



THE PARISH OF ST. THOMAS MORE,
KIDLINGTON & ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, WOODSTOCK
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Pope's Prayer for September 2026: For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Welcome to this House of God.

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

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself." Matthew 16:21-27 Psalter week 2

The Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time 29th-30th August 2026

Saturday 29 th August (K)	Vigil for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection: Parish Debt	5.35 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass: Debbie RIP (Mary Stanbook) Zoomed & on YouTube
Sunday 30 th August	The Twenty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection Parish Debt	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Rita Hatton RIP (M. May) Zoomed & on YouTube
Tues 1 st September (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 2 nd Sept (W)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am: Parish Eucharist Adoration 11.30am: Mass
Thurs 3 rd Sept (K)	Feast of St Gregory the Great. Pope, Doctor of the Church (White)	9.30 am Mass: Susan O'Brien RIP
Friday 4 th Sept (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am: Parish Eucharist Adoration 11.30 Mass
Saturday 5 th September (K)	Vigil for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection: Parish Debt	5.35 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass:
Sunday 6 th September	The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection: Parish Debt	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Zoomed & on YouTube: Iris & Lewis Ative RIP (Mrs Jummun)

Welcome to Our Parish of Kidlington and Woodstock!

If you are new to the Parish or visiting us this weekend, a very warm welcome to you! Please make yourself known to Fr Damian or one of our greeters. Please join us for tea and coffee after Sunday Mass.

Reflection on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend, our readings focus on faith, leadership, and God's wisdom. We reflect on themes of strength, trust, and responsibility. God chooses individuals for His work and equips them with what they need to fulfil their roles. Each reading illustrates how God works through others to guide His people. In the Book of Isaiah, we learn about Shebna losing his position and Eliakim being raised to a place of authority. God selects Eliakim and grants him true authority, making him a steadfast support for his family and community. In the Gospel, Jesus gives Peter a new mission. Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, prompting Jesus to entrust him with the keys of the kingdom, calling him the rock upon which the Church will be built. This passage encourages us to reflect on the connection between faith and leadership. Overall, the readings remind us that God is in control and bestows authority upon those He chooses. We are invited to consider whom we trust and follow. Even when we don't fully understand, God is always at work, providing strength and purpose to those who say "yes" to Him.

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.

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

Tea and Coffee after Sunday Masses. All parishioners are invited to join us after Mass to enjoy casual chats and coffee every Sunday morning in our parish rooms.

STM Fund Raising event; Silent Auction in STM Hall 26th September. Please drop off good quality donations of Toys, Collectables, homewares, ceramics, soft furnishings, tools, pictures, small electricals etc, (sorry but no clothes). Please see flyers/Poster for full details

Lost and Found: Some lost items have been found in the church, including a pair of glasses, Rosary beads and a small piece of jewellery that appears to be gold. If you think any of these items may belong to you, please get in touch to identify.

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, Claire French, John Inman. May they be strengthened in all their needs by the Lord Jesus Christ and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lately dead and parish Anniversaries: We pray for all who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again especially Rita Hatton and Maire Walden who died recently and, for all our parish anniversaries, We pray for all who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again, for all our parish anniversaries Elizabeth Deans, John Sheehan, John Hodges, Ernest Simpson, Eileen O'Malley, Elizabeth Lucas, Baby Emmanuel Guiste, Trevor Dawes, Andrew Moran, William Laina, Gladys Redman, Sidney Wallace, George Deans, Charles Lamont, David Woodward, Pat Ward, Armando Perisi, Ruby Gara, May they come into the light of God's presence in his heavenly kingdom.

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

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

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.

Harvington Hall Annual Pilgrimage. THIS WEEKEND: The Annual Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage Mass will take place on Sunday, 6th September. Confessions 1.45 pm- 2.30 pm; Mass at 3 pm. Harvington Hall, Kidderminster, DY10 4LR. All are welcome

The terminally ill end-of-life Bill: Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill. There is a simple online method to do this. It takes only a few minutes to enter your postcode, ensure that the suggested text aligns with your viewpoint, and submit your message asking your MP to stop this flawed Bill from progressing through Parliament. For more information and resources, visit: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

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!

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 17th September, 15th October and 19th November. For more information, please 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 Representatives are 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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