



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica [C]

9 November 2025



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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8 November –
5.30pm – Vigil Mass –

Sunday 9 November – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica [C]
11am – Desmond Boylan (Rip)

Wednesday 12 November -
9.30am Rosary

Saturday 15 November –
5.30pm - Vigil Mass –

Sunday 16 November – 33 in Ordinary Time [C]
11am –

Mass Readings:
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9,12; Psalm 46(45):2-3,5-6,8-9;
1Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17; John 2:13-22

Psalm response:

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

Gospel Acclamation

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there forever.

EUCCHARISTIC ACC.: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday 5.15pm to 5.30pm
Other dates and times to be communicated soon.

EXPOSITION & ADORATION:
Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.10pm

ROSARY ON WEDNESDAY:
9.30 am (Provisional time)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Children's Liturgy for those children who have not yet made their First Communion at the 11.00 Mass will start the first Sunday of Advent.

TEA AND COFFEE after the 11.00 Mass in the LOMBARD ROOM

Volunteers needed to prepare, serve and tidy. Please, speaks with Chris Ash and sign the list on the board at the entrance of the church.



LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: **£589.42**

Second collection (Missio): **£ 74.48**

THANK YOU!!! to all those who wrote their names on the noticeboard at the church entrance. It fills our parish community with hope and joy. In November, each group will meet with Fr. Alessandro to organize future activities and parish service. Fr. Alessandro will personally contact the volunteer members of each group.

NOVEMBER – Month of the Holy Souls The month of November is the time when we especially pray for those who have gone ahead of us on their journey to God. Through this prayer we help the Holy Souls to grow in perfection and remind ourselves that the parting of death is not for ever.

It is a good custom to write the names of those one wishes to be prayed for on a paper and place it in an envelope. All the envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout November and those remembered will be collectively brought before God at every Mass.

Envelopes are available at the church entrance. Place your list of names, together with any donation you may be making, in the envelope which may then be placed in the ordinary collection and return the envelopes in the sacristy on the weekend or post it at the presbytery door.

GIFT AID APPEAL:

Gift Aid is a valuable source of income to the parish. Gift Aid requires the parishioner to sign a simple gift aid declaration form that will be available after Mass today. To make the Gift work the person making the declaration must either pay their weekly collection (or other donations) through the envelopes or by pay through a standing order.

As a parish we have to be able to prove the amount paid by those who sign a Gift Aid declaration and the envelopes, or the standing order allow us to keep a record of the regular amounts paid. With that information across the tax year we can claim back the tax from the government.

Why is Gift Aid so important? If a person contributes £ 10 per week for 50 weeks in the year we collect £ 500.00. If that person commits to Gift Aid the parish can claim back £ 125.00 from the government at no cost to the parishioner. This amount recovered from the government is very helpful to support the parish finances.

If you are a taxpayer then you should Gift Aid. If you are not paying tax then you should not Gift Aid. If you are unsure of your tax position please contact Fr Alessandro or Michael J Emery (07831248199 of the finance team) and they will help you.

THE SVP (SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL) SICK & HOME VISITS: If you know of anyone who is ill or housebound please refer to

Michael Emery or Kate Wilson, so we can arrange for a visit and to receive Holy Communion if they wish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION We are happy to announce that the parish preparation course for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will start on the new year 2026 (date TBC) in St Thomas More. Please, take the registration form on the back of the church and return it by the end of December 2025.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE: please contact Fr Alessandro Renó to book a date and to arrange the preparation course for the sacraments at: fralessandro.reno@northamptondiocese.org

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Nov 17 Jim & Brenda I.

Dec 1 Chris N. & Christa D.

Dec 15 Kathy F. & Catherine B.

Dec 29 Emanuela C. & Michele

PARISH FLOWERS ARRANGER NEEDED:

Do you love flowers? Would you like to be part of the church decorating team, making the liturgical hall beautiful? Don't hesitate to contact Fr. Alessandro. We need you as soon as possible!

PARISH REPOSITORY: A volunteer is sought to manage the repository and resume the sale of sacred objects and religious greeting cards. Please speak with Father Alessandro.

PARISH REGISTRATION FORM:

Parish registration forms are available now!

I kindly ask all parishioners, both current and new, to complete the form and return it to me by the end of November. This will allow us to register parishioners and maintain a list for our parish archives.

The primary reason for filling out a parish form is to officially register as a member of a church community. While many people attend a church regularly, registration is the formal step that includes you in the religious, social, and ministerial life of the parish.

For the parishioner

For an individual or family, the benefits of registering include:

- **A sense of belonging:** It is a way of publicly committing to a faith community and establishing your membership.
- **Communication:** Registered members receive bulletins, emails, and other communications about parish news, events, and important updates.
- **Access to services:** Registration may be required to schedule sacraments, such as

baptisms or marriages, or to obtain a sponsor certificate to be a godparent.

- **Pastoral care:** If you or a family member becomes ill, being a registered parishioner ensures the church knows you and can provide pastoral visits or other support.
- **Easier administration:** Having your information on file simplifies administrative tasks for both you and the church office.

For the parish

For the church, parish forms are vital for several administrative and pastoral functions:

- **Maintaining records:** Parishes maintain records of their members and their families, including sacraments received and life events. This allows them to better serve the community.
- **Planning and budgeting:** A parish's census numbers often determine how many priests are assigned, what obligations the parish has to the diocese, and how Mass and other services are scheduled.
- **Encouraging participation:** The form may ask about skills, interests, and special needs, which helps the church connect parishioners with volunteer opportunities and support services.
- **Financial support:** Some forms include information on how a parishioner intends to support the church financially, which is essential for its operations.

PARISH & PRESBYTERY LOCKERS AND KEY CHANGE

Following the recent situation where the identity of the people holding the keys to the parish, garden, and parish house is unknown, the diocese has strongly recommended that all door locks be changed to comply with the insurance and health and safety policies. Within a few weeks, those holding the keys will no longer be able to use them. They are therefore asked to contact Father Alessandro.

Diocesan Insurance and Compliance

- **Meeting policy conditions:** Insurance companies often require specific security measures to be in place, including proper key management (reducing the people to hold keys to just the one in charge of the church) and the fixing of safes or key cabinets according to manufacturer's instructions. Failure to comply can invalidate the insurance policy.
- **Legal responsibility:** Health and safety legislation applies to church buildings as to any other public building, and those responsible (e.g., the PCC in the UK) have a duty of care to ensure a safe environment. Proper key management is part of demonstrating this duty of care.

By updating key lockers and implementing robust key control procedures, churches can better manage access, mitigate security risks, and ensure a safer environment for everyone using the premises.

OUR PARISH WEBSITE GETS A NEW LOOK

We're working to redesign the parish website, making it richer in content and information, and more accessible. **The new site will be launched on November 23rd. The site is currently under construction; we apologize for any temporary inconvenience.**

DIOCESE

DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP COURSE –

Bethsaida The Diocese of Northampton can announce the launch of the Bethsaida Leadership Course, a year-long programme designed to form leaders for a missionary Church. Are you already serving in your Parish, or do people naturally look to you for guidance? Do you feel called to grow in confidence and take a more active role in your Parish or Pastoral Area? The Course offers the opportunity to deepen your faith, strengthen your leadership skills and learn how to serve with your eyes fixed on Christ. Rooted in prayer and practical training, this course will help you grow as one of the living stones (see 1Peter 2:5) building up the Church today.

To find out more or to apply visit northamptondiocese.org/catholic-leadership

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY – Celebrating the Gift of Young People

On Sunday 23rd November, we celebrate National Youth Sunday 2025, a special moment in the Church's year to recognise and give thanks for the vital contribution young people make to the life and mission of our communities. Resources to help parishes and schools mark the day are available on the CYMFed website, offering prayers, reflections, and activities to inspire participation. In our own diocese, NYMO will host a World Youth Day Concert at Northampton Cathedral on Sunday 30th November at 3pm, bringing together young people and parish communities for an afternoon of faith, music, and celebration.

Resources: <https://cymfed.org.uk/wys/>

SING THE SEASON – Advent 2025

All cantors, choir leaders, singers, and musicians are warmly invited to "Sing the Season – Advent 2025," part of a new series of uplifting events from the Diocesan Music Liturgy Team. Join us on Saturday 22nd November, 11am–4pm (optional Parish Mass at 10am) at Our Lady Help of Christians & St Lawrence Church, Olney (MK46 5HH) for a day of seasonal music, new psalm settings, and fresh

ideas to enrich Advent liturgies. Bring your instruments, voices, and a packed lunch — tea and coffee will be provided. The event is free of charge, though a £5 donation is welcome to support future gatherings.

OTHER

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

Remembrance Sunday brings communities together across different faiths, cultures, and backgrounds in a shared act of commemoration, ensuring that no one is forgotten.

Silence is observed nationally at 11 am, marking the time the Armistice (truce) that ended the fighting on the Western Front in the First World War came into effect on November 11, 1918. People wear red poppies as a symbol of remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. The flower was one of the first plants to grow on the battlefields of Flanders after the war ended.



THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE:

'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them'

We will remember them

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.

Mass in Spanish at Únete a nosotros a participar en la Santa Misa en Español

St Thomas More

Friday 28 November

At 7pm.



Viernes 28 de noviembre del 2025
a las 7:00 pm

Te gustaría participar cantando, tocando algún instrumento
o necesitas más información ponte en contacto con
María Abrantes 07547 164012 o Edith Barrera 07594
969235

Tendremos una convivencia al final de misa

All welcome!!!

RETROUVAILLE Marriage Support. Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with , deeper issues? www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel.07887 296983.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: ENGLAND

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will enter Committee Stage in the House of Lords on 14 November.

Catholics are encouraged to write to peers to oppose the Bill. peers. For more information you can Google it.

58 YEARS OF THE ABORTION ACT: A national tragedy

Please take 30 seconds to share a commemorative graphic online to mark 58 years since the passing of the Abortion Act. This small act is a powerful way to remember the 10,880,563 lives lost and to raise awareness of the ongoing impact of abortion in our society.

Please visit <http://righttolife.org.uk/58years> to find out more and share a commemorative graphic on social media

+Useful Websites:

<https://northamptondiocese.org>

<http://www.catholicreadings.org>

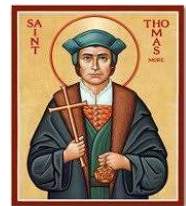
<http://www.walsingham.org.uk>

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

<http://cafod.org.uk>

A PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS MORE THOMAS MORE.

counselor of law and statesman of integrity, merry martyr and most human of saints!



PRAY that, for the glory of GOD and in the pursuit of His justice, I may be trustworthy with confidences, keen in study, accurate in analysis, correct in conclusion, able in argument, loyal to clients, honest with all, courteous to adversaries, ever attentive to conscience. Sit with me at my desk and listen with me to my clients' tales. Read with me in my library and stand always beside me so that today I shall not, to win a point, lose my soul. PRAY that my family may find in me what yours found in you: friendship and courage, cheerfulness and charity, diligence in duties, counsel in adversity, patience in pain—their good servant, and God's first. AMEN.

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PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION to be used especially by those not receiving the Eucharist.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.