nd March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	The Fifth Sunday of Lent Parish Debt	11.00 am: Mass Mary Sheehan RIP (The Family)

Thank you from CAFOD. Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day! Your kindness is helping families like Shora's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food despite drought and floods. You've shown love for your neighbours this Lent through fasting, praying, and giving. Find out how your donations are making a difference at cafod.org.uk/thankyou. It's not too late to donate—pick up a CAFOD envelope in church or visit cafod.org.uk/envelope.

Birmingham Archdiocese Vacancies. Parish Mission & Formation Co-Ordinator. East Birmingham. Please see the poster.

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 those who have recently passed away, for Veryan Boorman, and for all our parish anniversaries, Maria Lavery, Wendy Anonuevo, Maria Gray, Catherine Deans, George Smith, Anthony Hargreaves, John Hoffman, Pauline Greiner, Yaqub Masih, Eileen O'Connor, Mary Tatman and John Scarr. 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 - Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make Fr Jiji's book presentation at St Hugh's Centre a success. Your support and participation made the event truly special. We hope you enjoyed the discussion and the buffet lunch.

Scripture Study Group: The monthly meetings are held on Mondays at 2 pm 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 at janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com.

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

Upcoming Retiring Collection Weekends: 14th/15th Mar- Parish Debt, 21st/22nd Mar - Easter Flowers, 28th/29th Mar - Parish Debt.

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: Join us for a retreat designed for singles, dating, and engaged young adults to explore relationships and marriage. Enjoy a weekend of input, prayer, discussions, and socialising, all focused on the theme of masculinity and femininity. The retreat runs from Saturday, May 2nd, to Sunday, May 3rd, with an option to stay overnight on Friday. For more details, visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love>.

Forming Catholic Student Leaders: Explore faith, ethics, and leadership for two summer courses for sixth form students at the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst. Join us for 6 days in the stunning Ribble Valley: - The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August)- The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July)

Meet new friends, engage with tutors and peers, develop skills, deepen your relationship with Christ, and build character. Visit: www.christianleadershipformation.com

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

Walk with me booklets: The Lent 2026 booklets are available. Please take a copy. If you would like to donate the cost of the booklet, please 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.

Food Bank: Please consider donating to the Food Bank, especially during Lent, the next time you shop. You can drop off items in/on the box, which is just inside the door to the car park on the school side hall entrance. Please help, if you are able, for the less fortunate than us. Thank you again, Marika

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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:

They can be contacted at: sg.stthomasmore.kidlington@rcaob.org.uk. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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, Heddington.

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.