



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

18th Sunday Ordinary Time

2 August 2026



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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1 August – 18 Ordinary Time [A]

5.30pm – Vigil Mass – People of the Parish

Sunday 2 August – 17 Ordinary Time [A]

11.00am Mass – Alfredo Renó Rip

Monday 3 August

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass – Benedict & Timothy Fenwick Rip

Wednesday 5 August

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass – Vincent Miskelly Rip

Friday 7 August

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass – Patricia Murphy Rip

Saturday 8 August

5.00pm Rosary

5.30pm – Vigil Mass – 19 Ordinary Time [A]

Sunday 9 August – 19 Ordinary Time [A]

11.00am Mass

18 Ordinary Time Sunday Mass Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145(144):8-9.15-16.17-18;
Romans 8:35,37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Psalm response:

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

The Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

CONFESSIONS Saturday 8th of August from 4.45pm to 5.15pm

ADORATION: Saturday 8th of August from 4.45pm to 5.20pm

ROSARY

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

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: £ 280.80

Standing order: £ 450 (estimate per Week)

TEA AND COFFEE

Every Sunday and Wednesday
after mass in the LOMBARD
ROOM!

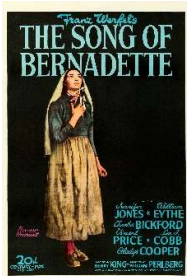


WELCOME TO THE NEW BAPTISED!

We warmly welcome Eden Mary Yaa Ohene-Djan, who Saturday the 1st of August, was received into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish. We send our love and congratulations to their parents and pray that our parish community will always support this family with our love and prayers as Eden Mary Yaa grows in faith.

SVP LUNCH IN AUGUST

Join us for a wonderful time of friendship, conversation and goo food at our next SVP lunch. **Thursday, 6th of August at 12:30pm at D&A Restaurant.** Enjoy a delicious main course for the special price of £13.90 in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Whether you're regular or it's your first time, everyone is warmly welcome. We look forward to sharing a lovely afternoon with you. Please, contact Chris Nash at: 07941 188047.



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 an **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!

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

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

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 01753523147. Please keep vocations in your prayers.

DIOCESAN MUSIC DAY

A day of music, formation, resources and fellowship for all involved in parish music ministry on **Saturday 19th September 2026 at Christ the King Church, Kents Hill, Milton Keynes** from 9.30am till 4pm. All are welcome! Musicians, singers, choir members, cantors, organists, directors, and clergy.

OTHER

JOB OPPORTUNITY: DEPUTY WARDEN, ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT, PRINCESS RISBOROUGH

The Trustees of St Scholastica's Retreat invite applications for the position of Deputy Warden at this long-established alms-house charity, which provides sheltered housing for Catholics aged 60 and over. This is a part-time role offering a competitive salary and on-site accommodation. The Deputy Warden provides cover for the Warden two days per week and for five weeks per year during holiday periods. Responsibilities include a range of administrative duties, supporting and wellbeing of residents and ensuring the safe running of the community building.

For a full job description and details on how to apply, please contact the Warden:

Email: stscholasticaretreat@outlook.com or website stscholasticaretreat.org.uk

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.

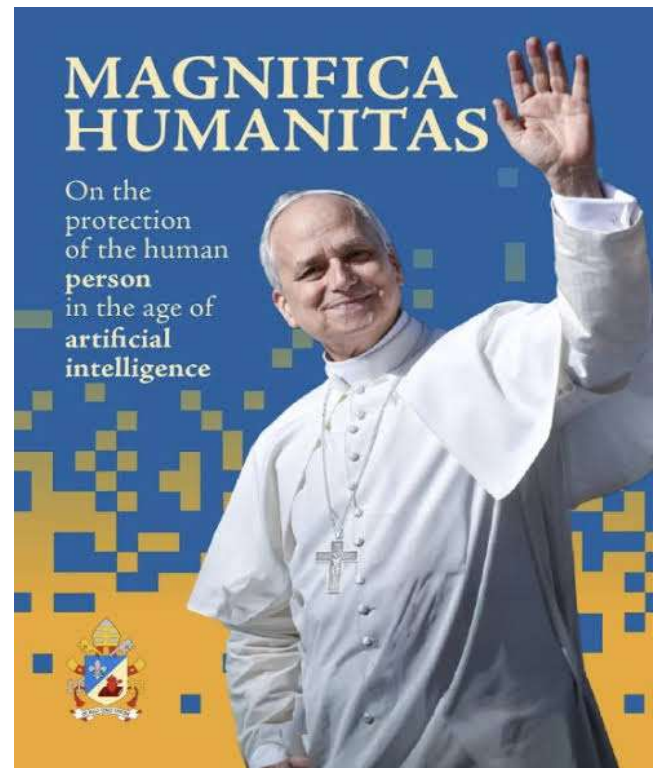
This summer's courses are:

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

SPUC NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is inviting people of all ages to its National Conference in London on **Saturday 12th September 2026**. The conference offers an opportunity to gather with others committed to defending the dignity and

sanctity of human life, deepen understanding of key pro-life issues, and learn practical ways to support the most vulnerable, especially unborn babies. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Regent's Park, Carburton Street, London. Early Bird tickets are £40 until 12 August, with standard tickets £50 thereafter. Both prices include lunch. Visit the SPUC website for further information and booking details.



Magnifica Humanitas (Latin for "Magnificent Humanity") is the first encyclical letter by Pope Leo XIV, signed on May 15, 2026. It is a major Catholic teaching document focused on safeguarding human dignity, guiding technological progress, and confronting the rise of artificial intelligence.

We should read it to understand how to protect human work, navigate digital truth, and guide ethical technology use.

It argues that AI systems and algorithms must always serve humanity rather than diminish it, noting that machines lack a human heart, conscience, and soul.

It warns that unchecked tech monopolies can concentrate power in few hands, widen the gap between the included and excluded, and increase social injustice.

It uses biblical imagery to contrast a self-sufficient, uniform technocratic culture that erases human limits with a collaborative society built on shared responsibility.

The final chapters address modern warfare, autonomous weapons systems, and the culture of power, urging a global turn toward diplomacy, forgiveness, and the common good.

+Useful Websites:

<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>

SUMMER HUMOUR



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.

