



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH
SS PETER AND PAUL
28 June 2026



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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 27 June – SS Peter and Paul [A]
5.30pm – Vigil Mass – Lily Nash in Thanksgiving

Sunday 28 June – SS Peter and Paul [A]
11.00am Mass – Rowena Colorado Rip

Monday 29 June
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass –

Wednesday 1 July
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass –

Friday 3 July St Thomas Apostle
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass –

Saturday 4 July
5.00pm Rosary
5.30pm – Vigil Mass – 14 Ordinary Time [A]

Sunday 5 July – 14 Ordinary Time [A]
11.00am Mass – Fr James Evans in thanksgiving

SS Peter and Paul Sunday Mass Readings:

Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34(33):2-3.4-5.6-7.8-9;
2Timothy 4:6-8,17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

Psalm response:

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

Gospel Acclamation

You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

The Memorial Acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we
proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

CONFESSIONS Saturday 27th of June from 4.45pm to 5.15pm

ADORATION: Saturday 27th 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: £ 465.74

Standing order: £ 450 (estimate per Week)

Day for life 2nd collection: £ 42.00

TEA AND COFFEE

Every Sunday and Wednesday
after mass in the LOMBARD
ROOM!



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.

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 in the garden.**

We look forward to seeing you all!



Raffle with
amazing
prizes to
be won

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



RED BOX APPEAL

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AT ST THOMAS MORE

Fr Brian Oswald MHM will give the appeal at all masses over the 11th and 12th of July. Red boxes

will be available at the back of the church to be collected. For any information, please ask Chris Nash.

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

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.

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



FR ALESSANDRO AWAY

Dear parishioners, I would like to inform you that I will be away for my summer break from the 6th of July till the 13th of July. If you need anything urgent during this time, please contact the Dean of our pastoral area, Father Brendan Killeen at 01604 402301.

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

8 July Eileen Fitzgerald and Sheila O'Driscoll
20 July Looking for volunteers (speak with Chris Nash)

DIOCESE

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.

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFY OF LIFE

Rt Rev Peter Collins, Bishop of East Anglia, will lead the pilgrimage and celebrate the mass of reparation at The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham the 1st of August 2026.

Coaches from Northampton Cathedral (NN2 6AG) at 7:15am (contact Bernadette at 07488 261065).

Price: £25 adult & £15 children.

Further information about the pilgrimage, livestreaming and coach meeting points can be found on the website:
<https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>

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

SS PETER AND PAUL



The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (celebrated annually on June 29) is important because it honours the two foundational pillars of the early Christian Church. Together, they represent the complete spread of the Gospel—Peter to the Jewish people and Paul to the Gentiles—and symbolize the unity of the global faith. Despite coming from vastly different backgrounds—Peter was a fisherman, while Paul was a highly educated Pharisee who initially persecuted Christians—they became spiritual brothers united in their devotion to Christ. Their joint celebration emphasizes that diverse gifts and personalities can work together to build a strong, inclusive community. According to ancient Christian tradition, both apostles were martyred in Rome under the reign of the Emperor Nero. Peter was crucified upside down, and Paul was beheaded. Their ministries are detailed heavily in the New Testament and represent the explosive growth of the early Church. By celebrating them, Christians remember the roots of their faith and the monumental effort it took to share the message of Jesus across the ancient world.

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.

