



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH
4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
26 April 2026



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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 25 April
5.30pm – Vigil Mass – Fourth of Easter [A]

Sunday 26 April – Fourth of Easter [A]
11.00am Mass – Fr John Udris

Monday 27 April
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass

Wednesday 29 April
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass

Friday 1 May
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass

Saturday 2 May
5.00pm Rosary
5.30pm – Vigil Mass – Fifth of Easter [A] –

Sunday 3 May – Fifth of Easter [A]
11.00am Mass

4th Easter Sunday Mass Readings:
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6;
1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

Psalm response:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me.

Eucharistic Acclamation:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 25th of April from 4.45pm to 5.15pm.

ADORATION: Saturday 25th of April from 4.45pm to 5.25pm

ROSARY

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am and Saturday at 5pm

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: £ 354.04

Standing order: £ 450 (estimate per Week)

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Second Sunday Collection will be for the Diocesan Priests Training Fund.

FINANCE UPDATE:

Our Finance Committee having full access to the records for the parish, can provide the Standing Order amounts. This is in addition to the weekly loose and envelope collections. The Standing Order amounts are estimated to £450 per week as the amounts are received monthly.

TEA AND COFFEE

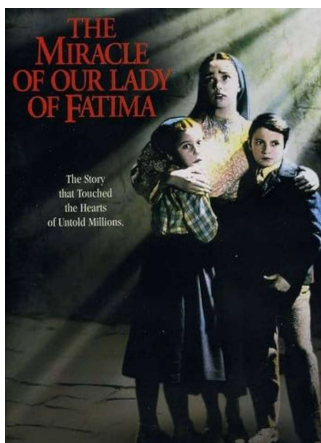
Every Sunday and Wednesday after mass in the LOMBARD ROOM!



ANOTHER 2 MOVIES IN OUR PARISH:



Friday the 8th of May at 8pm in the upper room; the incredible true story of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the “apostle” or “secretary” of Divine Mercy, and her extraordinary experiences with the Lord Jesus.



Wednesday the 13th of May at 8pm in the upper room; The story based on true events of 1917, three Portuguese children share a miraculous, prophetic vision of the Virgin Mary.

PARISH WALK INVITATION

Dear Parish Family of St Thomas More, We warmly invite you to continue your Sunday journey with us beyond the sanctuary doors! Join us for a parish walk to enjoy the outdoors, connect with fellow parishioners, and build our community in fellowship.

When: Sunday 17th May, immediately following the 11am Mass (approx.12.30pm).

Where: Meet in the Church Garden

Route: A Moderate walk of 1.3km along ‘**The Water meadows park**’ (behind the Towcester library -lifts could be arranged for anyone who can't manage to walk to the Watermeadows-)

Details: All ages are welcome! Please wear comfortable walking shoes. We will aim for a casual, conversational pace, a lovely prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary on the month of May and a sandwich break!

For info please ask/contact Michelle Collins: moompig@msn.com or 07454 823641 Let's share our Sunday joy, support one another, and walk together as a community of faith. See you there!

JOIN OUR ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY!

The altar server ministry is for both children and adults. All members of our parish are invited to serve the eternal High Priest by joining our Altar Server ministry. If you are interested in becoming an altar server, or if your child is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact **Dave Brennan at: dave.brennan@sylviajeffery.com** or speak with Fr Alessandro. To be an altar server, you must have received First Communion. If you have a question about guidelines and restrictions, please take part to the meeting on the **26th of April in the church after morning mass.**

May the Lord form in each of us a desire to love and serve Him through the ministry He sets before us.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEER:

If you wish to be a volunteer to help, please contact Rose Darwin after Sunday Mass or at: rosiedarwin@aol.com

SOCIALE EVENTS TEAM...IN PROGRESS!

Dear parishioners the good season is approaching, and I know how friendly you are and how much you care about our parish community.

We are putting together a small team to help promote our upcoming social events (like World Football Cup projection in the garden, barbecues, walking, garden music, summer quiz, etc). Would you be willing to help us to organise it. We'd love your enthusiasm and ideas to make our events a success and our parish more vibrant! Please, speak with Fr Alessandro if you would like to be part of the team.

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

PARISH WEBSITE Keep visiting our parish website. You can log in and click for news, newsletters, interesting facts, photos, and much more at:

www.stthomasmorerc.org

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

27 April Jim and Brenda Ince
11 May Chris Nash and Christa Darragh
25 May Kathy Finnegan and Catherine Blackman

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY:

The Diocesan Directory 2026 are still available at £3. Ask Fr Alessandro.

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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

There is still time to register for the Life in the Spirit Seminars starting on 28th April and running through to June. Sessions are on Teams and cover 'The Father's Loving Plan', 'The Joy of the Gospel', 'The Gift of the Spirit', 'Unwrapping God's Gift', 'Encountering the Holy Spirit' and 'Living in the Spirit.' Find out more <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2026/>

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN MISSION MASS

You, your family, friends, and the Red Box supporters in your parish, are cordially invited to the Diocesan Mission Mass on **Saturday 9th May 2026 at 11am** at Our Lady Help of Christians, West Street, Olney, MK46 5HH. Light refreshments after Mass. For info: redbox@missio.org.uk or tel.07593.544622

PILGRIMAGE TO PATMOS of St John the Evangelist, Led by Fr Jerome Ituah, OCD, 1 st -7 th June 2026. Cost £1595 including flights, ferries and hotels, with breakfast and one other daily meal. See the poster in the narthex porch for details. ASSISI led by Fr Matt Roche Saunders.

ASSISI is celebrating a Jubilee Year marking the 800th anniversary of the life and death of St Francis... The trip is from 1-6 June 2026 from £1350 per person including return flights from Stanstead, Accommodation, Breakfast and Dinner and services of a local English-speaking guide throughout. Pilgrims will visit the basilicas of St Francis and St Clare, Mount Subiaco and also the tomb of St Carlo Acutis. Full details at www.jcjourneys.com or call 01886 812862.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:

This year marks the 125th anniversary of pilgrimages to Lourdes, and pilgrims have been travelling there from the Diocese of Northampton since the very beginning. The Catholic Association (CA) pilgrimage is medically supported with dozens of healthcare professionals in attendance, and offers spiritual, liturgical, pastoral and logistical infrastructure to enable dioceses to achieve far more for their pilgrims than they could do alone.

The CA pilgrimage, from 21st-28th August, coordinates the welcome and care of those making the journey with them, including "assisted pilgrims" who have particular care and support needs. The assisted pilgrims can stay either in a hotel with basic support from volunteer helpers, or in the Accueil Notre Dame, where medical and personal care is provided.

People of all ages and backgrounds also come to Lourdes as volunteer helpers to answer Our Lady's request to "come in procession", but more importantly they come in response to the command of her son Jesus to love God and to love our neighbours as ourselves. The minimum age for helping is 16 and there is no maximum age, but those aged 16-25 can

be part of the Young Helpers Group, a supervised group who stay in a separate hotel.

You can find out more at www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join

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PREPARING FOR PENTECOST:

As our mission relies on the power of the Holy Spirit, we have the opportunity each year, in the days before Pentecost, to 'Return to the Upper Room' like those first Christians. We are invited to wait and pray in order to be clothed anew with power from on high to empower us as witnesses to Christ (Lk 24:49, Acts 1:4,8).

This is the original nine days of prayer, or Pentecost Novena, where we simply pray anew 'Come Holy Spirit'. To help us with this there are a number of resources that have been developed for individuals, families, churches and schools, which are freely available here: www.northamptondiocese.org/pentecost-novenaresources-2026/

There will also be an online session on Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm focussing on the Person of God the Holy Spirit, including various testimonies from people about the power of the Spirit in their lives and how it has drawn them into mission. www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/preparing-forpentecost/

DAVID GOOBBOURN LECTURE 2026

In the midst of violence and suffering in the Holy Land and across the Middle East Fr David Neuhaus will be giving this year's lecture, titled 'Palestine Israel: A Catholic Perspective.' Fr David is an Israeli Jesuit, and a prominent voice for justice and peace. The event, held by Churches together in Britain and Ireland, is being held via Zoom on Thursday 14th May from 7-9pm. Go to <https://ctbi.org.uk/event/david-goodbourn-lecture-2026/>

+UsefulWebsites:

<https://northamptondiocese.org>

<https://www.catholicreadings.org>
<https://cbcew.org.uk>
<http://www.heavensroadfm.com>
<http://www.walsingham.org.uk>
<https://northamptondiocese.org/donate/>
<http://cafod.org.uk>

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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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.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty God, from Whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle, we pray You, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity Your Kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

