



**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

"I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven." Matthew 18:21-35 Psalter week 4

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time 12th-13th September 2026

Saturday 12 th September (K)	Vigil for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Second Collection: Catholic Education Service	5.35 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass:
Sunday 13 th September	The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Second Collection: Catholic Education Service	Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. William Laina RIP (Mary Laina) Zoomed & on YouTube
Tues 15 th September (K)	Memorial of Our Lady Of sorrows (White)	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 16 th Sept (W)	Memorial of Ss. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs. (Red)	11.00 am Mass
Thurs 17 th Sept (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	9.30 am Mass
Friday 18 th Sept (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	10.30 am Funeral Mass of Maire Walden
Saturday 19 th September (K)	Vigil for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Second Collection: Catholic Evangelisation	5.35 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass:
Sunday 20 th September	The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Second Collection: Catholic Evangelisation	Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Zoomed & on YouTube: Stuart Perkins RIP (Eileen & Don Perkins)

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.

Education Sunday

An Invitation from Archbishop Bernard Longley

Today we give thanks for the gift of Catholic education. Our schools have a mission to form Christ-centred pilgrims of hope, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.

There is a real need for more foundation directors and governors to help guide our schools and keep Christ at the heart of their mission. This is not simply an administrative role; it is a true vocation and a practical way to serve Christ and His Church. If you are a practising Catholic, committed to our mission, and willing to share your time, skills and faith, you can make a lasting difference for thousands of children and young people. No prior experience is required, as full training and support are provided. God's unconditional love and readiness to forgive our sins remind us that service is not always easy, but it is always fruitful when rooted in love. Please speak to your parish priest or visit the Diocesan Education Service website for further details and to complete an online application form.:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/could-you-be-a-foundation-governor-or-director-at-your-local-catholic-school> and <https://www.bdes.org.uk/governor-online-application-forms.html>.

Archbishop's Pastoral Letter: We have received a pastoral letter from our Archbishop, which is to be read in all our churches. We will listen to the letter during the homily.

Funeral Mass for Maire Walden will be celebrated on 18 September at 10.30am at St Thomas More Church. The burial will take place afterwards at Banbury Road Cemetery, Kidlington.

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.

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, Maria Mori. 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 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 Buckley, Jonathan Fitzpatrick, Irene Tracey, Beryl Bradley, Joseph Balazs Snr, John Dorrington, Ronald Mathewman, Eileen Belton, Denis Canning, David Morris. May they come into the light of God.

Bereavement support group: A weekly bereavement support group starts 15 September, Tuesdays 7–8:30 pm at Exeter Hall, Kidlington. All are welcome to drop in for tea and support.

A message from North Oxfordshire Community Food Bank: Harvest & Season of Creation Appeal. We are always grateful for all food donations from organisations, churches and schools. But at this time of year our shelves are getting emptier and we are appealing for help in building up stocks ready for the next few months.

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..

Free Film Screening: ECO Group at St Mary Magdalene, Woodstock is hosting a free screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing* at 7pm on Sunday, 27 September. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with experts and a Q&A session. Places are limited, so please reserve your place via Eventbrite.

Kidlington Climate Action group are also hosting a Free screening of National Emergency Briefing on 7th October, 7pm at Kidlington Baptist Church. The screening will be followed by an open discussion with a Q&A panel on actions we can take together. For full details and to reserve your free ticket please use this link:

<https://buytickets.at/kidlingtonclimateaction/2386442> or you can email kidlingtonclimateaction@gmail.com.

Safeguarding Advisor Vacancy: The Diocese is currently recruiting, applications are welcome. Closing date: 21 September 2026. For further information and details on how to apply, please visit the Diocese website.

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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