



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

16th Sunday Ordinary Time

19 July 2026



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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18 July – 16 Ordinary Time [A]

5.30pm – Vigil Mass – Oscar and his family

Sunday 19 July – 16 Ordinary Time [A]

11.00am Mass – People of the parish

Monday 20 July

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass

Wednesday 22 July

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass

Friday 24 July

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass

Saturday 25 July

5.00pm Rosary

5.30pm – Vigil Mass – 17 Ordinary Time [A]

Sunday 26 July – 17 Ordinary Time [A]

11.00am Mass –

16 Ordinary Time Sunday Mass Readings:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Psalm 86(85):5-6.9-10.15-16a;
Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Psalm response:

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

The Memorial Acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim you Death, O Lord, until you come again.

CONFESSIONS Saturday 18th of July from 4.45pm to 5.15pm

ADORATION: Saturday 18th of July from 4.45pm to 5.20pm

ROSARY

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

4 & 5 July: £235.65

12 & 13 July: £399.12 + £152 (Missio)

TEA AND COFFEE

Every Sunday and Wednesday
after mass in the LOMBARD
ROOM!



CHILDREN DISNEY CINEMA THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON!

Dear Parish Families, we are delighted to invite you to a special children's cinema afternoon this Sunday! Join us at St Thomas More, Upper Room, at 4pm, for a fun and uplifting Disney's film experience with ice creams and popcorn, creating a wonderful time of fellowship and fun for the whole family.

This Sunday the 19th of July at 4pm Let's prepare to be part of the circle of life with...



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I would like to thank you for the wonderful afternoon of joy and fun with the children last Sunday. Thank you to the Children Liturgy team, to all the children who took part and brought so much enthusiasm and happy smiles, and to the parents who supported this activity. May we continue to nurture our children's joy and curiosity, for in their light our community finds hope, strengths, and new life.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SUMMER BREAK:

Our Children's Liturgy will be taking a summer break. Today is the last Sunday. I want to say a heartfelt thank you to the Children's Liturgy team for helping our children grow in faith joyfully. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Sunday the 6th of September. In the meantime, if you wish to be a volunteer to help from September on, please contact Rose Darwin at: rosiedarwin@aol.com

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



THANK YOU FROM MISSIO AND THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES.

Fr Anthony Chantry, the Missio National Director, sent a heartfelt thanks to our parish for the

welcome and support we gave to the missionary priest last weekend. He also thanks for the last year collection of £224.25 that helped the missionaries who runs a health facility in Malawi. He also wrote: *"Through your Red Box or regular gifts, you are a missionary, helping spread God's word and share God's love for all his people. Thank you for your time, your gifts and your prayers for our brothers and sisters across the world. As a member of the Red Box family, you will be held in prayer at Mass each day by the Mill Hill community and at Missio's chapel in London. Find out more about how your gifts are transforming lives at: missio.org.uk*

There are still some empty Red Boxes available; if you want to get one, please speak or contact Chris Nash.



A MOVIE ON THE DAY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Step into the beauty and wonder of 'The Song of Bernadette'. Join us for an afternoon that brings this powerful, inspiring story of Lourdes to life. Come and

experience this timeless classic on Sunday the **16th of August at 4pm** in the Upper Room. Free entrance! Don't miss the chance to be moved!

REPOSITORY

Cards, rosaries, crosses, icons, and even much more available at the back of the church after mass; please contact Pat or Janette if you wish to buy or order any religious item.

PARISH WEBSITE

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

www.stthomasmorercc.org

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

20 July Looking for volunteers (speak with Chris Nash)

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WEBELIEVE | Festival of Catholic Life

**Friday 24–Monday 27 July 2026 |
St Mary's College, Oscott,
Birmingham**

We Believe Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24–27 July 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful.

<https://www.webelievefestival.com>

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFY OF LIFE

Rt Rev Peter Collins, Bishop of East Anglia, will lead the pilgrimage and celebrate the mass of reparation at The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham the 1st of August 2026.

Coaches from Northampton Cathedral (NN2 6AG) at 7:15am (contact Bernadette at 07488 261065).

Price: £25 adult & £15 children.

Further information about the pilgrimage, livestreaming and coach meeting points can be found on the website: <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT DAY

Men aged 16 and over who are considering a vocation to the priesthood are warmly invited to a

Discernment Day on Saturday, 8 August, from 10:30 a.m. at St Augustine Catholic Church, Milton Keynes.

The day will include prayer, reflection, Mass, fellowship, and opportunities to speak with priests and others

discerning God's call.

To register or find out more, contact Fr Pius at vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org or 01753 523147. Please keep vocations in your prayers.

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

OTHER



A spiritual bucket list for summer offers a wonderful opportunity to slow down, disconnect from daily routines, and deepen your inner life. Whether your focus is on mindfulness, community service, or connecting with nature, these meaningful experiences can help you reclaim a sense of peace and intention. Here is a curated list of spiritual bucket list ideas to try this summer:

- Watch a Sunrise or Sunset: Find a quiet vantage point to simply observe the colours shift without checking your phone.
- Stargaze in Nature: Stay up late to pray, meditate, or practice deep breathing under the stars.
- Visit a quiet church: Explore a local place of peace nearby the place you are spending your Summer.
- Read for the Soul: Spend a weekend reading inspirational or meditative texts away from the digital world.
- Volunteer Locally: Dedicate time to a local charity, soup kitchen, or food bank.
- Random acts of kindness: Pay for the coffee of the person behind you or bring a cold drink to a street vendor.
- Support your neighbours: Do Garden work for an elderly neighbour or leave a thoughtful handwritten note and wildflowers on someone's doorstep.
- Donate Items: Go through your closet or pantry and donate to local charities in need.
- Outdoor Devotion: Go on a quiet nature walk or hike and incorporate meditation or prayer into your journey.
- Start a Gratitude Journal: Take 10 minutes each morning to write down things you are thankful for.
- Plant a Garden: Nurture a small patch of soil or a few potted plants and take time to reflect on creation.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP FORMATION

CLF is a one-week residential programme at Stonyhurst for Year 12 students. It combines theology, philosophy, media skills, and leadership development with daily liturgies and a strong social element. Students consistently tell us it is the most formative experience of their school years.

This summer's courses are:

Year 12 — The Common Good: 10-15 August
Scholarships are available. The website is: www.christianleadershipformation.com

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<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>

Websites:

A PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS

MORE, counsellor 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.

