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KIDLINGTON & ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN,  
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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 Third Sunday of Easter,**

**"He was known to them in the breaking of the bread." Luke 24:13-35 Psalter Week 3**

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April (K)</b>	Vigil for Third Sunday of Easter Second collection: Parish Debt.	6.00pm Mass: Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	The Third Sunday of Easter Second collection: Parish Debt.	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock. Divine Healing on Sean Nagle Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube: Brendan Morrison RIP
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April (K)</b>	Easter Feria	7.00 pm Mass. Cecelia Kelly & Family
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April (W)</b>	Easter Feria	11.00 am Mass
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April (K)</b>	Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England	9.30 am Mass
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April (K)</b>	Easter Feria	11.00am Mass
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April (K)</b>	Vigil for 4th Sunday of Easter Second collection: Parish Debt.	6.00pm Mass Zoomed & on YouTube
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	The 4th Sunday of Easter Second collection: Parish Debt.	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock. Divine Healing on Sean Nagle Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube. John & Constance King

**Message from Fr Damian Third Sunday of Easter:** The third Sunday of Easter reminds us that Jesus is alive and with us. The readings illustrate how His followers came to believe in the resurrection and inspire us to live with hope. In the first reading, Peter declares that Jesus' death and resurrection were part of God's plan, showing the courage that the Holy Spirit provides. The Gospel recounts the road to Emmaus, where two disciples recognize Jesus when He breaks bread, highlighting His presence in Word and Sacrament.

**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.

**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, 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, John Spiller, Jeff Clapp, Mary Hedge, Richard Verran, Jane Matthews, Rosa Faker, Doug Brumby, Mary Ray, Pauline Fettner, Sylvia Springer-Martin, Thomas Cairns. 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)

**Parish Fundraising Event: Bingo Evening- This 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.

**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 2nd, to Sunday, May 3rd, with an overnight option on Friday. For more details, visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love>.

**Events at Oscott: 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 Szmidt, 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](mailto:deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk). Attendance is free, but booking is essential.

**From Sinai to Rome: Jewish Identity in the Catholic Church, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April:** An evening of celebration with presentations by Dr Angela Costley, Prof. Gavin D'Costa and Prof. Lawrence Feingold. Introduction by Bishop Timothy Menezes and a drinks reception to follow. A free event – full details can be found here: <https://stmaryscollegeoscottcio.churchsuite.com/events/n0g58ukm>.

**St John Henry Newman, Theology and the Imagination, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com).

**We Believe Festival:** <https://www.webelievefestival.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: 20<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April, and 21<sup>st</sup> 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.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/oxfordnews.html>

**Young Adults group: 1st Sunday of the Month after 6.30 pm Mass at Corpus Christi, Headington.**

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

**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/>.

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