



**THE PARISH OF ST. THOMAS MORE,
KIDLINGTON & ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, WOODSTOCK**

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer for July 2026: For respect for human life: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Welcome to this House of God.

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

"He sells all that he has and buys that field". Matthew 13:44-46 Psalter week 1

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 25th - 26th July 2026

Saturday 25th July (K)	Vigil for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green). World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly Second Collection Parish Debt	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass Debbie RIP (Canning Family)
Sunday 26th July	The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green) World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly Second Collection Parish Debt	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Wellbeing of Anthony O' Brien (M. May) Zoomed & on YouTube Tea/Coffee after Mass
Tuesday 28 th July (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 29 th July (W)	Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. (White)	11.00 am Mass. Tea/Coffee after Mass
Thurs 30 th July (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	9.30 am Mass: For daughter's devotion to Mass and the Rosary
Friday 31 st July (K)	Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest. (White)	11.00 am Mass
Saturday 1st August(K)	Vigil for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection Parish Debt	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass Well-being of Lemon Family (canning Family)
Sunday 2nd August	The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection Parish Debt	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock (Tea/Coffee after Mass) Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Marion Robinson RIP (M. May) Zoomed & on YouTube. (Tea/Coffee after Mass)

Reflection for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: This week's readings centre on wisdom and the true value of God's kingdom. Solomon wisely asks God for understanding rather than riches, and in return, God grants him unparalleled wisdom. Jesus shares parables about a hidden treasure and a valuable pearl, emphasising that the kingdom is worth everything and urging us to trust in God's plan.

These readings remind us that wisdom, faith, and God's kingdom are more valuable than any material possession. They illustrate that pursuing these gifts brings life, joy, and strength. Solomon's request highlights the importance of seeking the right things, while Jesus' parables show that choosing the kingdom of heaven requires serious commitment. The treasure and the pearl signify the sacrifices we must make, while the fishing net reminds us of the coming judgment.

Ultimately, we are encouraged to reflect on our priorities: Are we willing to put God first? Jesus invites us to seek His kingdom above all else.

Angelus: The Angelus will be prayed before the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6:00 pm. Please collect an Angelus prayer booklet from the church porch.

Sign of Peace: As we have not received any objections, the parish has decided to resume the traditional handshake during the Sign of Peace at Mass. Please feel free to shake hands if you are comfortable.

Rosary: Thank you to everyone who leads us in praying the Rosary before Saturday evening Mass. Your time and dedication are truly appreciated.

Prayer Intentions, Parish Sick: We pray for all on our parish sick list and for those who care for them. 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, Maria Mori. May they be strengthened in all their needs by the Lord Jesus Christ and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Anniversaries: We pray for all who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again, for all our parish anniversaries: Patrick Billington, Paul Moran, Sheila Brockman, Judith McNeale, Eileen Groom, Sally Steepe, Janice Bonasera, June O'Leary, Connie Crooks, Tom Goughley, Rosemary Brown, Peggy Sulik, Mary Eames, Amelia Reeve, Mary Tulley, Ellen Beddard, William Russell. May they rest in peace. May they come into the light of God's presence in his heavenly kingdom.

Home/ Sick Visits: If you are aware of any parishioners or family members living in a care home, nursing home, or who are housebound and would like a visit from the parish to receive Holy Communion, please let us know. You can inform us in person or via email, providing their name and contact details so we can arrange the visits. Thank you!

Food Bank at STM (K): A list of needed food donations is posted on the porch notice board and the hall door. Please place your donations in the food box located in the lobby between the church and the hall. Thank you.

Food Bank at SHL (W): A list of the food most needed is displayed on the porch and hall notice boards. Please put your donations in the food box, located on the porch and lobby between the Church and Hall. Thank you.

Piety Shop is now open for your cards, medals, gifts, etc. Please show your support and appreciation! Eileen Perkins & Milagros Ponte.

CAFOD: The world's poorest countries spend more on debt repayments than on essentials like healthcare, education, and clean water. CAFOD is calling for these unjust debts to be cancelled so that millions of people can live with dignity and hope and asking us to support the campaign by adding our voices.

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

FLAME, Saturday 6 March 2027. The largest gathering of Catholic young people at 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.

Carmelite Contemplative Prayer Circle: Join us for shared prayer, wisdom, and friendship in STM Hall at 6 PM August 20th. For more information, please contact Kathleen McGlynn at kathleenikelly@yahoo.com.

Scripture Study Group: The monthly meetings are held on Mondays at 2 PM in STM Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December. Everyone is welcome to attend. For further information, please reach out to Jane Lemon at janemcgrathlemon@gmail.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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