



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th September 2026



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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12 September – 24 Ordinary Time [A]

5.00pm Rosary

5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 13 September – 24 Ordinary Time [A]

11.00am Mass – People of the Parish

Monday 14 September: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass

Tuesday 15 September: Our Lady of Sorrows

6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 16 September: St Cornelius and St Cyprian

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass

Friday 18 September

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass

Saturday 19 September

4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions

5.00pm Rosary

5.30pm Vigil Mass – 25 Ordinary Time [A]

Sunday 13 September

11.00am Mass – 25 Ordinary time [A]

24 Ordinary Time Mass Readings:

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Ps. 103 (102):1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Psalm response:

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel Acclamation

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

The Memorial Acclamation:

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

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: **£386.31**

Standing order: **£ 450 (estimate per week)**

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

SECOND COLLECTION 20 SEPTEMBER

There will be a second collection next weekend for Home Mission Sunday.

TEA AND COFFEE

Every Sunday and Wednesday after mass in the **LOMBARD ROOM!**



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 Jude to book a date and to arrange the preparation course for the sacraments:

frjude.okelue@northamptondiocese.org

REPOSITORY

Cards, rosaries, crosses, icons, and 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.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

14 September: Emanuela Coy and Michele Collins

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy has returned from its summer break. If you wish to be a volunteer, please contact Rose Darwin at: rosiedarwin@aol.com

FOOD BANK:

Thanks to all those that contribute food for the local food bank. The box for donations is in the entrance area. The food bank needs essentials, so we'd be grateful if future donations could prioritise tins of meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, beans, soups and packets of rice and pasta.

Regularly updated information on Towcester's specific needs is at towcester.foodbank.org.uk or via bankthefood.com where you can download an app showing the most urgent needs.

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

DIOCESE

ADOREMUS: A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

On Saturday 10 October 2026, Catholics from across England and Wales will unite in prayer, worship and witness for the Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress. Taking place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, and Westminster Cathedral in the heart of London, Adoremus is the Bishops' invitation to the whole Church to renew and deepen our devotion to Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist. Fifty representatives from our diocese will attend the Congress and everyone is encouraged to join this national celebration.

More information at <https://northamptondiocese.org/adoremus-3/>

DIOCESAN MUSIC DAY

Everyone involved in parish music ministry is warmly invited to the Diocesan Music Day on Saturday 19th September at Christ The King, Kents Hill, Milton Keynes. Timing is 0930-1600. The day will offer music, formation, practical resources and fellowship for all who support the Church's liturgy through music. Whether you are a singer, choir member, cantor, organist, music director or member of the clergy, you are most welcome to come along for this enriching and inspiring day. Further information from music@northamptondiocese.org

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>

SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Northampton, through all its places of work and activities, is committed to the highest standards of safeguarding. We recognise the God-given dignity and value of every person and are committed to ensuring that all people are valued, supported and protected from harm.

We have a zero-tolerance approach to abuse and take all safeguarding concerns seriously. In line with the Catholic Church in England and Wales allegations of abuse and situations where adults or children are at risk of harm are reported to the statutory authorities. The Diocese follows national safeguarding policies and guidance established by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. For more information please visit the safeguarding pages on the Diocesan website:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/safeguarding>

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.



Freedom Through
Jesus

Day of Healing

Saturday 7th November 2026

10:15am – 4pm

The day will include Praise and Worship, testimonies, teaching and the opportunity to receive prayer.

All are welcome, come for the day, or just pop-in to:

**St Thomas Centre, Semilong Road
Semilong, Northampton NN2 6AG**

This day is being led by Fr Kevin Dixon,
Mrs Helen Callaghan and the Littleway Team.

Refreshments will start at 10:15.

If staying for the day, please bring a packed lunch.

Contact: info@littlewayhealingministries.com

Website: littlewayhealingministries.com

LITTLEWAY

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Littleway Healing Ministries is a Registered Charity under the name of New Spring Trust, Registered Charity No: 1149468.
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OF NORTHAMPTON

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Music Day

9.30am – 4.00pm

A DAY OF MUSIC, FORMATION,
RESOURCES AND FELLOWSHIP
FOR ALL INVOLVED IN
PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY



SATURDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER 2026



CHRIST THE KING CHURCH,
KENTS HILL, MILTON KEYNES
FRITHWOOD CRES, KENTS HILL,
MILTON KEYNES MK7 6HG



PARKING IS LIMITED AT THE CHURCH.
Please use surrounding areas including
KENTS HILL SCHOOL & NURSERY
Birdlip Lane, Kents Hill
Milton Keynes MK7 6HD

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:



COMPOSING

CONDUCTING

CANTORS

REPERTOIRE

LEADING

All are welcome!

MUSICIANS, SINGERS,
CHOIR MEMBERS, CANTORS,
ORGANISTS, DIRECTORS,
AND CLERGY.



*"Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth."*
– PSALM 96:1



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER
music@northamptondiocese.org

