



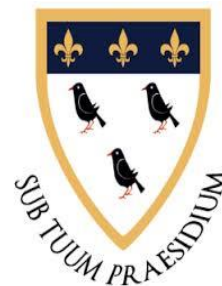
ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th October 2026



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Readings:

First reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

"The Lord will make a feast, and he will wipe away tears from all faces."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 23 (22): 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Second reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Gospel Acclamation:

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

"Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find."

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 10 th October	4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm Vigil Mass of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 11 th October	11:00am Mass of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>John Nester, RIP and Hugh McCann, RIP</i>
Monday 12 th October	09:00am Rosary 09:30am Mass
Tuesday 13 th October	ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR 5:30pm Rosary 6:00pm Mass
Wednesday 14 th October	09:00am Rosary 09:30am Mass
Friday 16 th October	09:00am Rosary 09:30am Mass
Saturday 17 th October	4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm Vigil Mass of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 18 th October	11:00am Mass of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: **£349.10**

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

Second collection (CAFOD): **£580.60**

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: PRISONERS' SUNDAY

This Sunday, the Church marks Prisoners' Sunday, a day to pray for people in prison, their families and children, victims and survivors of crime and all those working within the criminal justice system. The Gospel reminds us: "I was in prison and you came to me". Prisoners' Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on how we can put these words into action, recognising the dignity of every person and the possibility of redemption and a fresh start.

Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust), the national Catholic prison charity, supports people in prison, people with convictions and their families across England and Wales. Parishes can support its work through prayer, volunteering and financial giving.

SECOND COLLECTION 18 OCTOBER: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday will be the 100th World Mission Sunday, collecting for the work of the Pope's charity for world mission.

TEA AND COFFEE

Every Sunday and Wednesday after mass in the LOMBARD ROOM

REPOSITORY

Cards, rosaries, crosses, icons, and much more available in the Lombard Room and at the back of the church after mass; please contact Pat or Janet if you wish to buy or order any religious item. New stock just in, including a range of Christmas items!

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TOWCESTER, 13 OCTOBER

The Annual General Meeting of Churches together in Towcester will take place in our church on Tuesday 13 October at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and hear about joint events planned for the next few months.

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.

DIOCESE

OCTOBER DEVOTION

October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and this year Pope Leo XIV has invited Christians to pray the Rosary throughout the month, particularly for peace and an end to war. The Rosary is a simple prayer which helps us contemplate the life of Jesus with Mary, through familiar prayers including the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. It can be prayed alone or together, in church, at home or wherever we find a quiet moment.

ADOREMUS: A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

On Saturday 10 October 2026, Catholics from across England and Wales 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 attend the Congress. More information at <https://northamptondiocese.org/adoremus-3/>

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>

POP UP WELLBEING CAFES

Renew 169 provides a quiet space in Towcester where it's OK not to be OK. They have temporarily relocated due to building issues and can be found from 10am – 3pm at:

Mondays and Wednesdays: Sawpits Centre (the old library)

Tuesdays and Thursdays: Chantry House (by the Post Office)

More details: <https://renew169.org.uk>

PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS MORE



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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This prayer is an adaption of "An Appeal to St. Thomas More" by Henry Bender, Jr., published in *The Catholic Mind*, Feb. 1951.

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.

