

ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH

On Sunday 6th July our parish had a wonderful celebration in St Thomas More school hall. This was a party for all our children who received their First Holy Communion or who were Confirmed into the church, in the latter half of June, the celebration bringing together the young people, their families and the rest of the parish. The children looked very smart, dressed up as they had on their special day, and the 'bring and share' table produced a fabulous spread.

August is generally a quiet month with a lull in some regular activities as many parishioners take their holidays and we hope for pleasant weather for those staying at home. However, we continue to have coffee after the 11 am Mass on a Sunday, a time for those still about to catch up with each other.

For a few weeks over the Summer, Fr. Prem is away having a well-earned rest, so we will be having visiting priests on Sundays, when services will continue as usual, with parishioners leading short Eucharistic services during the week. Details of all the church services can be found in our newsletter and online on our website.

Looking ahead into September, we are planning a parish pilgrimage to Blessed Dominic Barberi church and St John Henry Newman College in Littlemore, which has been chosen by the Bishop as one of the Jubilee churches and particular places of Pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year. The Jubilee Year began with Pope Francis opening the Holy door in St Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve and runs till January 6th, the feast of the Epiphany 2026. The year's theme is for us to be Pilgrims of Hope, and we will also be having some study sessions around this theme to support our Pilgrimage.

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