

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

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Pope Leo's Prayer for December, For single-parent families: Let us pray for families that experience the absence of a mother or a father, that they may find in the Church support and accompaniment, and in faith strength in difficult times

Welcome to this House of God.

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

Mark 13:33-37 "Stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come." Psalter week 1		
The First Sunday of Advent 28th 29th November 2026		
Saturday 28th November (K)	Vigil for the First Sunday of Advent: (Violet) Second Collection: Parish Debt	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Angelus and Mass: Anne Rammo RIP (Jane Lemon)
Sunday 29th November	The First Sunday of Advent (Violet) Second Collection: Parish Debt	Mass 9.30 am Woodstock. Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Thanksgiving & Divine Enlightenment (Anna Nguyen) Zoomed & on YouTube
Tues 1st December (K)	Feast of St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr (Red).	7.30pm: Taizé Service/No Mass.
Wed 2nd December (W)	Advent Feria (Violet)	11.00 am Parish Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass
Thurs 3rd December (K)	Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest. (White)	9.30 am Mass Anne Mallaghan (Sean Calnan)
Friday 4th December (K)	Advent Feria (Violet)	11.00 am: Parish Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass: Joan Copeland RIP
Saturday 5th December (K)	Vigil for the First Sunday of Advent (Violet). Second Collection:	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Angelus and Mass:
Sunday 6th December	Vigil for the First Sunday of Advent (Violet). Second Collection:	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock. Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington: Family Peace (Anna Nguyen). 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 First Sunday of Advent. The first Sunday of Advent begins a new Church year. It is a time of waiting and hope. The readings call us to stay awake and trust in God. Isaiah asks God to guide His people. Saint Paul reminds us that God gives strength as we wait. Jesus tells us to watch and be ready, since we do not know when He will come.
This Sunday reminds us that waiting means action. We are called to live with care and faith each day. Advent invites us to pray, serve others, and stay alert. When we live with trust and purpose, we are ready to welcome the Lord when He comes

Big Parish Celebration: Today, the parish celebrates Maggie Borucki's retirement with a special Farewell Mass. Following the Mass, everyone is warmly invited to a Bring & Share Lunch in the Parish Hall. We hope you are all ready to join us for this special occasion as we celebrate Maggie and wish her well in her retirement. There will also be a glass of fizz to raise in her honour! We look forward to celebrating together.

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.
Appreciation: The FHL olive wood stall raised a total of £1,134, which has been sent to the FHL office in Kenilworth. This is in addition to any further donations collected last Sunday. Many thanks to everyone who supported.
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: Maggie Berry, Alice Hitchens, Bernadette Mulligan, Ann Rowe, Fredrick Bennett, Agnes and Kieran Connolly, Ivy Russell, Wasyl Holdak (Basil), Francis McKay, Albert Wright, Alastair McKay, Bridget Taylor, Bet Mease, Mary Tivnan, Kathleen Walsh, Frank Taylor, Valerie Belton, Mona Doherty, Kathleen D'ambrumenil, Liza Crisp. May they come into the light of God.
Taizé Service: Happening this 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
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