



**THE PARISH OF ST. THOMAS MORE,  
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 Fifth Sunday of Easter,		
"I am the way, and the truth, and the life." John 14:1-12 Psalter week 4.		
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (K)</b>	<b>Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Parish debt collection	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm Mass: Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Parish debt collection	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube: Marianne Balazs RIP
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May (K)	Easter Feria	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> May (W)	Easter Feria	11.00 am Eucharistic Adoration 11.30 am Mass Day of Prayer for Europe
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May (K)	Easter Feria	9.30 am Mass
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May (K)	Easter Feria	11.30 Mass: Susan Kelly RIP
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May (K)</b>	<b>Vigil for Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Poor Parishes of the Diocese collection	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm Mass
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Poor Parishes of the Diocese collection	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube: Marianne Balazs RIP

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 pm Please join us for a special mass at St Thomas Moore to induct Fr Damian as the Parish Priest of St Thomas Moore and St Hugh of Lincoln.** We anticipate the presence of several visitors, including Deanery priests, parishioners from communities where Fr. Damian has worked. This is an important occasion for both the parishes and Fr Damian as he will officially become our parish priest at this service.

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

**Parish Eucharistic Adoration:** We have re-started our Monthly Parish Eucharistic adoration. It will be on the first Friday at Kidlington at 11am with Mass afterwards, and Woodstock on the first Wednesday at 11am with Mass afterwards.

**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](mailto: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.

**Funeral of Marianne Balazs:** Parishioners are invited to the funeral Mass 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.

**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, Molly Freeman, Alan Gray, Albert Thomas, Veronika Kardos, Lord John Kerr, Hannah Brundish, Thomas Hedges, Kevin

Riordan, Margaret Salmon, Joan Taylor, Robert Rigby, Catherine Mulligan, John Ryan, John Jenkins, John Hickey, Michael Conroy. May they rest in peace.

**Food Bank:** If you are able, please consider adding an item of food or toiletries to the Food Bank every time you go shopping and bring it with you when you come to church.

The dedicated box is in the STM hall entrance which can be accessed by going through the church or going through the car park door. Thank you.

**Bingo Evening:** Thank you to all who supported this event, £205 was raised for the parish.

**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: Quiz Night with Chilli & Rice, 9th May, 7 pm in STM Hall.** Teams of up to 6 players. Tickets available now. See flyer/poster for more details

**Upcoming Retiring Collection Weekends:** 10<sup>th</sup> May-Poor Parishes, 17<sup>th</sup> May-Catholic Communications, 24<sup>th</sup> May-Parish Debt, 1<sup>st</sup> June- Parish Debt, 31<sup>st</sup> May-Parish Debt, 7<sup>th</sup> June-Parish Debt.

**Young Discerners Group at Oscott College:** 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.

**Email addresses:** Please be aware that any official communications from our parish, including messages from Fr Damian, will come from an official Diocese email address [fr.damian.nwankwo@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.damian.nwankwo@rcaob.org.uk). The main combined parish email address is [stthomasmore.kidlington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stthomasmore.kidlington@rcaob.org.uk)

It has come to our attention that a fraudulent email address is circulating within the church community. We want to confirm that we always use the @rcab.org.uk email domain for communication within the archdiocese and the parish community. Any emails coming from different addresses should be considered fraudulent. We advise blocking such emails and reporting them to your internet service provider as spam

**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: 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 21st May. For more information, contact Kathleen McGlynn at [kathleenikelly@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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.

**Birmingham Archdiocese Link:** [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) **Vatican News:** <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

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