



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH
12th Sunday Ordinary Time
21 June 2026



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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 20 June - 12 Ordinary Time [A]
5.30pm – Vigil Mass

Sunday 21 June – 12 Ordinary Time [A]
11.00am Mass – Anne Wilkinson Rip

Monday 22 June St Thomas More - Patron Feast
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass – Geoff Griffiths Rip

Wednesday 24 June The Nativity of St John the Baptist
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass – Alvenia Clima

Friday 26 June
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass – Elizabeth Dominic

Saturday 27 June
5.00pm Rosary
5.30pm – Vigil Mass – St Peter & St Paul [A] – Lily Nash

Sunday 28 June – St Peter & St Paul [A]
11.00am Mass – Rowena Colorada Rip

12 Sunday OT Mass Readings:

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 69(68):8-10,14,17,33-35;
Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

Psalm response:

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness.

Eucharistic Acclamation:

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

CONFESSIONS Saturday 13th of June from 4.45pm to 5.15pm

ADORATION: Saturday 20th of June from 4.45pm to 5.20pm

ROSARY

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.00am, and Saturday at 5pm.

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: £ 356.30

Standing order: £ 450 (estimate per Week)

TEA AND COFFEE

Every Sunday and Wednesday and this coming Monday because the patronal feast after mass in the LOMBARD ROOM!



DEBT CRISIS Q+A CAFOD APPEAL



At the end of the week-end masses, we are collecting signatures for a CAFOD petition about the global debt crisis, which is causing terrible suffering for our brothers and sisters around the world. Cardinal Stephen Ameyu Mulla from South Sudan has written to parishes in England and Wales to explain. Please stop for a minute as you leave and lend your support. Thank you for helping to build a better world.

CHILDREN DISNEY CINEMA ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON!

Dear Parish Families, we are delighted to invite you to a special children's cinema afternoon every Sunday 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 today at 4pm with Hercules!



Next movie on Sunday the 19th of July at 4 pm Let's prepare to be part of the circle of life with...



We are excited to invite all parishioners, families and friends 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.

It would be great if you could give us an indication of numbers, so we can cater accordingly, so please fill the papers on your chairs and put in the box as you get out.

We will provide the BBQ but could you please bring your own drinks and a pudding to share with all (no nuts please) **A donation basket will be available on the back of the church.**

We look forward to seeing you all!



Raffle with amazing prizes to be won

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 at the back of the church 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

22 June Emanuela Coy and Michelle Collins
8 July Eileen Fitzgerald and Sheila O'Driscoll

DIOCESE

DAY FOR LIFE:

Each year, the church in England and Wales marks Day for Life on the third Sunday of June. This year it falls on 21st June and the theme is The Wonder of the Child in the Womb. The "Day for Life" is an annual Catholic Church celebration in England and Wales dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage, from conception to natural death.

WEBELIEVE | Festival of Catholic Life

Friday 24–Monday 27 July 2026 | St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham

WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24–27 July 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful.

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

CHAPLAINCY VACANCY:

St Paul's Catholic School in Milton Keynes is looking for a committed and inspirational school chaplain to nurture and develop the Catholic life of our school community. The role will be for 37 hours a week, Monday to Friday, for 38 weeks a year plus three training days. The starting salary is £31,229 and the role begins in September 2026.

For more information or an application form, visit www.st-pauls.org.uk, email enquiries@st-pauls.org.uk or call [01908 669 735](tel:01908669735). The closing date is 9am on Tuesday 16th June.

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>

<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.

