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KIDLINGTON & ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, WOODSTOCK**
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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer for May 2026: That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensuring that everyone has access to quality food.

Welcome to this House of God.

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

The Eight Sunday of Easter,		
"As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:19-23 Psalter week 4		
Saturday 23 rd May (K)	Vigil for The Solemnity of Pentecost. Collection for Parish Debt	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm Mass: Stuart Perkins RIP
Sunday 24 th May	The Solemnity of Pentecost. Collection for Parish Debt	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube: Marianne Balazs RIP
Ordinary Time resumes, Week 8 year II		
Tuesday 26 th May (K)	Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 27 th May (W)	Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	11.00 am Mass
Thursday 28 th May (K)	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9.30 am Mass
Friday 29 th May (K)	The Solemnity of the Dedication	11.00 Mass
Saturday 30 th May (K)	Vigil for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Collection for Parish Debt	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm.
Sunday 31 st May	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Collection for Parish Debt	Early Mass 9.30 am Woodstock: Gay Luff RIP Day Mass 11.00, am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube

Parish Celebration and Induction Mass of Fr Damian Nwankwo: A Night to Remember:

Tuesday, 19th May at 7:00 pm was a truly wonderful and memorable evening, a divine gathering that beautifully united heaven and earth, marking a new chapter and spiritual renewal for the parishes of St Thomas More, Kidlington, and St Hugh of Lincoln, Woodstock. People from different denominations came together to give thanks to God and to celebrate the induction ceremony of Fr Damian Nwankwo. The church was filled with distinguished guests and faithful parishioners. It was the first time the sanctuary of St Thomas More, Kidlington, had been graced by such a remarkable gathering of Canons and priests from both the Oxford North and Warwick & Banbury Deaneries.

Also present were many ministers from the Churches Together groups in Kidlington and Woodstock. In attendance were parishioners from Kidlington and Woodstock, members of Fr Damian's former parish, Our Lady and St Benedict, Wootton Wawen as well as friends and well-wishers from Coventry, Birmingham, and London. Fr Damian cannot thank enough all the parishioners and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the ceremony such a great success. Special appreciation goes to the minor ministers, readers, flower team, media team (Zoom/YouTube), IT team who prepared the booklet, cleaners, greeters, choir, sacristans, social and entertainment team, printers, students and staff of St Thomas More School, photographers, wardens, and all those who coordinated the car parking.

Fr Damian is deeply overwhelmed and profoundly grateful for your sacrifices, support, prayers, and good wishes. In appreciation, he has promised a novena of Masses for all your intentions.

Reflection of the Solemnity of Pentecost: Pentecost celebrates the arrival of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' followers, marking the birth of the Church. This event signifies how God's Spirit brings life, courage, and strength. During

Pentecost, the Spirit came as wind and fire, renewing the disciples and enabling them to speak various languages, emphasizing that Jesus' message is meant for everyone. Pentecost is a reminder that the Spirit is active in our lives today, guiding us, helping us pray, and uniting us as one body in Christ. It teaches us that the Spirit fosters unity among diverse cultures. The Church began as a Spirit-led mission, which continues now. The Spirit's power empowers believers to share the Gospel boldly. True strength comes from the Holy Spirit, as seen in figures like Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa. We are called to open our hearts to the Spirit and trust its guidance.

May Devotions to Our Blessed Lady: We will pray the rosary 5.40 pm before our Saturday Evening Mass. At our other weekend masses, we will say either one decade of the rosary or the Angelus alternatively.

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, Martha and Rosemary and Steve Whelan. 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, Anna Zoderer, Baby Dylan Harrison, Peter Reeves, Louis Rajandream, John Murphy, Jan Willemite, Baby Brian Mitchell, Duncan Kay, Parisa Swannell, Yvonne Mease, Annie McAnerney, Esther Denney, George Swadling, Francis (Frank) Spratt and Allison Margetts. May they rest in peace.

Parish Eucharistic Adoration: We have restarted our Monthly Parish Eucharistic Adoration. It will be on at Woodstock on the first Wednesday, 3rd June at 11 am, followed by mass. Then on the first Friday, 5th June, at Kidlington at 11 am with Mass afterwards.

Monstrance at St Hugh's Church, Woodstock: We sincerely thank a generous parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, for donating a new monstrance to St Hugh's Church, Woodstock, for use during Adoration and Benediction. May the Good Lord bless and reward the donor and family abundantly.

FOOD BANK at STM: A list of the food required is displayed on the porch notice board and the hall door. Please put your donations in the food box which is in the lobby between the Church and Hall. Thank you.

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

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

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

Week of Accompanied Prayer; 28 June to 3 July: CTK invites you to join a Week of Accompanied Prayer to help deepen your relationship with God and grow in confidence in prayer. Participants are asked to spend 30 minutes each day in prayer and 30 minutes with a trained prayer guide. Leaflets and application forms are available in the church. Please return forms by Friday, 5th June. For more information, contact Penny Pedley at pennypedley@gmail.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.

Scripture Study Group: The monthly meetings are held on Mondays at 2 pm in STM Hall. Next dates are: 15th June, and 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 11th June 16th July and 20th August. 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 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.

Kenelm Youth Trust Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/bcys/march-newsletter-kenelm-youth-trust-16564215?e=978575ba13>

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 **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.

Please remember: When entering the Church, people may be praying, and we request that you keep the chatter to a minimum until after Mass. Thank you.