



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

9 August 2026



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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8 August – 19 Ordinary Time [A]
5.30pm – Vigil Mass – People of the Parish

Sunday 9 August – 19 Ordinary Time [A]
11.00am Mass – Rosa Bruno & Luigi Genesio Rip

Monday 10 August
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass – Drozdowski Family Healing intention

Wednesday 12 August
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass – Patricia Murphy Rip

Friday 14 August
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass – Margaret Frampton Rip

Saturday 15 August
5.00pm Rosary
5.30pm – Vigil Mass – Assumption of the Virgin Mary [A]

Sunday 16 August – Assumption of the Virgin Mary [A]
11.00am Mass – George Beagley Rip

19 Ordinary Time Sunday Mass Readings:
1Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Psalm 85(84):9ab,10.11-12.13-14;
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Psalm response:

Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

I long for you, O LORD, my soul longs for his word.

The Memorial Acclamation:

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

CONFESSIONS Saturday 15th of August from 4.45pm to 5.15pm

ADORATION: Saturday 15th of August from 4.45pm to 5.20pm

ROSARY

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

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: £ 317.83

Standing order: £ 450 (estimate per Week)

TEA AND COFFEE

Every Sunday and Wednesday
after mass in the LOMBARD
ROOM!



A MOVIE ON TODAY ON 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 today 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 on the 6th of September** 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!

FAREWELL MASS FOR FR ALESSANDRO

As Fr Alessandro prepares to begin his sabbatical, we warmly invite all parishioners to join us for his Farewell Mass on **Sunday, 6 September at 11am**. This will be a special opportunity to thank Fr Alessandro for his dedicated ministry among us, to wish him well as he begins this new chapter, and to assure him of our prayers during his time away.

We hope you will be able to join us as we gather as a parish family to say goodbye and ask God's blessing upon him. Please keep Fr Alessandro in your prayers throughout his sabbatical.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2027 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

If your child wishes to prepare for First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2027, registration forms are now available.

You can collect a form from the parish board in the narthex, or download it from the parish website.

Please return completed forms to the Parish Office by the Feast of All Saints (1 November), leaving it in the office after mass or posting in the letter box at the Presbytery House.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Oliver Low, who will be happy to help: oliverlow@gmail.com

We look forward to accompanying our young people and their families on this important step in their journey of faith.

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

17 August Kathy Finnegan & Catherine Blackman

31 August Edwina Wood & Janet Linehan

DIOCESE

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.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Northampton Safeguarding Conference brings together clergy, parish safeguarding representatives, volunteers and those involved in the life of our parishes for a day of learning, reflection and renewal.

Through expert-led presentations, lived experience and practical discussion, the conference will deepen our understanding of adult safeguarding, place the voices of victims and survivors at the heart of our conversations, and explore how our communities can become places of safety, healing and hope.

As a diocese, we are committed to maintaining the highest standards of safeguarding and to fostering a culture where every person is valued, listened to and protected. This conference is an opportunity to strengthen that commitment, learn from one another, and continue our shared mission of building communities that reflect the compassion, justice and love of Christ.

The Details

📍 . St Thomas Centre at Northampton Cathedral, Semilong Road, Semilong, Northampton, NN2 6DF

📅 . 3rd October

🕒 . 10.00AM arrivals – 3.00PM departures

📁 . The day is free to attend

🍽️ . Lunch is provided

🚗 . There is plenty of parking in the St Thomas Centre car park off Semilong Road

♿ . The St Thomas Centre is accessible for all.

✉ . To secure your place email laura.lester@northamptondiocese.org

OTHER

2 JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

1. PROPERTY COORDINATOR VACANCY

We have an exciting opportunity for a Property Coordinator to join the Diocese on a permanent, full-time basis (35 hours per week, Monday to Friday).

The role will support the effective management of the Diocese's property portfolio through the coordination of maintenance, compliance, property records and project activities.

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

To apply, please complete a Diocesan Application Form and return it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

Closing Date: Monday 31 August 2026

Interviews: Date to be confirmed

Start Date: 1 October 2026

2. 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: stscholasticasretreat@outlook.com or website stscholasticasretreat.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.

+Useful Websites:

<https://northamptondiocese.org>

<https://www.catholicreadings.org>

<https://cbcew.org.uk>

<http://www.heavenroadfm.com>

<http://www.walsingham.org.uk>

<https://northamptondiocese.org/donate/>

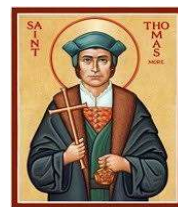
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SUMMER HUMOUR



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.

