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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

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
"A Sower went out to sow." 'Matthew 13:1-9 Psalter week 3		
Saturday 11 th July (K)	Vigil for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection Apostleship of the Sea	6.00 pm Mass: Debbie RIP (Cathy Morrison)
Sunday 12 th July	The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection Apostleship of the Sea	Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & YouTube: Peace for Family
Tuesday 14 th July (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 15 th July (W)	Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church. (White)	11.00 am Mass.
Thursday 16 th July(K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	9.30 am Mass. School Leavers Mass
Friday 17 th July (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am Mass.
Saturday 18 th July (K)	Vigil for The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection: Parish Debt	6.00 pm.
Sunday 19 th July	The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection: Parish Debt	Early Mass 9.30 am Woodstock: Day Mass 11.00, am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube

Reflection for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This week's readings focus on the power of God's word, likening it to rain and seeds that nurture growth and fulfil His plans, even in tough times. Jesus emphasises that our openness to His message influences our faith. God generously provides, and we should listen and trust in His word for it to flourish in our lives. The readings illustrate how God's word works through simple nature images like rain and seeds. In Isaiah, God's word is compared to rain that helps the earth thrive. Paul, in Romans, speaks of creation longing for freedom. Jesus tells a parable about a Sower who scatters seeds, symbolising the spread of God's word. The seeds fall on different types of soil, representing various responses to the message. Some seeds produce abundant fruit, while others are hindered by thorns, rocky ground, or birds. Jesus explains the significance of each element, highlighting the importance of receptive hearts for the growth and understanding of God's teachings. These readings assure us that God's plan is certain, nourishing us even through hardships. With receptive hearts, we can deepen our faith and yield good results.

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. 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: Bertha Osborne, Michele Allen, Fr John Molyneux, Margaret Wareing, Peter Chivers, Martin Hughes, Margaret O'Donoghue, Margaret Kilcoyne. 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.

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.

Scripture Study Group: The next meetings will be: Monday September 7TH October 5TH November 2ND December 7TH please contact Jane Lemon at janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com

RCIA: Are you being drawn to the Catholic faith? Join us on Sunday 12th after 11am Mass at St Thomas More's to learn more about becoming a Catholic. For further information, please contact Fr Damian or Kathleen McGlynn on kathleenikelly@yahoo.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:

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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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