



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH
2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Divine Mercy)
12 April 2026



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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 12 April – Second of Easter/Divine Mercy A
11.00am Mass – Jeremiah and May O’Driscall

Monday 13 April
9.00am Rosary - Ada Gorton
9.30am Mass

Wednesday 15 April
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass Carmela Genesio

Friday 17 April
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass Anthony & Ewa

2nd Easter Sunday Mass Readings:
Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118(117):2-4. 13-15b. 22-24;
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Psalm response:

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me,
says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have believed.

Eucharistic Acclamation:

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

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11th of April from
4.45pm to 5.15pm.

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

ROSARY

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am

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!

DONATION OF THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

On behalf of the parishioners of St Thomas More's Parish, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to Anthony and Ewa for the generous donation of the beautiful Divine Mercy picture.

It is a wonderful addition to our parish, providing a focal point for devotion and reminding us of all of our Lord's profound love and mercy. The image has been placed at the feet of the altar on this Sunday of the Divine Mercy and soon it will find a good location in the church, where I am sure it will inspire prayer and devotion for years to come.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and your family. May the Lord reward you for your generosity.

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 TODAY:

Children's liturgy is back today. If you wish to be a volunteer to help, please contact Rose Darwin after Sunday Mass or at: rosiedarwin@aol.com

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:

Holy Land: £ 93.67

SVP: £ 213.78

EASTER COLLECTION:

Fr. Alessandro expresses heartfelt thanks for both financial and spiritual support (prayers) during the Easter season. God bless you all!

TEA AND COFFEE

Evry Sunday and Wednesday after mass 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.stthomasmorerc.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



**Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy.*
St. Faustina's Diary p. 122*

Divine Mercy Sunday is a major Catholic feast celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter, instituted by Pope John Paul II in 2000. Based on revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska, it emphasizes God's merciful love, promising plenary indulgence and total forgiveness of sins for those who receive Holy Communion and confess.

Significance: It serves as a day of "thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery". Jesus described it as a day where "the very depths of My tender mercy are open".

Origins: The devotion is based on the diary of St. Faustina, a Polish nun who received revelations from Jesus in the 1930s.

Requirements for Grace: To receive the promised special graces, Catholics are encouraged to:
Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter (or its Vigil).

Sincerely repent of all sins.
Go to Confession (preferably before the day).
Receive Holy Communion on the day.
Venerate the Divine Mercy Image.
Be merciful to others.

The Image: The devotion includes praying in front of the image of Jesus with red and pale rays flowing from his heart.

The Divine Mercy Sunday is not just a devotion, but a day to recognize God's love as the ultimate gift of Easter.

+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".

