



**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 he listens to you, you have gained your brother." Matthew 18:15-20 Psalter week 3		
The Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time 5th- 6th September 2026		
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: Rita Hatton RIP (Tony & Teresa Canning)
Sunday 6 th September	The Twenty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection Parish Debt	Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Iris & Lewis Ative RIP (Mrs Jummun) Zoomed & on YouTube
Tues 8 th September (K)	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 9 th Sept (W)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am Mass
Thurs 10 th Sept (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	9.30 am Mass
Friday 11 th Sept (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am Mass
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	Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Zoomed & on YouTube. William Laina RIP (Mary Laina

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 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time: This weekend, our readings centre on love, responsibility, and community. They emphasize the importance of caring for one another, including offering correction when necessary. Love is at the heart of God's law and guides how we treat each other. Jesus reminds His followers that God listens when they pray together. This Sunday serves as a call to live in faith, love others, and support the community; God does not call us to walk alone. In the first reading, Ezekiel is instructed to be a watchman, responsible for speaking up when others go astray. This highlights that silence can lead to guilt. God's word provides both comfort and a sense of responsibility. We are called to speak the truth with courage, even when it is difficult.

The second reading teaches us that love fulfils every commandment. Loving our neighbour is integral to following God's law. Love does not harm; instead, it fosters peace and unity. The Gospel builds on this message by demonstrating how to handle conflict. Jesus tells us that when we gather in His name, He is present among us.

The message this weekend is clear: we are encouraged to care for one another, guide each other, and live in love. That warning, correction, and forgiveness are all part of being God's people. Community is where God's presence is made real, and where our faith is strengthened.

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.

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, 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 Patrick Twomey, Dorothy Cross, Jean Rowland, Agnes Daly, Mary Donovan, Joan Mulligan, John O'Connor, Sharon Cairns, Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Doreen Lloyd, Iris Tickner, Maria O'Kelly, Sue Rugman, Margaret Carney, Maureen Pemberton, Helen Brennan, Souham Hermiz. 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.

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.

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.

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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