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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.

"You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master." Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21 Psalter wk 1		
The Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year 14th-15th November 2026		
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: Joan Copeland RIP
Sunday 15th November Safeguarding Sunday	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
Tues 17th November (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	7.00 pm Mass Joan Agnes Copeland RIP
Wed 18th Nov (W)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am Mass Paul & Alistair Foster RIP (Irma)
Thurs 19th Nov (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	9.30 am Mass John & Iris May (M. May)
Friday 20th Nov (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am: Mass Jim & Susan O'Brien RIP (M. May)
Saturday 21st November (K) Youth Sunday	Vigil for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Second Collection: Catholic Youth Service	5.45 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass:
Sunday 22nd November Youth Sunday	Vigil for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Second Collection: Catholic Youth Service	Mass 9.30 am Woodstock. Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. John & Constance King (Charles King) 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.

This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday

We pray for all those involved in safeguarding. May our prayer and practical commitment help us to build a Church in which everyone is treated with dignity and respect, and in which the protection of children and adults at risk remains an essential expression of our Christian discipleship?

Reflection on the Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year. This Sunday, we are reminded to use our gifts wisely and faithfully. The readings highlight hard work, generosity, and trust in God. The parable of the talents shows that those who use their gifts are rewarded, while fear can prevent us from fulfilling our potential. We are called to serve others, remain faithful in small things, and use what God had given us to make a difference.

Parish Support Group Meeting: 16th November, 5.00pm: Please be reminded that the Parish Support Group meeting is coming. 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.

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.

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.

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.
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: 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.
Diocesan Job Opportunity: We are currently recruiting for an Assistant Clergy Social Welfare Advisor. Further details of the vacancy can also be found on our website: Jobs & Volunteering Opportunities - Birmingham Diocesan Trust
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: Amy Bricknell, Arthur Watts, Noel Kennedy, Alice Thomas, Winifred Baron, Kathleen Terry, Patricia Conroy, Steed Henry, Jack Morris, Selina Rodigan, Patrick McGuckin, Margaret Newland, Mary Maddigan, Bill Tower, Keith Jarrett, Margaret Acock. 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://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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