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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.

"Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Matthew 25:1-13 Psalter week 4		
The Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year 7th-8th November 2026		
Saturday 7th November K)	Vigil for the Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year Second Collection: Friends of the Holy Land	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass: Joan Copeland RIP
Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday	The Thirty Second Sunday of the Year Second Collection: Friends of the Holy Land	Mass 9.30 am Woodstock. Elizabeth & David Woodward RIP (Liz) Children's Liturgy Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Herbert & Eileen RIP. (Eileen & Don Perkins) Zoomed & on YouTube
Tues 10th November (K)	Memorial of St Leo the Great. Pope, Doctor of the Church. (White)	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 11th Nov (W)	Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop. (White)	11.00 am Mass
Thurs 12th Nov (K)	Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop Martyr (Red)	9.30 am Mass
Friday 13th Nov (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time Green	11.00 am: Mass
Saturday 14th November (K)	Vigil for the Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year Second Collection: Parish Debt	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass:
Sunday 15th November	The Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year Second Collection: Parish Debt	Mass 9.30 am Woodstock. Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Anna & Harold Pollard RIP (Maggie & Lou Borucki) 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.

Remembrance Sunday: This Weekend we will honour those killed because of war.

Reflection on the Thirty Second Sunday of the Year. This week our readings remind us to stay awake and be ready. The first reading speaks about wisdom and watchfulness. Wisdom helps us make good choices. The psalm shows a deep desire for God. While in the second reading, St Paul speaks of hope and trust in Jesus. The Gospel then warns us to be prepared, like the wise virgins with oil for their lamps. This Sunday we are called to take our faith seriously each day. We do not know when the Lord will come. We are asked to live with care, hope, and trust. Faith needs action, not delay. When we stay ready, we can welcome the Lord with joy and peace.

Children's Liturgy in Woodstock: We are delighted to announce that children's liturgy will begin this 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 accept this magnificent work.

Parish Support Group Meeting: Please be reminded that the Parish Support Group meeting will take place on 16th November at 5:00 p.m. All key representatives and leaders of the various ministries in the parish are kindly encouraged to make every effort to attend, as your presence and contributions are highly valued. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment.

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

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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 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: Eric Berry, Cornelius O'Sullivan, Andrew Maddigan, James Brooks, Peggy Makin, Paul Foster, Anna Moroz, Frank Cairns, Jane Shirley, Patrick McErlain, Mary Canavan, Bernadette Sollis, John Bonasera, Michael Bray, Anthony Crawford, Betty Thakurdas, Anna Pollard, Frank McConologue. May they come into the light of God.

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.

Scripture Study Group: The monthly meetings are held on Mondays at 2 PM in STM Hall. The next meetings are scheduled for 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

Job: The Oxford Oratory is seeking for a capable and adaptable Operations Admin to take up the responsibility for a wide range of practical and administrative work across the oratory. For full information Please See oxfordoratory.org.uk/jobs.

Carmelite Contemplative Prayer Circle: Join us for shared prayer, wisdom, and friendship in STM. 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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