



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

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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

"Command me to come to you on the water." Matthew 14:22-33 Psalter week 2

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 8th- 9th August

Saturday 8th August (K)	Vigil for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green) Second Collection Parish Debt	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass: Debbie RIP (Eleen & Don Perkins)
Sunday 9th 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. Peter Macallister & Family (Mary Gilgunn-Jones) Zoomed & on YouTube
Tuesday 11 th August (K)	Memorial of St Clare, Virgin (white)	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 12 th August (W)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am, Mass
Thurs 13 th August (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	9.30 am Mass.: For daughter's devotion to Mass and the Rosary
Friday 14 th August (K)	Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr. (Red)	11.00 am Mass
Saturday 15th August (K)	Vigil for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (White) Second Collection Parish Debt	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass: Debbie RIP - (Sandra Lemon)
Sunday 16th August	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (White) Second Collection Parish Debt	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Zoomed & on YouTube

Reflection for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend's readings remind us to listen for God during quiet moments and to trust Him in difficult times. Elijah hears God not in the powerful wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in a gentle whisper. This teaches us that God's presence is close, even in silence and stillness. His presence is both gentle and assured. Paul expresses his deep love for his people, highlighting the importance of caring for others. In the Gospel, Peter walked on water but began to sink when he doubted. Jesus saved him, demonstrating that God does not abandon those who reach out for help. These readings emphasise the themes of faith, trust, and love, encouraging us to keep our focus on God, even when we feel afraid.

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: 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: We pray for all who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again especially Rita Hatton who died this week 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, Thomas Robinson, Ray Hazell, Ellen Steen, Bill Farrell, Martin McCormack, Patricia Chue-Sang, Richard Foley, Baby Maia Guiste, Martin Kelly, Mary Wyse, Catherine Kelly, Thomas Kelly, Amar Kumar Ray, Claire Hawes. May they come into the light of God's presence in his heavenly kingdom.

Annual diocesan Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. This will take place in the Archdiocese from Tuesday 18th until the Feast of Blessed Dominic on Wed 26 August 2026. The novena prayer and further information can be found on the diocesan website on the page relating to the Novena. The Novena of Prayer can be prayed in Parishes, and privately at home.

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!

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.

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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