



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

CHRIST THE KING [C]

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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 22 November –
5.30pm – Vigil Mass – Flaming & Pickering Families

Sunday 23 November – Christ the King [C]
11am – Michel Neyrond (Rip)

Monday 24 November -
9.30am - Mass Martha Cornish

Wednesday 26 November
9.30am – Mass

Friday 28 November
9.30am – Mass
7pm – Mass in Spanish

Saturday 29 November –
5.30pm - Vigil Mass – People of the Parish

Sunday 30 November – 1of Advent [A]
11am –

Mass Readings:
2Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 122(121): 1-2. 4-5;
Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

Psalm response:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David.

EUCCHARISTIC ACC.: We proclaim our death, O
Lord, we profess your resurrection 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:
10am (after mass)

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: £ 688.96

CHRIST THE KING – YOUTH MASS: the Solemnity of Christ the King is when the Catholic Church celebrates World Youth Day (WYD) on a diocesan level. It is a special day for young people to reflect on their faith, renew their commitment to Christ, and be celebrated by the wider community. The celebration serves as a time to acknowledge the spiritual commitment of young people and encourage them in their role within the Church and society. **We keep in our prayers all children and young people as they find the enthusiasm to meet Jesus, their friend!**

FR ALESSANDRO INDUCTION MASS:

We are happy to invite all parish community to the Father Alessandro's induction mass **Thursday 4th of December at 7pm**; a formal Catholic ceremony where the new parish priest is officially presented to his parish community. During the Mass, presided by Canon Breandan Killeen, Dean of our pastoral area, Fr Alessandro will make the Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity, and is ceremonially given the keys to the church, symbolizing his new responsibilities. The parish community also formally welcomes him and pledges to support him in his ministry. After mass we invite all of you for a refreshment in the parish rooms.

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 that one wish 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.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Dec 1 Chris N. & Christa D.

Dec 15 Kathy F. & Catherine B.

Dec 29 Emanuela C. & Michele

GIFT AID:

Gift Aid is a valuable source of income to the parish. Gift Aid requires the parishioner to sign a simple gift aid declaration form (please ask it to Michael Emery). 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.

THANK YOU!!! To all parishioners for the tremendous response to envelopes and gift aid forms last Sunday. Michael Emery will remain available in the church after 11am Mass on the 16th and 23rd for anyone that wants to know more about Gift Aid and to start the envelope system or bank standing order and gift aid.

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

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: Volunteers are 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 LOKERS 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 the 1st Sunday of Advent. 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

Join NYMO for World Youth Sunday as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 23 November at 3pm in Northampton Cathedral. After Mass, all are invited to refreshments in the St Thomas Centre, followed by an Open Mic Concert at 5pm, showcasing the talents of our young people. This special afternoon is a wonderful opportunity for prayer, fellowship, and celebration of the energy and gifts that young people bring to our Church. For questions, contact hollycook@northamptondiocese.org.

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.

ADVENT RESOURCES As we enter this season of hopeful preparation, we invite you to explore our Digital Resource Page on the diocesan website. Here, you will find a range of online materials suitable for individuals, families, and parish groups.

We have also created a separate Advent Opportunities page featuring links to retreats, prayers, and other seasonal events to support you and your communities during this sacred time. Please share these resources within your parishes to help everyone prepare well for the coming of the Lord.

ADVENT NOVENA We are pleased to share the *Crown of Advent Novena*, a beautiful reflection based on the O Antiphons, created by parishioners of Our Lady of Walsingham Parish in Corby.

Individuals are warmly invited to sign up to receive the novena by email each day from 17 December through Christmas Day. This offers a simple yet profound way to prepare spiritually for the Nativity of the Lord. Please consider promoting this initiative within your parish communities as we journey together through

the final days of
Advent. www.northamptondiocese.org/advent-novena/

OTHER

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

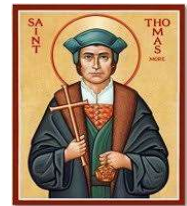
Te gustaría participar cantando, tocando algún instrumento
o necesitas más información ponte en contacto con
María Abrantes 07547 164012 o Edith Barrera 07594 969235

All welcome!!!

Tendremos una convivencia al final de misa

A PRAYER TO ST. 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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adaption of “An Appeal to St. Thomas More” by Henry Bender,
Jr., published in The Catholic Mind, Feb. 1951.

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.