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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer for August 2026: For evangelisation in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Welcome to this House of God.

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

"They all ate and were satisfied." Matthew 14:13-21. Psalter week 2		
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 1 st - 2 nd August		
Saturday 1 st August(K)	Vigil for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green) Second Collection Parish Debt	5.35 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass Well-being of Lemon Family (Canning Family)
Sunday 2 nd August	The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green) Second Collection Parish Debt	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Marion Robinson RIP (M. May) Zoomed & on YouTube
Tuesday 4 th August (K)	Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest (White)	7.00 pm Mass Speedy Recovery of Peffel (Roland & Ester)
Wed 5 th August (W)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am Parish Eucharistic Adoration 11.30 am Mass
Thurs 6 th August (K)	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (White)	9.30 am Mass: For daughter's devotion to Mass and the Rosary
Friday 7 th August (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am Parish Eucharistic Adoration 11.30 am Mass Wellbeing of Karen Iszkula (M. May)
Saturday 8 th August(K)	Vigil for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green) Second Collection Parish Debt	5.35 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Debbie RIP (Eleen & Don Perkins)
Sunday 9 th August	The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green) Second Collection Parish Debt	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock; Dorothy Matsutani RIP (Liz Woodward) Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington Zoomed & on YouTube Peter Macallister & Family (Mary Gilgunn-Jones)

Reflection for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: This week's readings remind us that God gives freely and cares deeply for His people. In Isaiah, God invites everyone to come and receive food and drink without cost. His covenant is one of love and mercy, offered to all who seek Him with open hearts. The psalm continues this theme by praising God's kindness and care. He satisfies the needs of every creature and is close to those who call upon Him. His goodness demonstrates that His kingdom is built on compassion and justice, not on power or wealth. In Paul's letter to the Romans, we are assured that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Not hardship, fear, or even death can break this bond. The Gospel illustrates this further by showing Jesus feeding thousands with a small offering, a sign of God's generous care for the hungry. The readings together convey a message of trust and hope. God's love is constant, generous, and always near. We are invited to receive His gifts and share them with others. In every reading,

the focus is on God's abundance and His promise to give life. We are called to trust in God's care and believe that He will always be there for us. As we reflect on these messages, we can find comfort and hope in His love.

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. 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, Hannah Hartnett, Helen Matthewman, Thomas Gaul, Harold Pollard, Jack Shaw, Rose O'Neill, Thomas Barron, Karen Bublely, Jim Togstead, William Blacoe, Thelma Barron. 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.

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 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.

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.

Trustee and Volunteer Opportunities: The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking practising Catholics with professional experience to serve as Trustees and committee members, particularly in safeguarding, property, governance, heritage and the work of Harvington Hall. For further information visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs

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 on August 20th. 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 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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