



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH
EASTER SUNDAY
5 April 2026



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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Easter Sunday 5 April – Resurrection of the Lord [A]
 9.00am Mass at Kings Sutton
 11am – Mass at St Thomas More

Monday 6 April
 No Mass

Wednesday 8 April
 No Mass

Friday 10 April
 No Mass

Saturday 11 April
 5.30pm – Vigil Mass – Second of Easter/Divine Mercy

Sunday 12 April – Second of Easter/Divine Mercy [A]
 11am – Mass at St Thomas More

Easter Sunday Mass Readings:
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23;
 Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

Psalm response:

This is the day the Lord has made;
 let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
 let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Eucharistic Acclamation:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

CONFESSIONS: the sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated again **Saturday 11th of April from 4.45pm to 5.15pm.**

ADORATION: Saturday 11th of April from 4.15pm to 5.20pm

FR ALESSANDRO will take few days of break after the Holy week from Monday 6 to Friday 10 of April.

HAPPY EASTER from Fr Alessandro!

Happy Easter to all of you!

May the joy and hope of the risen Christ fill your heart, home, and family with peace, light, and blessings this season. As we celebrate the triumph of life over death, may you be renewed in faith and comforted by the love of the Risen Lord. I'd like to express my gratitude and thank you for your continued material and spiritual support to our parish community, especially to those who were helping and supporting me in the time of Lent, the Holy Week and to prepare our church for Easter. Thank you for your presence and prayers. May the light of Christ's love illuminate your path, His grace strengthens your spirit, and His peace fill your heart. May our joyful proclamation continue to ring out: Jesus Christ is risen! The Lord is risen, indeed!

BLESSINGS & WISHES

Congratulations to **Andrew, Janet, Michelle and Sara** on your full communion with the Catholic Church! May your entry into the Catholic faith lead you along a path filled with many blessings and the grace of this moment stay with you always.

JOIN OUR ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY!

The altar server ministry is for both children and adults. All members of our parish are invited to serve the eternal High Priest by joining our Altar Server ministry. If you are interested in becoming an altar server, or if your child is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact **Dave Brennan at: dave.brennan@sylviajeffery.com** or speak with Fr Alessandro. To be an altar server, you must have received First Communion. If you have a question about guidelines and restrictions, please take part to the meeting on the **12th of April in the church after morning mass.**

May the Lord form in each of us a desire to love and serve Him through the ministry He sets before us.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY BACK SOON:

Children's liturgy will be back next **Sunday 12th of April.**

SCHOOL VISITING ST THOMAS MORE:

We are happy to welcome Saint Thomas Becket's School in our parish on **Sunday the 19th of April.** The students will bring to our

community, joy and enthusiasm, leading the 11 o'clock Mass. To organize an unforgettable welcome to them, please speak/contact Rose Darwin at 07894.670438.

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: **£ 394.04**

EASTER COLLECTION:

As in the past years, our Easter collection will support Fr. Alessandro for his dedication throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity

TEA AND COFFEE BREAK on Easter Sunday We will be back on Sunday the 12th of April in the LOMBARD ROOM!



PARISH ADMIN VOLUNTEER REQUEST:

Our parish thrives on the help of our community. We are currently looking for volunteer to assist with 2hrs on Monday or Wednesday or Friday:

- Weekly newsletter preparation and update of the parish boards.
- Greeting visitors in the parish office.
- Basic administrative support.

If you have basic office skills and a welcoming spirit, please contact Fr Alessandro or Michael Emery.

SOCIALE EVENTS TEAM...IN PROGRESS!

Dear parishioners the good season is approaching, and I know how friendly you are and how much you care about our parish community.

We are putting together a small team to help promote our upcoming social events (like World Football Cup projection in the garden, barbecues, walking, garden music, summer quiz, etc). Would you be willing to help us to organise it. We'd love your enthusiasm and ideas to make our events a success and our parish more vibrant! Please, speak with Fr Alessandro if you would like to be part of the team.

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

PARISH WEBSITE Keep visiting our parish website. You can log in and click for news, newsletters, interesting facts, photos, and

much more at:

www.stthomasmorererc.org

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

13 April Eileen Fitzgerald and Sheila O'Driscoll

27 April Jim and Brenda Ince

11 May Chris Nash and Christa Darragh

25 May Kathy Finnegan and Catherine Blackman

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY:

The Diocesan Directory 2026 are still available at £3. Ask Fr Alessandro.

DIOCESE

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: FRAUD PROTECT ADVICE

We have been offered access to free Fraud Protect Advice training by the police. Richard Kubon, Fraud Protect Development Officer from Leicestershire police will be delivering accessible training on the following days and times: * * Tuesday 14 April at 10.30am - 12pm at the St Thomas Centre in Northampton. Wednesday 22 April at 6.30pm - 8pm at the St Edward's parish hall in Kettering. In order to cater for refreshments (tea/coffee), please register your interest for one of sessions by emailing laura.lester@northamptondiocese.org

PILGRIMAGE TO PATMOS of St John the Evangelist, Led by Fr Jerome Ituah, OCD, 1 st -7 th June 2026. Cost £1595 including flights, ferries and hotels, with breakfast and one other daily meal. See the poster in the narthex porch for details. ASSISI led by Fr Matt Roche Saunders.

ASSISI is celebrating a Jubilee Year marking the 800th anniversary of the life and death of St Francis... The trip is from 1-6 June 2026 from £1350 per person including return flights from Stanstead, Accommodation, Breakfast and Dinner and services of a local English-speaking guide throughout. Pilgrims will visit the basilicas of St Francis and St Clare, Mount Subiaco and also the tomb of St Carlo Acutis. Full details at www.jcjourneys.com or call 01886 812862.

OTHER

Easter in the Catholic Church



is the highest solemnity, celebrating Jesus Christ's resurrection, which marks the foundation of the Christian faith. It follows 40 days of Lenten preparation and Holy Week, beginning with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, characterized by lighting the Paschal candle, baptisms, and immense joy. The Key Liturgical Elements are:

Easter Vigil: The "mother of all vigils," held after dark on Holy Saturday, celebrating the resurrection through the service of light, readings, and sacraments.

Easter Sunday Masses: Joyful celebrations featuring white liturgical colours to represent resurrection, glory, and light.

The Paschal Candle: Symbolizes the risen Christ and is lit throughout the 50-day Easter season until Pentecost.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows: Often part of the Sunday Mass, reinforcing the new life in Christ.



The Holy Oils received at Chrim Mass on Maundy Thursday.

The prayers of blessing

of the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick, and the prayer of consecration of the Chrism, all speak of the newness of life

proclaimed by Jesus in the Synagogue at Nazareth.

SVP & CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE:

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales.

The experience will run from 21–26 June in London. Candidates must be aged 18–25 years; priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university.

Applications close on 6 April.

For any queries, please contact: KeziaH@svp.org.uk
https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2026

+UsefulWebsites:

<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>

A PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS

MORE, counselor 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.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty God, from Whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle, we pray You, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity Your Kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer of Resurrection

"Dear Lord, on this glorious Easter morning, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for the hope and new life that Easter brings. May we live in the light of His victory over death. Amen".

