ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

1 Meeting Lane, Towcester NN12 6JX
Parish Website: www.stthomasmorerc.org
Email:parish@stthomasmoretowcester.northamptondiocese.org
Telephone: 01327 359151

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

8th November 2026

PARISH TEAM

Clergy
Fr. Jude Okelue
fr.jude.okelue@northamptondiocese.org

Parish Office:
Sara Pickering
saraepick@gmail.com

Parish Safeguarding Reps.:
Mary McAllister
Barbara Leay
safeguarding@stthomasmoretowcester.northamptondiocese.org

Finance Committee:
Michael J. Emery: Chairman
07831 248199
Hugh Moran: Treasurer

Health and Safety:
Anthony McAllister
mcallister18@hotmail.com

S.V.P. (Charity/Support):
Michael J. Emery
michaeljemery@hotmail.co.uk
07517 613487

Garden
Zena Pryke
richandzena@gmail.com

Repository:
Pat Griffin
prg.74sc@gmail.com

Welcome
Jason Colin
jmauricecolin@gmail.com

Eucharistic Ministers Group:
Claudine Lavelle
claudinelavelle@hotmail.com

Readers Group:
Malcolm Alphonso
malcolm.alphonso@abbott.com

Altar Servers Group
Dave Brennan
dave.brennan@sylviajeffery.com

Children Liturgy:
Rose Darwin
rosiedarwin@aol.com

Music/Choir Group:
Chris Nikel
chris@nikel.net

Parish Website
Andrew Kirkpatrick
andrewk.sarap@gmail.com

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Readings:

First reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16
"Wisdom is found by those who seek her".

Responsorial Psalm**:** Ps. 63 (62): 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Response: For you my soul is thirsting O Lord, my God.

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
"Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep."

Gospel Acclamation:
Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13
"Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 7th November	4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8th November	*REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY* *Shelagh Pavey, RIP* 11:00am Mass of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 9th November	*THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA* 09:00am Rosary 09:30am Mass
Tuesday 10th November	*ST LEO THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH* 5:30pm Rosary 6:00pm Mass
Wednesday 11th November	*ST MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP* *Paul Branagan, John McGeery, RIP* 09:00am Rosary 09:30am Mass
Friday 13th November	*Philomena, James and Mark Metcalfe, RIP* 09:00am Rosary 09:30am Mass
Saturday 14th November	4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 15th November	11:00am Mass of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Mon, Wed, Fri at 08:45am and Tues at 5pm.
Confessions: During exposition or after any weekday Mass.

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: **£480.59**
Standing order: **£ 450 (estimate per week)**
Second collection (Sick and Retired Priests Fund): **£283**

TEA AND COFFEE
Every Sunday and Wednesday after mass in the LOMBARD ROOM

ALTAR SERVERS
We would welcome new altar servers. No experience necessary! Please speak to Fr Jude after Mass or contact Dave Brennan (details on page 1).

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!

RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)
A call for all those new to the Catholic faith and those who wish to deepen their faith! Please contact the priest or email the parish office to express your interest. Classes will begin in the first week of Advent.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2027 REGISTRATION EXTENSION!
If your child wishes to prepare for First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2027, registration forms are still 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 13 December, leaving 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. If you have already submitted forms, please confirm by email to the parish email address.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TOWCESTER (CTT) ARE LOOKING FOR A TREASURER!
CTT are looking for a volunteer to act as Treasurer. There are only about ten transactions per year, plus five meetings (although attendance would only be required at one). For more information please contact Oliver Low on oliverlow@gmail.com.

DIOCESE

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER
For the proper use of wealth. Pope Leo IV invites us this November to pray that wealth may be used not for selfish gain, but in the service of the common good and those who have less.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY, 22 NOVEMBER
This will be celebrated on 22 November to coincide with Christ the King, with the theme "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33).

TENTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR
The Church will celebrate the tenth World Day of the Poor on Sunday, 15 November. This year's theme, "The Lord is the refuge of the poor" (Psalm 14:6) comes from Pope Leo XIV's message in which he calls every Catholic community to become a place of welcome, dignity and hope. We are all encouraged to reflect on how we can listen, accompany and stand alongside those experiencing poverty, recognizing Christ in them.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY, 15 NOVEMBER

This Safeguarding Sunday we join churches across the country in reflecting on the theme "Love Protects", inspired by St Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 13. Safeguarding is an essential expression of our Catholic faith: recognising the dignity of every person, listening with compassion, and taking responsibility for creating communities where children, young people and adults are safe, respected and valued.

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



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.

©Center for Thomas More Studies With ecclesiastical approval Bishop Joseph A. Galante March 5, 2003
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.