



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

17th Sunday Ordinary Time

26 July 2026



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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 25 July – 17 Ordinary Time [A]

5.30pm – Vigil Mass – People of the Parish

Sunday 26 July – 17 Ordinary Time [A]

11.00am Mass – Grandparents and the elderly and Gerald Ferguson in thanksgiving

Monday 27 July

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass

Wednesday 29 July

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass

Friday 31 July

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass – Gustavo Saenz in thanksgiving

Saturday 1 August

5.00pm Rosary

5.30pm – Vigil Mass – 18 Ordinary Time [A]

Sunday 2 August – 18 Ordinary Time [A]

11.00am Mass – Alfredo Renó Rip

17 Ordinary Time Sunday Mass Readings:

1Kings 3:5-6a,7-12; Psalm 119(118):57,72.76-77.127-128.129-130; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

Psalm response:

O LORD, how I love your law!

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:

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

CONFESSIONS Saturday 25th of July from 4.45pm to 5.15pm

ADORATION: Saturday 25th of July from 4.45pm to 5.20pm

ROSARY

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

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: £ 595.46

Second collection: £ 103.47 (Sea Sunday)

Standing order: £ 450 (estimate per Week)

TEA AND COFFEE

Every Sunday and Wednesday
after mass in the LOMBARD
ROOM!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY SUMMER BREAK:

Our Children's Liturgy will be taking a summer break. 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



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!

END OF SUMMER PARISH BARBECUE

As we approach the end of Summer, we'd love to gather as a parish family to celebrate all we've shared over the past months and look ahead with joy to the beginning of our new pastoral year. We are planning a **End of Summer Parish Barbecue** and are looking for volunteers to help to organise this special event. It will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food, great company, and fellowship in our parish garden, as we give thanks for the summer and prepare to begin a new pastoral year together. If you'd like to help, please speak to Father Alessandro or contact the parish office after the week masses. We'd be delighted to have you on 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

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.stthomasmorerc.org

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

3 August Chris Nash & Christa Darragh

17 August Kathy Finnegan & Catherine Blackman

31 August Edwina Wood & Janet Linehan

DIOCESE

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.webeliefefestival.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@northamptondioocese.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



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2026

"I will never forget you."

Isaiah 49:15

This Sunday, 26 July, Catholics across our Diocese will join the universal Church in celebrating the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, a special occasion dedicated to giving thanks for the gift of older generations and recognising their invaluable place in the life of the Church, our families and our communities.

For this year's celebration, Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme, "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15), inviting the faithful to reflect on God's unfailing love for every person, especially in the later years of life.

Drawing on the words of the prophet Isaiah, the Holy Father reminds us that God knows each of us personally and lovingly, promising that no one is ever forgotten. His message speaks directly to grandparents and older people who may experience loneliness, isolation or the feeling of being overlooked, offering instead the reassurance of God's enduring love and the care of the Christian community. May this World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly inspire us all to honour the wisdom, faith and love of older generations, recognising them not simply as recipients of our care, but as cherished members of the Body of Christ whose lives continue to enrich the Church and whose witness remains an enduring gift to us all.

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>

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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.

SUMMER HUMOUR

