



**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.

Welcome to this House of God.

Pray to God before Mass, Listen to God during Mass, Talk to others after Mass

The Fourth Sunday of Easter,

"I am the door of the sheep." John 10:1-10 Psalter Week 3

Saturday 25th April (K)	Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Easter Day of Prayer for Vocations	6.00 pm Mass: Souls in Purgatory Collection for Priests Training Fund
Sunday 26th April	The Fourth Sunday of Easter Day of Prayer for Vocations Collection for Priests Training Fund	Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock: Seán Nagle RIP Mass 11.00 am Kidlington: Zoomed & on YouTube: John & Constance King RIP
Tuesday 28th April (K)	Easter Feria	7.00 pm Mass: Cecelia Kelly RIP
Wed 29th April (W)	Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	11.00 am Mass Day of Prayer for Europe
Thursday 30th April (K)	Easter Feria	9.30 am School Mass
Friday 1st May (K)	Easter Feria First Friday	11.00: Parish Adoration & Mass: Trevor Baker RIP
Saturday 2nd May (K)	Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Easter Parish debt collection	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 3rd May	The Fifth Sunday of Easter Parish debt collection	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube: Marianne Balazs RIP

Clergy Training Fund – Vocations Sunday Appeal: This Sunday is Vocations Sunday, and there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. This fund supports the formation of our future priests and permanent deacons for our Archdiocese. The formation of a priest typically takes around seven years and costs in the region of £200,000 per seminarian. This is a significant commitment for our Archdiocese, and it relies entirely on your generosity. Please give as generously as you are able, either in the second collection this weekend or online at: www.vocations.org.uk/ctf. For more information about vocations and the work of the Vocations Office, please see their latest newsletter available online. Please also keep in your prayers those currently discerning their vocation, and those in formation, that they may have the courage and perseverance to follow the Lord's call. Thanks for your support and generosity.

Archbishop's message: He invites the faithful to pray on Good Shepherd Sunday for vocations to the priesthood, asking those who may feel called (aged 18 or over) to contact the Archbishop directly on: archbishop@rcaob.org.uk. He offers to meet with them and the Vocations Director to help discern their calling, and asks for prayers for himself and all priests.

CAFOD thanks parishioners for their generous Lenten support, parish raised £880.45 from appeals and £983.00 from soup lunches, totalling £1,863.45. All contributions, whether through appeals, generous giving and soup lunches have helped support those in need. Bob Wright & Sandra Lenagan.

Parish Adoration resumes in May on First Fridays (Kidlington) and First Wednesdays (Woodstock). See the newsletter for details and come to place your worries before the Lord.

In May, dedicated to Our Lady, the Rosary will be prayed each Saturday at 5:40pm before Mass, and on Sundays either a decade of the Rosary or the Angelus will be said after Mass before the final blessing.

Funeral: Parishioners are invited to the funeral Mass of Marianne Balazs on Friday 8th May at 10:30 am at St John the Evangelist, Banbury. Attendees are asked to wear bright colours. Family flowers only, with optional donations to CAFOD, Sight Savers, and Cancer Research.

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, Mary Couchman, Anne Howard, Tracy Richards, Kit Murphy, 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, Ernest Pring, Peter Passant, Andrew Robinson, Jozef Borucki, Noreen Santos, Ana Norris, James O'Brien, Paul McLoughlin. May they rest in peace.

Parish Fundraising Event: Quiz Night with Chilli & Rice, 9th May, 7pm in STM Hall. Tickets available now. See flyer/poster for more details.

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

Upcoming Retiring Collection Weekends: 3rd May-Parish Debt, 10th May- Poor Parishes Fund, 17th May-Catholic Communications, 24th May Parish Debt, 31st May -Parish Debt.7th June – Parish Debt, 14th June-Parish Debt.

Food Bank: Please consider donating to the Food Bank, 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.

Scripture Study Group: The monthly meetings are held on Mondays at 2 pm in STM Hall. Next dates are: 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 21st May. For more information, contact Kathleen McGlynn at kathleenikelly@yahoo.com

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 Representatives are 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.

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

Diocesan Mass for Marriage: The Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage will be held next Saturday, 2 May at St Chad's Cathedral. 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

Saturday 2nd May A Day with Mary: at Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, Earley near Reading A day of instruction devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See Poster for more details. based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See Poster for more details.

Events at Oscott College: Young Discerners Group: Are you a young man in school years 9 to 13 interested in the Catholic priesthood? Join us at St. Mary's College, Oscott in Birmingham on **Saturday, May 9, 2026**, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Connect with others considering this vocation, meet Fr. Craig Szmids, and enjoy discussions, prayer, a tour, lunch, and Holy Mass. To learn more or register by April 26, contact Deacon Owen Gresty at 0121 321 5135 or deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk. Attendance is free, but booking is essential.

St John Henry Newman, Theology and the Imagination, Friday 1st May – Saturday 2nd May: A Theology Symposium in Honour of St. John Henry Newman's Elevation to Doctor of the Church will begin with a free public lecture on Friday, May 1st, at 7 PM. Attendance is optional for those not participating in the Symposium, starting Saturday at 9:15 AM. For more details, please visit this link. <https://stmaryscollegeoscottcio.churchsuite.com/events/allhod7n>.

Organ Recital, Sunday 3rd May: Join us as we welcome Cathy Lamb to the college chapel. Bookings can be made here: <https://stmaryscollegeoscottcio.churchsuite.com/events/22e4lszl>

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.webeliefefestival.com/> Catholic festival for all ages and interests at Oscott College, 24-27 July. Tickets are available now.

Kenelm Youth Oxford: <https://www.kenelmvouthtrust.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/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.