



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH
6th SUNDAY OF EASTER
10 May 2026



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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9 May
5.30pm – Vigil Mass – Sixth of Easter [A]

Sunday 10 May – Sixth of Easter [A]
11.00am Mass – Jeanette Kikpatrick

Monday 11 May
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass – Fr John Udris

Wednesday 13 May
7.00pm Rosary
7.30pm Mass

Thursday 14 May – Ascension of the Lord
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass

Saturday 16 May
5.00pm Rosary
5.30pm – Vigil Mass – Seventh of Easter [A] –

Sunday 17 May – Seventh of Easter [A] 11.00am Mass

6th Easter Sunday Mass Readings:

Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Ps 66(65):1-3a,4-5,6-7a,16,20;
1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

Psalm response:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Eucharistic Acclamation:

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

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 9th of May from 4.45pm to 5.15pm.

ADORATION: Saturday 9th of May from 4.45pm to 5.25pm

ROSARY

Monday, Thursday at 9am, Wednesday at 7pm, and Saturday at 5pm

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: £ 491.00

Standing order: £ 450 (estimate per Week)

SECOND COLLECTION:

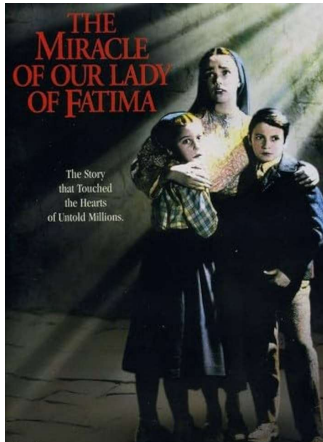
Victim of Abuse (Diocesan Safeguarding)

TEA AND COFFEE

Every Sunday and Wednesday
after mass in the LOMBARD
ROOM!



A MOVIE IN OUR PARISH:



**Wednesday the
13th of May at 8pm
in the upper room;**

The story based on
true events of 1917,
three Portuguese
children share a
miraculous,
prophetic vision of
the Virgin Mary.

PARISH WALK INVITATION

Dear Parish Family of St Thomas More,
We warmly invite you to continue your Sunday
journey with us beyond the sanctuary doors!
Join us for a parish walk to enjoy the outdoors,
connect with fellow parishioners, and build our
community in fellowship.

When: **Sunday 17th May**, immediately
following the 11am Mass (approx.12.30pm).

Where: **Meet in the Church Garden**

Route: A Moderate walk of 1.3km along '**The
Water meadows park**' (behind the Towcester
library -lifts could be arranged for anyone who
can't manage to walk to the Watermeadows-)

Details: All ages are welcome! Please wear
comfortable walking shoes. We will aim for a
casual, conversational pace, a lovely prayer to
the Blessed Virgin Mary on the month of May
and a sandwich break!

For info please ask/contact Michelle Collins:
moompig@msn.com or 07454 823641 Let's
share our Sunday joy, support one another,
and walk together as a community of faith. See
you there!

SVP RETIRED PARISHIONERS MASS

The SVP Retired Parishioners Mass and Meal
will take place on the 6th of June 2026 at the
Tove Baptist Church. If you are interested in
attending, please place your name and
telephone number on the sheet provided on
the notice board and you will be contacted with
more details.

CHILDREN AFTERNOON FUN IN THE PARISH GARDEN!

Dear children, **Sunday 12th of July** straight
after mass until 2pm, we are waiting for you in
the parish garden for an afternoon of games,
fun, music, and, of course, pizza and drinks!
We can't wait to spend this time with you! If
you want to be part of this event, please
contact **Rose Darwin** at:
rosiedarwin@aol.com or speak with Fr
Alessandro after mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEER:

If you wish to be a volunteer to help, please
contact Rose Darwin after Sunday Mass or at:
rosiedarwin@aol.com

REPOSITORY:

Cards, rosaries, crosses, icons, and even
much more available in the Lombard Room
after mass; please contact Pat or Janette if
you wish to buy or order any religious item.

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

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

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

A special day of prayer, reflection, and procession along the Pilgrim Route to the Priory Grounds with a short service at the site of the original Holy House and the Mass.

If you are interested to take part of the pilgrimage, please ask Fr Alessandro for the notification form available in the parish office.

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.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:

This year marks the 125th anniversary of pilgrimages to Lourdes, and pilgrims have been travelling there from the Diocese of Northampton since the very beginning. The Catholic Association (CA) pilgrimage is medically supported with dozens of healthcare professionals in attendance, and offers spiritual, liturgical, pastoral and logistical infrastructure to enable dioceses to achieve far more for their pilgrims than they could do alone.

The CA pilgrimage, from 21st-28th August, coordinates the welcome and care of those making the journey with them, including "assisted pilgrims" who have particular care and support needs. The assisted pilgrims can stay either in a hotel with basic support from volunteer helpers, or in the Accueil Notre

Dame, where medical and personal care is provided.

People of all ages and backgrounds also come to Lourdes as volunteer helpers to answer Our Lady's request to "come in procession", but more importantly they come in response to the command of her son Jesus to love God and to love our neighbours as ourselves. The minimum age for helping is 16 and there is no maximum age, but those aged 16-25 can be part of the Young Helpers Group, a supervised group who stay in a separate hotel.

You can find out more at www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join

OTHER

PREPARING FOR PENTECOST:

As our mission relies on the power of the Holy Spirit, we have the opportunity each year, in the days before Pentecost, to 'Return to the Upper Room' like those first Christians. We are invited to wait and pray in order to be clothed anew with power from on high to empower us as witnesses to Christ (Lk 24:49, Acts 1:4,8).

This is the original nine days of prayer, or Pentecost Novena, where we simply pray anew 'Come Holy Spirit'. To help us with this there are a number of resources that have been developed for individuals, families, churches and schools, which are freely available here: www.northamptondiocese.org/pentecost-novenaresources-2026/

DAVID GOOBBOURN LECTURE 2026

In the midst of violence and suffering in the Holy Land and across the Middle East Fr David Neuhaus will be giving this year's lecture, titled 'Palestine Israel: A Catholic Perspective.' Fr David is an Israeli Jesuit, and a prominent voice for justice and peace. The event, held by Churches together in Britain and Ireland, is being held via Zoom on Thursday 14th May from 7-9pm. Go to <https://ctbi.org.uk/event/david-goodbourn-lecture-2026/>

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP FORMATION

CLF is a one-week residential programme at Stonyhurst for Year 12 and Year 13 students. It combines theology, philosophy, media skills, and leadership development with daily liturgies and a strong social element. Students consistently tell us it is the most formative experience of their school years.

This summer's courses are:

Year 13 — The Human Ecology: 5-10 July

Year 12 — The Common Good: 10-15 August

Scholarships are available. The website is: www.christianleadershipformation.com

HEART TO HEART WOMEN'S RETREAT

A three-day retreat for women (whether single, married or religious), based on principles of Ignatian spirituality 19 - 22 June 2026.

Guided by Fr Bernard Murphy, CFR and Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, the retreat will seek to draw participants closer to the Lord through a greater attentiveness to His will.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/heart-to-heart-retreat/>

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<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>

Websites:

A 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.

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 TO INVOKE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

