



**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 Seventh Sunday of Easter,		
"Father, glorify your Son." John 17:1-11a Psalter week 3		
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May (K)</b>	<b>Vigil for Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Collection for Catholic communications.	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm Mass. Eileen Mcloughlin RIP
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Collection for Catholic communications.	Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Mass 11.00 am Kidlington, Zoomed & on YouTube: Charles Newland RIP
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May (K)</b>	Easter Feria	7.00 pm Mass <b>Induction of Fr Damian.</b>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May (W)</b>	Easter Feria	11.00 am Mass
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May (K)</b>	Easter Feria	9.30 am Mass
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (K)</b>	Easter Feria	11.30 Mass: Souls in Purgatory
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (K)</b>	<b>Vigil for the Solemnity of Pentecost.</b> Collection for Parish Debt	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass. Madeleine Rainer' Birthday
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>The Solemnity of Pentecost.</b> Collection for Parish Debt	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube

**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 previously served, and guests from other local churches. This is an important occasion for both the parishes and Fr Damian.

**Reflection of the Seventh Sunday of Easter:** This Sunday is a time for the Church to reflect on waiting for God's promise, situated between the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost. The readings highlight the disciples praying together in Jerusalem, united in hope for the mission ahead. In Acts, we see the apostles and Mary ready for what's to come, while the second reading reminds us that following Jesus brings both challenges and joy. The Gospel features Jesus praying for His glorification and the protection of His disciples, emphasising unity with the Father and among His followers. Prayer is crucial for deepening our faith, and the disciples gathered to pray highlights the importance of listening to God. This weekend, we are encouraged to reflect on our own faith, trust in God, and connect with others who share this hope.

**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 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 Batstone, Dilys Dorrington, Cliff Cooper, Patricia Doran, Josephine Connolly, Catherine Cookson, Angiolina Santoro, Henry Philippot, Andrew Mulligan, Rosemary Giraud, Charles Newland, Eileen McLoughlin, Donald Matheson CBE, Vincent Villa, Anne Benham, Jean Brooke, Hilary Najak, Peter Parker, Janos Kardos. May they rest in peace.

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

**Quiz Night:** A big thank you to all who supported this fund-raising event last Saturday. £560 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)

**Upcoming Retiring Collection Weekends:** 17th May-Catholic Communications, 24<sup>th</sup> May Parish Debt

**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.

**Swaziland Charity:** The Sisters at the local school and Mary, who coordinates the disabled school, are deeply grateful for the £1,000 sent at the end of April. Thank you to all who donated so generously, every penny given goes directly them.

**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 church. Please return forms by Friday 5 June. For more information contact Penny Pedley at [pennypedley@gmail.com](mailto:pennypedley@gmail.com).

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**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.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: 18th May, 15th June, 20th July. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Jane Lemon at [janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com](mailto:janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com)

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

**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](http://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](http://www.universalis.com/mass). or [www.alivepublishing.co.uk](http://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.

**Prayer for Vocations.**

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest. Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen