

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

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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.

"He will sit on his glorious throne, and he will separate people one from another." Matthew 25:31-46 Psalter week 2		
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 21st-22nd November 2026		
Saturday 21st November (K) Youth Sunday	Vigil for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Second Collection: Catholic Youth Services	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass:
Sunday 22nd November Youth Sunday	The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Second Collection: Catholic Youth Services	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock. Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. John & Constance King (Charles King) Zoomed & on YouTube
Tues 24th November (K)	Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions Martyrs (Red)	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 25th Nov (W)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am Mass
Thurs 26th Nov (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	9.30 am Mass; Peggy Desmond RIP (Calnan Family)
Friday 27th Nov (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am: Mass T/Giving on 80th Birthday of Sr Christina (Jane Lemon)
Saturday 28th November (K)	Vigil for the First Sunday of Advent Second Collection: Parish Debt	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass: Anne Rammo RIP (Jane Lemon)
Sunday 29th November	The First Sunday of Advent Second Collection: Parish Debt	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock. Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Zoomed & on YouTube. T/Giving & Divine Enlightenment (Anna Nguyen

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 Christ the King. The Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us that Jesus reigns with love, care, and justice. Like a shepherd, He seeks the lost and cares for those in need. His kingship is shown through service, not force. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches that when we feed the hungry, visit the sick, and care for others, we serve Him. The Corporal Works of Mercy offer practical ways to live out this teaching. As the Church year ends, this feast invites us to follow Christ with kindness and trust, and to hope in His everlasting reign.

Big Parish Celebration: The parish will celebrate Maggie Borucki for her retirement with a special farewell Mass on Sunday 29th November at 11:00, followed by a Bring & Share Lunch in the Parish Hall. Please bring a small plate of food to share. There will also be a glass of fizz.

World Youth Day: The second collection today will support the Kenelm Youth Trust, the youth service for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The Trust provides training, events, pilgrimages, missions and parish support, helping to develop youth ministry and nurture the faith of young people across the Archdiocese. If you are unable to contribute financially, please keep the Trust and the young people of our Diocese in your prayers. To find out more about the Trust's work and how you can get involved, please visit our website. www.kenemyouthtrust.org.uk. Contact Number; 01538703224. Poster in the porch.

Tea and Coffee after Sunday Mass. All parishioners are invited to join us after Mass to enjoy casual chats and coffee every Sunday morning in our parish rooms.

Children's Liturgy in Woodstock: We are delighted to announce that children's liturgy has begun on Sunday 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 Youth Summit: The Second Parish Youth Summit will take place on Saturday, 12th December, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at St Thomas More Parish Hall. All parish youth and anyone interested in youth programmes are warmly invited to attend. We look forward to your participation and support!

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. 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.

Christmas Raffle: Tickets are available at church entrances. Please take a book, or two! The draw is **Sunday 13** December at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please return tickets & monies by 12 December. Prize donations welcome. Proceeds go to Parish funds.

Appreciation: Cafod thanks the parish for your continued support. This year our parish raised an amazing £2,710.46 through the Lent and Harvest appeals and Soup Lunches. Gift Aid is expected to add a further £250. Your kindness and generosity make a real difference to Cafod's work supporting the world's poorest communities. Bob Wright & Sandra Lenegan.

Christmas Appeal: Sean Calnan would like to invite anyone who wishes to donate to the Christmas Appeal for the schools we have supported in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) to contact him at either seankcalnan@hotmail.co.uk or 07925183907 as he has a bank account set up to send money directly to the charity. As a reminder, there are 2 schools we have supported, including one for disabled children.

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: Charles Newland Snr, Timothy (Ted) O'Leary, Steve Brogden, John Hogan, Agnus Godfrey, John King, Octave Giraud, Ena O'Connor, John Stenning, Judith McNeill, Kathleen Gibbs, John Barrett, Michael Coyne and, Anne Rammo. 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.

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): 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): Please continue to donate when you can. 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. 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:// www.kenemyouthtrust.org.uk

Kenelm Youth Oxford: https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/oxfordnews.html

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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