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KIDLINGTON & ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, WOODSTOCK**  
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**Pope Leo XIV's Prayer for June 2026: For the values of sports.** Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

**Welcome to this House of God.**

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

**The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th-14th June 2026**

**“Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out. Matthew 9:36-10:8. Psalter week 3**

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| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June (K)     | <b>Vigil for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Collection for Parish Debt  | 6.00 pm Mass: Debbie RIP (Jane Lemon's daughter)                                                                                                 |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June           | <b>The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Collection for Parish Debt            | Mass 9.30 am Woodstock<br>Mass 11.00 am Kidlington<br>Zoomed & YouTube: Peter McCallister RIP<br><b>Parish Assembly Meeting after Mass</b>       |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June (K)      | Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)                                                       | 7.00 pm Mass By Bishop Willams Kenney.<br>Ikechukwu Chiemenem & family -God favour and upliftment & other Private intentions                     |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June (W)          | Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)                                                       | 11.00 am Mass. By Bishop Willams Kenney<br>Ikechukwu Chiemenem & family -God favour and upliftment & other Private intentions                    |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June (K)     | Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral (White)                                     | 9.30 am Mass. Eucharistic Service                                                                                                                |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June (K)       | Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)                                                       | 11.00 am Mass. Ikechukwu Chiemenem & family -God favour and upliftment & other Private intentions                                                |
| Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June May (K) | <b>Vigil for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Collection for Day for Life | 6.00 pm.                                                                                                                                         |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June           | <b>The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Collection for Day for Life           | Early Mass 9.30 am Woodstock:<br>Day Mass 11.00, am Kidlington<br>Zoomed & on YouTube<br><b>Confirmation Mass @3.30pm. Bishop Richard Walker</b> |

**Reflection for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** This week's readings highlight God's love for His people and His call to follow Him. God saves and cares for Israel, while Jesus sacrifices His life for us, even in our weakness. We learn that we are sent to serve; Jesus commissions His disciples to share His message and care for others, a calling that extends to all of us. We are chosen, loved, and tasked with bringing hope to the world. Before Jesus sent out his disciples, he told them, "The harvest is abundant, but the labourers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest." The readings illustrate a journey where God chooses Israel as His treasured possession, and Paul reminds us that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. God acts first by saving and healing, and we are called to respond with trust and love. Throughout the Gospel, Jesus sees the crowds with compassion and empowers His disciples to preach, heal, and help. This mission is not just for the original disciples; it is for all Catholics, encouraging us to share the good news through small acts of kindness, prayer, or simply by living out Christ's love. A theme for this week is a reminder to us that faith is

meant to be shared—not kept to oneself. We are invited to follow God, share His love, and be a light in the world, actively living our faith through service and obedience.

**Confirmation:** The Parish Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 21st June at 3.30 pm**. We are delighted that **Bishop Richard Walker** will be joining us to celebrate and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**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, 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, especially Debbie, Jane & Ron Lemon's daughter and for all our parish anniversaries, Albert Ellul, Nora Palmer, Walter Franklin, John Brockman, Joseph Strahan, Catherine Belton, Charles Ellington, Elizabeth Potter, Valerie Goat, Catherine Askins, Teresa Coates, Christopher Newland. May they rest in peace.

**FOOD BANK at STM (K):** 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.

**FOOD BANK at SHL (W):** A list of the food required is displayed on the porch and hall notice boards.

Please put your donations in the food box which is in the porch and lobby between the Church and Hall. Thank you.

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

**Parish Assembly Meeting:** will be today, Sunday 14th of June, immediately after 11 am Mass at the STM parish hall.

Please join us if you are available. Refreshments will be provided.

**Parish Celebration – Sunday 5 July 2026** after the 11.00am Mass at St Thomas More Church for First Holy Communion and Confirmation children. This will be a "Bring & Share" gathering in the School Hall (finger food welcome), with refreshments and a glass of wine. All parishioners are invited. Children are encouraged to wear their special outfits again.

**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)

**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)

**Harvington Hall History Festival 22nd to 26th July** - talks, tours, and events exploring history at Harvington Hall, the Archdiocese's historic moated manor house known for its priest hides. For more information, see: [harvingtonhall.co.uk](http://harvingtonhall.co.uk).

**FLAME, Saturday 6 March 2027.** The largest gathering of Catholic young people in the UK is coming to Wembley Arena. We are looking to take a group of young people from the parish to join with others from the deanery. If your son or daughter is aged 13 plus and is interested, please let Fr Damian know or email the parish.

**We Believe Festival:** <https://www.webeliefestival.com/> Catholic festival for all ages and interests at Oscott College, 24-27 July. Tickets are available now.

**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 will have opportunity spend 30 with a trained prayer guide. For more information, contact Penny Pedley at [pennyspedley@gmail.com](mailto:pennyspedley@gmail.com).

**Scripture Study Group:** Please note that there will be no Scripture meeting on Monday 15th June. The next meetings will be: 20th July, 21st September, Monday 19th October, 16th Novem, 21st December. All are welcome to join us. 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 11th June 16th July and 20th August. 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.

**Diocesan Job opportunities:** See Noticeboards for details. **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](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).