



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

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Pope's prayer for October 2026: For mental health ministry. Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Welcome to this House of God.

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

"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Matthew 22:15-21 Psalter week 1

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time 17th-18th October 2026

Saturday 17 th October September (K)	Vigil for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Green) Second Collection Missio	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass: Zoomed & on YouTube
Sunday 18 th October	The Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Green) Second Collection Missio	Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Zoomed & on YouTube. Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. T/giving for Golden Wedding of Maggie & Lou (Mary May) 1.00 pm Youth Ministry Summit (K)
Tues 20 th October (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 21 st October (W)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am Mass
Thurs 22 nd October (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	9.30 am Mass
Friday 23 rd October (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am: Mass
Saturday 24 th October September (K)	Vigil for the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Green) Second Collection (Parish Debt)	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass:
Sunday 25 th October	The Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Green) Second Collection (Parish Debt)	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock 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 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The readings encourage us to give God the place that belongs to Him, and live your faith through love, hope and service. First Reading tells us that God is the supreme Lord of history and can work through unexpected people and circumstances to fulfil His plan and we must trust in God's providence. Second Reading highlights that genuine faith expresses itself through love, good works and perseverance in hope, therefore we must put our faith into action. While in the gospel Jesus teaches us to fulfil our earthly responsibilities while giving God our ultimate loyalty, meaning that as respect legitimate human authority, but let God remain at the centre of your life. Overall lesson is that God is the Lord of all creation, and we belong to Him. Therefore, we must trust God's plan, practise our faith through love and service and fulfil our responsibilities.

Important Information: The parish sincerely thanks Maggie Borucki for her 25 years of dedicated and faithful service as Administrative Secretary. We also thank Julie Murphy for accepting this responsibility. As Maggie prepares to step down and Julie takes over at the end of this month, we wish them both every blessing and assure them of our continued gratitude and prayers. The parish will celebrate this transition further at a later date.

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

Lecture Series by Bishop William Kenney: There will be a lecture on "Artificial Intelligence & the Universal Family: The Call to Be God's Creation in a Digital Age" at St Hugh's Hall on 27 October at 7:30 pm, Tickets £10 (Includes refreshments). All are warmly invited to attend.

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

October Devotion: As usual, we shall be praying a decade of the Rosary at the end of Mass every Sunday as part of our

devotion to Mary during the month of October, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Please come with your rosary.

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.

Latently 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: Annie McGovern, David Mungall, John Hartnett, Johann Zoderer, Vervan Smith, Christopher Meade, Maire Pickett, Brian McErlain, Pat Grace, Angela Wright, Peter Brescoe, James Daly, Joseph McGreor, Jan Silwa. May they come into the light of God.

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.

Youth Ministry Summit: following Christian Fitzgerald's visit from the Kenelm Youth Trust, we are holding a youth ministry dreaming and visioning session with Christian and Fr Damian on Sunday 18 October at 1pm in St Thomas More parish room. Everyone interested in supporting youth ministry across the parish communities is welcome, including potential volunteers, parents, young people and anyone who wants to help shape our vision for the young people. Come along and help dream about the future of youth ministry in our parish.

Birmingham Archdiocese Employs: Director parish Accounting Services Ltd (PAS). Part-time: 5 hour/week: Lead PAS's software services for dioceses and Catholic organisations, with responsibility for strategy, operations, finance, governance, stakeholders and staff. Apply by October 23, 2026: Enquiry SL-HR@rcaob.org.uk. Steve Roche – 01212306220.

Piety Shop is now open for your cards, medals, gifts, etc. Please show your support and appreciation! Eileen Perkins & Milagros 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.friendsoftheholylnd.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.

Missio: Sunday 18th October, Catholics are invited to support **Missio** through a special collection. It is a day of prayer, solidarity and giving, helping Catholics worldwide share God's love and support communities in need. Donate using the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755, visit missio.org.uk, set up a Direct Debit or Gift Aid your donation

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.

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.

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 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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