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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 Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday		
"Eight days later, Jesus came." John 20:19-31 Psalter Week 2.		
Saturday 11th April (K)	Vigil for Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday Second collection: Parish Debt.	6.00pm: Mass. Divine Healing on Debbie By Sandra Lenagan
Sunday 12th April	The Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday Second collection: Parish Debt. Baptism: Levi David Kebollos Strudwick after Mass.	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock: Elizabeth Woodward RIP Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube: Willaim McLoughlin RIP
Tuesday 14th April (K)	Easter Feria	7.00 pm Mass: Cecelia Kelly and Family.
Wed 15th April (W)	Easter Feria	11.00 am Mass
Thursday 16th April (K)	Easter Feria	9.30 am Mass
Friday 17th April (K)	Easter Feria	11.00am Mass
Saturday 18th April (K)	Vigil for Third Sunday of Easter Second collection: Parish Debt.	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 19th April	The Third Sunday of Easter Second collection: Parish Debt.	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube

Message from Fr Damian Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrates God's mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, emphasising the power of faith amid doubt. The readings highlight community, hope, and the joy of believing without seeing.

In the first reading, early Christians shared their resources and cared for one another, demonstrating how faith transforms daily life. The Gospel account illustrates that faith often grows through personal experiences, with Jesus blessing those who believe without seeing.

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, Edward Piper, Dorina Young, Jim Foley, Marie Silman, Elizabeth Woodward, George Sulik, Bill McLoughlin, Pauline Allan, Owen Carney, Mary McGovern, Molly Clune, Emma Williamson, Teresa Donohoe, John Mallaghan, Margaret Richie, Vincent Palmer Paul, Robert Bouse, Cornelius Horgan, Dawn Hipwell, John Hannon, Sean Morgan, Neville Cherry, John Holman, Mary Austin, John Hoffman. 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

Parish Fundraising Event: Bingo Evening- Saturday 25th April, Doors open 7 pm, Eyes Down 7.30 pm. in St Thomas Moore Hall. Please come along and support this event.

Upcoming Retiring Collection Weekends: 19th Apr -Parish Debt, 26th Apr-Clergy Training Fund, 3rd May-Parish Debt, 10th May- Poor Parishes Fund, 17th May-Catholic Communications

Kenelm Youth Trust: Youth Ministry conference. Saturday 18th April 2026. St Peter's RC Church, Leamington Spa CV32 5AA, 9:30 am – 6:00 pm Cost £18. The Trust is pleased to announce the 2026 Youth Ministry Conference for parish volunteers in the Archdiocese. Join us for inspiring talks and workshops, including a discussion by Dr Julia Sadusky on the challenges facing young people today, as well as topics like Faith & Neurodiversity and Digital Media in ministry. Don't miss this chance to connect with other parish leaders! Book your place at: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5208266>.

'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.webeliefestival.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 **16th 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.

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.

Donations to the Nuns: If you wish to donate money to the nuns and Mary (who built a school for the disabled, including organising sports events), who live in Swaziland, now called Eswatini. Please contact Sean Calnan at 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

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/>

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