



**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 Sixth Sunday of Easter,		
"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper." John 14:15-21 Psalter Week 2		
Saturday 9 th May (K)	Vigil for Sixth Sunday of Easter Poor Parishes of the Diocese collection	5.40 pm Rosary 6.00 pm Mass Souls in Purgatory: Guy Jurgensen: Divine healing on Debbie
Sunday 10 th May	The Sixth Sunday of Easter 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 12 th May (K)	Easter Feria	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 13 th May (W)	Easter Feria	11.00 am Mass
Thursday 14 th May (K) & (W)	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	11.00am (W) 1.30 pm Mass with the school (K) 7.00pm (K)
Friday 15 th May (K)	Easter Feria	11.00 Mass
Saturday 16 th May (K)	Vigil for Seventh Sunday of Easter Collection for Catholic Communications.	5.40 pm Rosary 6.00 pm Mass
Sunday 17 th May	The Seventh Sunday of Easter Collection for Catholic Communications.	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube

Ascension Day Thursday, 14th May: Please remember this is a holy day of obligation. As catholic we should make every effort to get to Mass on the day.

Tuesday 19th May at 7.00 pm Please join us for a special Mass at St Thomas More to induct Fr Damian as the Parish Priest of St Thomas More and St Hugh of Lincoln. We anticipate the presence of several visitors, including Deanery priests, parishioners from communities where Fr. Damian has previously served, our school community, members of his Nigerian community, and guests from other local churches. This is an important occasion for both the parishes and Fr Damian as he will officially become our parish priest at this service.

Reflection of the Sixth Sunday of Easter: The 6th Sunday of Easter reminds us that God is always close to His people. Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, who guides, strengthens, and comforts us in our daily lives. Through Baptism and Confirmation, we receive the Holy Spirit and are never left alone.

This Sunday encourages us to trust in God's presence, live with love, and share the hope of Christ through our words and actions.

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

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.

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, Percy Billington, Eileen Cross, John Freeman, Chantelle Gatt-Williams, Katy Murphy, John Wyse, Wilf Hunt, Trevor Lutwana Ndugga, Desmond Ford, Barbara Black, Anne Tucker, Charles Lloyd, Michael Hartnett Jnr, Eileen Hawkins, Kathleen Murphy. 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

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 to the cause.

Sacraments: We give thanks to God that a mother and her two children will be received into full communion with the Church this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers. We also invite anyone wishing to be baptised or to begin preparation for the sacraments to come forward and register. Please also pray for Raife, baptised at St Hugh’s, Woodstock, this weekend. May the Lord guide and keep him faithful.

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 pennyspedley@gmail.com.

Upcoming Retiring Collection Weekends: 17th May-Catholic Communications, 24th May-Parish Debt.

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: 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 21st May. 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 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.

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