



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

14th Sunday Ordinary Time

5 July 2026



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TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4 July – 14 Ordinary Time [A]

5.30pm – Vigil Mass – Ferguson's Family

Sunday 5 July – 14 Ordinary Time [A]

11.00am Mass – Fr James Evans in Thanksgiving

Monday 6 July

9.30am Rosary

Wednesday 8 July

9.30am Rosary

Friday 10 July

9.30am Rosary

Saturday 11 July

5.00pm Rosary

5.30pm – Vigil Mass – 15 Ordinary Time [A] Tony's intention

Sunday 12 July – 15 Ordinary Time [A]

11.00am Mass – Stella Harris Rip

14 Ordinary Time Sunday Mass Readings:

Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 145(144):1-2.8-9.10-11.13c-14; Romans 8:9,11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

Psalm response:

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Gospel Acclamation

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

The Memorial Acclamation:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

CONFESSIONS Saturday 4th of July from 4.45pm to 5.15pm

ADORATION: Saturday 4th of July from 4.45pm to 5.20pm

ROSARY

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

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: £ 396.50

Standing order: £ 450 (estimate per Week)

Peter's Pence 2nd collection: £ 83.60

BBQ donation: £ 264.00

BBQ Ruffle: £ 261.95

TEA AND COFFEE

**Every Sunday and Wednesday
after mass in the LOMBARD
ROOM!**



FR ALESSANDRO BBQ THANK YOU

Dear parishioners,

I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for making our parish barbecue a truly special moment. Your presence, your warmth, your joy, and especially the hard work of many of you made this day a real success. A special thanks to everyone who worked behind the scenes with such great enthusiasm. May the Lord bless you and reward you for your spirit of community!

You can look at some of the photos taken on that day on our website!

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.



RED BOX APPEAL MISSIO AT ST THOMAS MORE

Next weekend we will welcome Fr Brian Oswald MHM to give a Red Box Appeal appeal at all

masses. Missio is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the Red Box we support the Church around the world where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via Direct Debit. 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...



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

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



For Catholics, summer is not a vacation from faith, but a sacred season of "Ordinary Time." It is a unique invitation to step off the treadmill of daily demands, cultivate true leisure, and encounter God in the peace of nature, family time, and restful contemplation.

Our modern lives often revolve around getting things done. Summer invites us to break this utilitarian mindset by practicing true leisure—doing things that are good simply because they are enjoyable.

As Pope Leo XIV famously reflected during his pontificate, summer offers a chance to slow

down, welcoming others and allowing ourselves to be welcomed without feeling the need to "purchase" an experience.

Take your morning coffee or evening prayer outside. The warmth of the sun and the beauty of creation provide a living reflection of God's generosity and intentionality. Let travel become an opportunity for pilgrimage. Make a point to step inside the historic or local Catholic parishes scattered throughout your vacation destinations. Discovering the universality of the Church by attending Mass in an unfamiliar town or country adds a beautiful layer to your faith. Keep a summer faith journal to record everyday moments of gratitude and recognize God's active presence in your life.

Summer serves as God's gentle reminder that while we journey through this world, true peace and the ultimate rest are found in Him.

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.

