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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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th-21st June 2026

"So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Matthew 10:26-33 Psalter week 4

Saturday 20 th June (K)	Vigil for the twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Second Collection Day of Life	6.00 pm Mass: Debbie RIP and Family
Sunday 21 st June	The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Second Collection Day of Life Confirmation Mass @3.30pm. Bishop Walker	Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & YouTube: Peter McCallister RIP & Family
Monday 22 nd June	Feast of Ss John Fisher (Bishop) & Thomas More (Martyrs) (K)	Mass 11.00am. Ikechukwu Chiemenem & family -God favour & Private intentions
Tuesday 23 rd June (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	7.00 pm Mass. Ikechukwu Chiemenem & family -God favour & other Private intentions
Wed 24 th June (W)	Solemnity of The Nativity of St John the Baptist (White)	11.00 am Mass. Ikechukwu Chiemenem & family -God favour & other Private intentions
Thursday 25 th June(K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	9.30 am. Eucharistic Service
Friday 26 th June (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am Mass. Ikechukwu Chiemenem & family -God favour & other Private intentions
Saturday 27 th June(K)	Vigil for the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul Apostles Second Collection Peter's Pence	6.00 pm.
Sunday 28 th June	Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul Apostles Second Collection Peter's Pence	Early Mass 9.30 am Woodstock: Day Mass 11.00, am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube

Reflection for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our readings this weekend reminds us to trust God, even in hard times. The readings show that He is with us, protecting and guiding us. Our first reading tells the story of Jeremiah, a prophet who faced betrayal and opposition. Even his friends turned against him, waiting for him to fail. Despite this, he did not give up. He trusted that God was with him and would protect him. The psalm calls us to rely on God's kindness. St Paul talks about sin and grace. Sin entered the world through Adam, bringing suffering and death. But Jesus came to offer grace and life. His sacrifice on the cross made it possible for us to be forgiven and to have a new relationship with God. This reading reminds us that we cannot save ourselves. No matter how hard we try, we all fall short. But God, in His love, sent Jesus to rescue us. Through faith in Him, we receive grace that washes away sin and brings us hope. Matthew's Gospel shares Jesus' words to His disciples. He tells them not to be afraid of those who can harm the body. Instead, they should fear God, who has authority over both body and soul. Jesus reminds them that God values each person deeply and watches over them with care. If we stand with Jesus, He will stand with us.

Day for Life, June 21st: This week's Second collection supports the Church's work to promote the dignity of life from conception to death.

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: Stephanie Johnston, Kate Knatt, Bert Knatt, George Crooks, Ana Smyth, Harold Mara, Mary McKay, Brendan McNulty, Kenneth Rowe, Bridget Mulhern, Mary Smith-Parr, James Coyne, Helen Adams, Andrew Rodigan, Lady Isabel Kerr, Michael Conroy, Barbara Witcher, Maud Bonasera, Michael Murphy, George Dunseath, Peter Murray, Myra Fagan-Bosley, Martin O'Malley, Kitty Bowerman, Monica Ellul, Margaret Pring, Justin Johnston, Peter Tatman. 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 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

Forming Catholic Student Leaders: Join us for two summer courses for sixth form students at the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, in the beautiful Ribbles 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

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.

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.webelievefestival.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 pennypedley@gmail.com.

Scripture Study Group: 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.

Carmelite Contemplative Prayer Circle, Join us for shared prayer, wisdom and friendship in STM Hall, 6 pm on 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/>

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