



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH
PENTECOST
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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23 May
5.30pm – Vigil Mass – Pentecost [A]

Sunday 24 May – Pentecost [A]
11.00am Mass – Peggy and Bernard McAllister Rip

Wednesday 27 May
9.30am Rosary
No Mass

Friday 29 May
9.30am Rosary
No Mass

Saturday 30 May
5.00pm Rosary
5.30pm – Vigil Mass – The Most Holy Trinity [A] –

Sunday 31 May – The Most Holy Trinity [A]
11.00am Mass – Jane and Pat Griffin Rip

Pentecost Sunday Mass Readings:

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104(103): 1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34;
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

Psalm response:

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Eucharistic Acclamation:

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

NO CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY

ADORATION: Saturday 24th of May from 4.45pm to 5.25pm

ROSARY

Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am, and Saturday at 5pm.

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: £ 481.16

Second collection: £ 106.67

Standing order: £ 450 (estimate per Week)

SECOND COLLECTION:

Catholic Communications Network

TEA AND COFFEE

Every Sunday and Wednesday
after mass in the LOMBARD
ROOM!



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: Today Sunday 31st 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-)

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!

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 DISNEY CINEMA ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON!



Dear Parish Families, we are delighted to
invite you to a special children's cinema
afternoon every Sunday, starting the 14th of
June, for four Sundays in a row! Join us at St
Thomas More, Upper Room, at 4pm, for a fun
and uplifting Disney's film experience. Each
Sunday, we'll have pizza and popcorn,

creating a wonderful time of fellowship and fun
for the whole family.

We look forward to seeing you!



We are excited
to invite you all to
the parish
barbecue in the
garden!

Join us on
**Sunday, the 28th
of June, at
12noon,** right

after the morning Mass. It will be an afternoon
filled with delicious food, fun, music and
fellowship. This is a wonderful chance for us
all to come together as a community, share a
meal, and enjoy the garden setting.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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:
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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

25 May Kathy Finnegan and Catherine Blackman

8 June Edwina Woods and Janet Linehan

22 June Emanuela Coy and Michelle Collins

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 on **Saturday 13th June 2026.1**

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



Pentecost is the "birthday of the Church." Celebrated 50 days after Easter, it marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Virgin Mary. Today, it signifies the Holy Spirit's continuing presence, empowering believers to boldly live out and share the Gospel in everyday life.

Pentecost signifies the official public beginning of the Church's mission. It was the moment Christ's followers transformed from a frightened, hidden group into bold missionaries.

It represents the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to send an Advocate (the Holy Spirit) to guide,

strengthen, and sanctify the faithful until the end of time.

Just as the early disciples spoke in different languages and were understood by everyone, the Spirit unites Catholics across all cultures and backgrounds today.

We believe the exact same Holy Spirit that descended upon the Apostles is available to guide their personal lives, relationships, and daily decisions.

It is a yearly reminder that all Catholics are called to be missionary disciples, bringing God's love to a fractured and fragile world.

It highlights the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit—Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord—which are given to help the faithful navigate modern life.

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/>

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

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<https://northamptondiocese.org>

<https://www.catholicreadings.org>

<https://cbcew.org.uk>

<http://www.heavensroadfm.com>

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<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.

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.

