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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

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
"Let both grow together until the harvest." Matthew 13:24-30. Psalter week 4		
Saturday 18 th July (K)	Vigil for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection Parish Debt	6.00 pm Mass: Debbie RIP and family (Sandra Lenagan)
Sunday 19 th July	The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection Parish Debt	Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & YouTube: Herbert & Eileen Hinchin RIP
Tuesday 21 st July (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 22 nd July (W)	Feast of Mary Magdalene. (White)	11.00 am Mass.
Thursday 23 rd July (K)	Feast of St Brigid, Religious, Patron of Europe. (White)	9.30 am Mass. For daughter's devotion to Mass and the Rosary
Friday 24 th July (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am Mass.
Saturday 25 th July (K)	Vigil for The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection: Parish Debt	6.00 pm. Debbie RIP (Canning Family)
Sunday 26 th July	The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection: Parish Debt	Early Mass 9.30 am Woodstock: Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube. Wellbeing of Anthony O' Brien

Reflection for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: This weekend our readings demonstrate that God is powerful, yet gentle. He rules with justice but also provides time for change and forgiveness. This balance of strength and mercy is a recurring theme throughout the texts. In the first reading, we see how God's might is accompanied by kindness. The psalm speaks of His mercy and faithfulness. The second reading reminds us that the Spirit assists us when we struggle to find the right words to pray. Each passage points to a God who listens, forgives, and guides. The Gospel ties these ideas together with parables about seeds, weeds, and yeast. Although the kingdom of God may appear small at first, it grows in hidden ways. Our Gospel teaches that even small acts of goodness and faith are significant. God is patient with us, and He encourages us to be patient with ourselves and with others. His kingdom is growing, even when we cannot see it. By trusting in His plan and living our faith in small ways, we participate in His work.

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, Maria Mori. May they be strengthened in all their needs by the Lord Jesus Christ and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Visits: If you know of any of our parishioners or family members who are living in a care home, nursing home, or are housebound and would like the parish to visit them and bring Holy Communion, please let us know. You can inform us in person or by email, providing their name and contact details so that we can arrange visits.

Anniversaries: Andrew Rodigan, Kathleen Hedges, Marion Robinson, Michael Davey, Margaret Openshaw, Alice Paisley, Martin O'Malley, Jeanne Millin, Patrick Billington, Paul Moran, Sheila Brockman. May they rest in peace.

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.

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 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

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.webeliefestival.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 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 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-](https://mailchi.mp/bcys/march-newsletter-kenelm-youth-trust-16564215?e=978575ba13)

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Birmingham Archdiocese Link: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Vatican News: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

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