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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.

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer for April 2026: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord 4th- 5th April 2026		
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” Matthew 21:1-11 Psalter week 2		
Saturday 28 th March (K)	Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord. 2 nd Collection -Parish Debt	6.00 pm: Mass:
Sunday 29 th March <i>St Hugh of Lincoln</i> , (W)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord. 2 nd Collection -Parish Debt	9.30 am: Mass
Sunday 29 th March (K)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord. 2 nd Collection -Parish Debt	11.00 am:
Tuesday 31 st March (K)	Tuesday of Holy Week	7.00 pm Mass followed by Penitential service
Wednesday 1 st April (W)	Wednesday of Holy Week	6.30 pm Station of the Cross followed by Mass
Thursday 2nd April (K) Maundy Thursday:	Mass of the Lord's Supper, Recommissioning of Eucharistic Ministers Watching before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight	8.00 pm Zoomed & on YouTube
Friday 3rd April (K) Good Friday:	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.	3.00 pm. Zoomed & on YouTube
Saturday 4th April (K) Holy Saturday:	Easter Vigil Mass, Blessing of the Fire and Holy Water	9.00 Mass Zoomed & on YouTube
Sunday 5th April	Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord	Dawn Mass 8.00am Kidlington
		Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock
		Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube

The Holy Triduum Services in the Parish of St Thomas Moore, Kidlington and 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 Second collection. Easter offering for our Clergy. Just a reminder that there will be a second collection at the Easter Masses as a personal offering to support our parish priest.

Maundy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper: There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for men and boys to have their feet washed as part of this service, symbolising the early apostles.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist: We invite all Eucharistic ministers to join us for the Maundy Thursday service, if possible. During the mass, we will ask them to recommit to their responsibilities as Special Eucharistic Ministers.

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, and for all our parish anniversaries, 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, Patrick Duffy. May they rest in peace.

St Thomas More 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

'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.

Diocesan Mass for Marriage: The Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage will be held on Saturday, 2 May at St Chad's Cathedral, please register your attendance. Registration for the event is now open with a deadline of Sunday, 19th April. If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2026, are engaged to be married this year or would simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage and ask for His ongoing blessings, please join us. www.birminghamdiocese.org.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

We Believe Festival: <https://www.webelievewithfestival.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.

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

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

Upcoming Retiring Collection Weekends: 28th/29th Mar - Parish Debt, Good Friday -Holy Places.

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:

Good Friday Walk of Witness Kidlington - starts 9:45 outside St Johns Church, to the village centre where the Passion is read, stopping at St Thomas More's and the Methodist churches. After the walk hot cross buns at The Methodist Church.

If you wish to donate money over to the nuns and Mary (built a school for the disabled including organising a sports events) who live in Swaziland now called Eswatini. Please contact Sean Calnan on seankcalnan@hotmail.co.uk for any more information

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, Headington.

Birmingham Archdiocese Link: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

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/>

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