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Pope Leo's Prayer for November 2026: For the proper use of wealth: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Welcome to this House of God.
Pray to God before Mass, Listen to God during Mass, Talk to others after Mass

"Blessed are the poor in spirit." Matthew 5:1-12a Psalter week 3		
The Solemnity of All Saints 31st October- 1st November 2026		
Saturday 31st October September (K)	Vigil for the Solemnity of All Saints White Second Collection: Johnson Association	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass:
Sunday 1st November	The Solemnity of All Saints White Second Collection: Johnson Association	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Zoomed & on YouTube
Mon 2nd November	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (Violet)	7.00 pm Mass
Tues 3rd November (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 4th November (W)	Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop. (White)	11.00 am Parish Eucharist Adoration & Mass
Thurs 5th November(K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	9.30 am Mass
Friday 6th November (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am: Parish Eucharist Adoration & Mass
Saturday 7th November (K)	Vigil for the Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Year (Green) Second Collection: Parish Debt	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass:
Sunday 8th November	The Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Year (Green) Second Collection: Parish Debt	Mass 9.30 am Woodstock. Elizabeth & David Woodward RIP Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Zoomed & on YouTube

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 Solemnity of All Saints: All Saints' Day celebrates all the saints, both known and unknown. It reminds us of those who followed Jesus and lived good lives. We thank God for their example and prayers. Catholics attend Mass on this day. It is a joyful celebration that points to hope and reminds us that Heaven is our goal.

This day also reminds us that we are all called to be saints. The Church teaches that we are united with the saints in Heaven. They pray for us and walk with us. All Saints' Day encourages us to live each day with faith and trust in God.

All Souls' Day: On All Souls' Day, 2 November each year, Catholics pray for the souls of the dead. On this day, we remember, especially those in Purgatory. The Catholic Church teaches that Purgatory is a place where souls are purified before entering Heaven, and our prayers can help them. This is why All Souls' Day is important

Book of Remembrance. This month, we remember our friends and relatives who have died, especially those in Purgatory. We pray for their journey to Heaven. If you'd like to honour your loved ones, please add their names to the book of remembrance in the church porch. The most significant prayer we can offer is having a Mass said in their memory.

Blessing of the Graves Saturday 7th November. Woodstock: Meet at St Hugh's. 11am-Old Cemetery, 11.30am New Cemetery. **Kidlington**: 2pm – St Mary's Cemetery, 2.45pm Bicester Road Cemetery.

Volunteer Opportunity: Parish Safeguarding Representative: Our parish is looking for a volunteer to take on the important role of Safeguarding Representative. This is a vital position that helps ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in our parish community. If you are willing to help and serve the parish in this important role, please consider volunteering. Your support would be greatly appreciated.
First Holy Communion and Confirmation in May 2027: Any Children not attending the parish school**,** wishing to prepare for either of these sacraments, please email Mary Gilgunn Jones: mgilgunn_jones@hotmail.com
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 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: John McGowan, Mary Goodier, William Smart, Tom Smyth, Mary Smart, Sheila Gooley, Michael Smyth, Donald Deacon, Robert Sherlaw-Johnson, Margaret Ryder, Carole Pack, Nancy and Tom McKiernan, Kevin Hartnett, Fiona Willacy (Cooper). May they come into the light of God.
Children's Liturgy In Woodstock: We are delighted to announce that children's liturgy will begin on Sunday 8th November at the 9:30am Mass. All children are warmly invited to join for a special time of prayer and learning about God's word. We thank Van for volunteering to take up this great work.
Quiz Night: Saturday 31st October 2026 at St Thomas More Parish Hall. Teams of up to 6, bring your own team or join one on the night. Shepherd's Pie served 7pm, vegetarian & gluten-free option available. Quiz starts at 7:45pm. £10 single, £25 family, £3 quiz only. Tickets on sale now.
Taize Service. Tuesday 1st December 7.30pm at St Thomas More Church, followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome to join us for a meditative candlelit service of reflection and prayer as we journey through Advent.
Youth Ministry: Following Youth Ministry Summit and Christian Fitzgerald's visit from the Kenelm Youth Trust, we are delighted to announce the start of youth ministry in our parish. Everyone is welcome to get involved, including volunteers, parents, young people, and anyone who wants to help shape our vision for youth ministry. Come along, share your ideas, and help us dream about the future of our young people in the parish.
Piety Shop is now open for your cards, medals, gifts, etc. Please show your support and appreciation! Eileen Perkins & Milly De Ponte.
Friends of the Holy Land: On 7/8 November, Maggie Calnan will speak about supporting Christians in the Holy Land, and there will be a retiring collection. For more information, visit www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk. In addition, there will be a sale of Christmas Cards and olivewood products made by Christians in the Holy Land after Masses on **Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November** at both churches.
Scripture Study Group: The monthly meetings are held on Mondays at 2 PM in STM Hall. The next meetings are scheduled for 2nd November, and 7th December. Everyone is welcome to attend. For further information, please reach out to Jane Lemon at janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com.
Programme Leader Vacancies – Kenelm Youth Trust: is recruiting Programme Leaders to deliver retreat and outdoor learning programmes for young people across Birmingham Archdiocese. If you're passionate about youth ministry, education and faith, find out more and apply: Kenelm Youth Trust vacancies
Food Bank at STM (K): Thank you for your generous response to Melvina's request for donations to the Food Bank - please keep donating if you can. Lists of food needed are to be found on the porch notice board and attached to the two food boxes that are located in the porch and lobby.
Food Bank at SHL (W): Thank you for your generous response to Melvina's recent request for Food Bank donations. Please continue to donate when you can. 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.
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
Carmelite Contemplative Prayer Circle: Join us for shared prayer, wisdom, and friendship in STM Hall at 6 PM 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
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