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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.

<b>The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</b>		
<b>"I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 Psalter week 1</b>		
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Lent	6.00 pm: Mass: Divine healing on Debbie Redfern
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March <i>St Hugh of Lincoln, (W)</i>	The Fifth Sunday of Lent	9.30 am: Mass Hannah Melhuish RIP
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March <i>St Thomas More, (K)</i>	The Fifth Sunday of Lent Baptism of Kobi Okeke after Mass	11.00 am: Mary Sheehan RIP
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March (K)	Lent Feria	7.00 pm Mass
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Kidlington (K) <i>St Hugh of Lincoln, (W)</i>	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	9:30am Mass - Kidlington 11.00 am Stations of the Cross (W) 11.30 am Mass 12.00: Lenten Soup Lunch (Cafod Fundraiser)
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> March (K)	Lent Feria	9.30 am School Mass
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March (K)	Lent Feria	11.00 am Stations of the Cross 11.30 am Mass 12.00: Lenten Soup Lunch (Cafod Fundraiser)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March (K)	Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord	6.00 pm: Mass:
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March <i>St Hugh of Lincoln, (W)</i>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord	9.30 am: Mass
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March (K)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord	11.00 am: Mass
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March (K)	Tuesday of Holy Week	7.00 pm Mass followed by Penitential service
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April (W)	Wednesday of Holy Week	6.00 pm Station of the Cross followed by Mass
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (K) Maundy Thursday:</b>	Mass of the Lord's Supper, Recommissioning of Eucharistic Ministers Watching before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight	8.00 pm Zoomed & on YouTube
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (K) Good Friday:</b>	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. <b>Holy Places Collection</b>	3.00 pm. Zoomed & on YouTube
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April (K) Holy Saturday:</b>	Easter Vigil Mass, Blessing of the Fire and Holy Water.	9.00 Mass Zoomed & on YouTube
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday</b>	Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord	Dawn Mass 8.00 Kidlington
		Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock
		Day Mass 11.00 Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube

**The Holy Triduum Services in the Parish of St Thomas More, Kidlington and St Hugh of Lincoln, Woodstock:** Liturgical Rubrics encourage just one concentrated service in Triduum for obvious reasons. All the services except Easter Sunday-9.30am Mass, will be held at the parish church in Kidlington.

**Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses:** Easter offering is for our Parish Priest..

**Pastoral Letter:** This weekend, Archbishop Bernard will share his Lent Pastoral Letter. This will be read at all masses. The Text and Audio of the letter will be available on the Diocese webpage. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

**Help needed to clean St Thomas More's Church ready for the Easter Services, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.**

**Maundy Thursday, Mass of the Lord Supper:** There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for volunteers for washing of feet as part of this service symbolising the early apostles.

**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, especially **Hannah Melhuish** and for all our parish anniversaries, **Helen Timms, Graham Weddell, Peter Crawley, James Kilcoyne, Christina Lynch, Mary Hardy, Margaret Watkinson, Cecilia Claiden, Noel Chue-Sang, Trevor Campbell, Sheila Farrell, Agness Trafford, Ivy Grace, Violet English, William Bartlett, Agnes Gold, Philip Tunstill, Malcolm Kinsella, William Atkinson, Alexander Priest, Jeroboam Johnson, Patrick Horgan, Christina Fagan, Paddy Austin, Christina Grant, Tony Davey, Eleanor Nieman, Charlotte Ellul.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O' Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen

**St Thomas Moore Primary School:** Our Parish primary school are currently raising money for new Religious Education resources. If you can help, please follow the link to the "Just Giving Page."

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stthomasmorebibles?utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stthomasmorebibles?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL)

**CJM MUSIC will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2026 with a landmark performance of "Born for This" at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, this Wednesday, 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](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk).

**Called to Love, 2 - 3 May 2026:** Join us for a retreat for singles, dating, and engaged young adults to explore relationships and marriage. Enjoy a weekend of discussions, prayer, and socialising focused on masculinity and femininity. The retreat is from Saturday, May 2nd, to Sunday, May 3rd, with an overnight option on Friday. For more details, visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love>.

**Forming Catholic Student Leaders:** Join us for two summer courses for sixth form students at the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, in the beautiful Ribble Valley: The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) - The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July) Meet new friends, engage with tutors, deepen your faith, and build character. Visit: [www.christianleadershipformation.com](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com)

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

**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 2 pm in STM Hall. Next dates are: **20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July.** All are welcome. For more information, please contact Jane Lemon at [janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com](mailto:janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com).

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

**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

**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](mailto:sg.stthomasmore.kidlington@rcaob.org.uk). 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 concerns.

**Kenelm Youth Oxford:** <https://www.kenelm youth trust.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](http://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/reources-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](http://www.universalis.com/mass). or [www.alivepublishing.co.uk](http://www.alivepublishing.co.uk).

**Mass Intentions:** We currently have a shortage of Mass intentions. If you would like a Mass said for a special intention or to remember a loved one, please find the Mass intention envelopes at the back of the church. Complete the envelope and return it to Fr Damian or one of the stewards. Thank you very much!