



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

<b>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord April 2026</b>		
<b>"He has risen, and he is going before you to Galilee." Matthew 28:1-10</b>		
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	Early Mass 8.00am Kidlington Early Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube Hannah Melhuish RIP
Monday 6th April (K)	Easter Monday	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 7th April (K)	Easter Tuesday	7.00 pm Mass
Wednesday 8th April (W)	Easter Wednesday	11.00 am Mass
Thursday 9th April (K)	Easter Thursday	9.30 am Mass
Friday 10th April (K)	Easter Friday.	11.00am Mass
Saturday 11th April (K)	Vigil for Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 12th April	The Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube

**Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses collection.** Easter offerings are a personal Easter offering to support our parish priest.

**Message from Fr Damian Easter 2026**

Easter is the greatest feast of the Church. It celebrates Jesus's rising from the dead. This shows that love and life are stronger than sin and death. The readings remind us that God's power brings new life. They call us to trust Him, turn away from sin, and live with hope.

Easter is a time of joy and new beginnings. It reminds us that Jesus' resurrection brings forgiveness and peace. We are invited to share His mercy with others. During the Easter season, we rejoice together as one family of faith. We remember that Jesus lives and is with us always, giving us strength to follow Him each day.

I wish you all Every Blessing for a Holy Easter season, filled with the love of Christ. A big thanks to all who helped in our services over the Lenten period, especially over this Holy week. We have had a busy week with our, Mass of the Last Supper on Thursday, our Passion Service and Stations of the Cross on Friday, our Vigil Mass on Saturday and our Solemn Sunday Masses. Thank you all for coming along to share our services.

A big thank you to all our readers, musicians, ministers, and greeters. Thanks also to the cleaners who came along in the week to clean up, and our wonderful flower team for their superb Easter Flowers

I wish all our parishioners, family, and friends a Happy Easter! May the risen Christ bring peace and blessings to your life and your loved ones this Easter and always.

Easter Eggs: We thank Marika Dimech and Mary May for kindly donating Easter eggs for the children of the parish this Easter. God bless you for your generosity and support. Children, please be sure to collect your Easter egg at the church door as you leave after 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 those who have recently passed away, and for all our parish anniversaries, Jeanne Hart, Nashwan Asnan, Bridie Coyne, Timothy Riordan, Jimmy Doherty, Martin (Bob) Gara, Michael Hartnett, Kathleen Riordan, Barbara Loughran, Kate Lee, Jim Tracey, Bridget Foley, Percy Billington, Maureen O'Brien, Frank McGovern, Marion Large, Frank Hudgell. 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](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](mailto: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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.webelievifestival.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

**Upcoming Retiring Collection Weekends:** 12<sup>th</sup> Apr-Parish Debt, 19<sup>th</sup> Apr -Parish Debt, 26<sup>th</sup> Apr-Clergy Training Fund, 3<sup>rd</sup> May-Parish Debt, 10<sup>th</sup> May- Poor Parishes Fund, 17<sup>th</sup> May-Catholic Communications.

**Parish Fundraising Event:** Bingo Evening- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, Doors open 7pm, Eyes Down 7.30pm. in STM Hall. Please come a long and support this event.

**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.

**Donation to the Nuns:** 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 [seanccalnan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:seanccalnan@hotmail.co.uk) for any more information

**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](http://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/>

**Follow the Readings at Mass:** [www.universalis.com/mass](http://www.universalis.com/mass). or [www.alivepublishing.co.uk](http://www.alivepublishing.co.uk).