



# ST PETER'S CHURCH, BIGGLESWADE

Parish Priest Canon Bennie Noonan  
Deacon Rev. John Lang

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> / Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Weekday Year 1, Sunday Year C

Psalter Week 1

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> / Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**First Sunday of Advent**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December

**Mass at 6.30 pm**

People of the Parish

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**Mass at 11.00 am**

Gloria Nottingham Int.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

*St. Francis Xavier*

**Mass at 9.30 am**

John, Paul & Jacob Powell RIP

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

*Feria*

**No Mass**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

*St. Birinus*

**Mass at 9.30 am**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

*Feria*

**No Mass**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

*St. Ambrose*

**Mass at 9.30 am**

Phyllis Doris Powell RIP

**EXPOSITION 7.30 – 8.30 pm**

**ROSARY: Weekdays normally  
before Mass at 9.10 am**

**Confessions**

Sat. 5.45 – 6.15 pm

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Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. / Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Mass at 6.30 pm**

Stuart Williams RIP

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Mass at 11.00 am**

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**Normal Mass Times at**

**St. Francis of Assisi, Shefford**

Sundays 9.00am & 5.15pm

Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am

## **Our Annual Bazaar - yesterday.**

Thank you everybody who supported us in any way.

- You who had the Tickets and who gave the Goods.
- You who let others know AND who brought friends on The Day.
- Donors of Money, Prizes and Gifts.

Those who came to set up on Friday; you who manned the Stalls and you who stayed behind on the Big Day to clear up the Hall.

## **Christmas Timings**

At Easter we had to share with Shefford for some of the Ceremonies because I could not get any Priest to help out. But this Christmas (& Easter too!) Father Peter Maher can help us here. Deo Gratias.

So our Christmas timings will be:

**Mass for Children** 6.00pm Christmas Eve

**Midnight Mass** Christmas Eve at 12 Midnight preceded by Carols.

**Christmas morning** 11.00a.m.

**Funeral this week: for Brenda Angela Allwright** (Eaton Socon & Langford): on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. Bedford Crematorium 3.15p.m.

## **DIVINE MERCY RETREAT**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 – 6.00pm at the Church of the Holy Child & St. Joseph, Bedford.  
Includes talk, Exposition, Mass, Veneration and refreshments.

## **FEAST DAY MASS FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at the Church of the Holy Child & St. Joseph, Bedford.  
Principal Celebrant His Excellency, Archbishop Edward Adams, Papal Nuncio, assisted by Bishop Peter Doyle.

## **THE GIVING TREE**

This year we are again supporting **THE HOMELESS and THE WOMEN'S REFUGE** (which includes children).

Please be as generous as you can and help by taking a sticker from the tree and providing the item(s) you have selected – pink stickers for the Women's Refuge and the remainders are for the Homeless. Also, desperately needed are duvets, coats, (or anything to help keep the homeless warm during the cold winter months, backpacks, sleeping bags, handbags, toiletries, clothing etc. also children's clothes and toys. Thank You.

## **MINISTRY ROTAS**

The new Ministry Rotas from the 5<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 will be prepared over the next few weeks. Please let Stella – [stellacowley@mac.com](mailto:stellacowley@mac.com) / 01767 769134 know a.s.a.p. of any changes you wish to make. If you did not return a GDPR form for the last quarter and would like your name and contact details included on the new rotas please complete a form (available in the porch with the Rotas) a.s.a.p. Thank you.

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## **SHERRY & MINCE PIES**

The Social Club invite you to a free sherry and mince pie after the 6.30pm Mass next Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please join us, everyone welcome!

## **Christmas Service for all working with Bedfordshire Police.**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm Kings Arms Church, Bedford, 245 Ampthill Road. MK42 9AZ**  
If you are a Police Officer, or work in any capacity with our Police Service (Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Met etc) you are very welcome.

Last year it was held at St Francis in Shefford and it was a really wonderful evening and a lovely, inspiring preparation for Christmas (Deacon Peter and Justin – the man who planned the beautiful Rosary Day recently – did all the hard work and that was richly rewarded

**St Francis of Assisi**

**Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> / Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

6.30pm E. O'Callaghan  
R. Williams

11.00am S. Lang  
P. Day

**Ministers of the Word**

6.30pm C. Spencer  
N. Spencer

11.00am A. Macdonald  
J. Hardy

**Greeters**

6.30pm A. Hampshire  
L. Graves

11.00am E. Walliker  
S. Worthy

**Children's Liturgy – Lucy**

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**Ministers of the Eucharist**

6.30pm C. Spencer  
N. Spencer

11.00am Joseph McGowan  
Jeanne McGowan

**Ministers of the Word**

6.30pm M. Stainton  
R. Williams

11.00am C. Neville  
P. Smith

**Greeters**

6.30pm E. Stirratt  
M. Potts

11.00am F. Day  
S. Lang

**Children's Liturgy – Babs**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm:** We cordially invite you to our Annual Advent Candle Service followed by Fellowship and festive refreshments served in the back Sacristy (so no stairs to climb). There will be a Christmas raffle in aid of Keech Cottage Hospice. We look forward to welcoming you and hope the weather will be better than last year.  
RSVP: Jenny Hyde, 63 Hillfoot Rd, Shillington SG5 3NS. Or email [jennyhyde49@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jennyhyde49@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01462 711702.

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***Year of Prayer and Vocation.***

A very useful source of Video Clips/Reflections on our Bishop Peter's local initiative to help us think of our Christian Calling in 2018. [www.formationpathways.co.uk](http://www.formationpathways.co.uk)

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**VOCATIONS**

Northampton Diocese will be hosting a weekend for those men considering the Vocation to the Priesthood. This will be held at the Cathedral from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you are interested please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak to Fr Mark. Please continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood! Further details and posters to follow by post.

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**Our Lady School Hitchin**

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015, they will be due to start school in Reception Class in the academic year 2019/2020.

We have arranged some dates for you to look around our school during the day.

Your guide will be one of our Y6 pupils.

If you would like to book a place on one of these tours please contact the school office on

**01462 622555**

*Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.*

*Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm*

*Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm*

*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am*

***The deadline to apply for a school place is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019***

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**Latin Mass Monthly on 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday –**

Every month there are 2 Local Latin Masses.

Each first Sunday of the Month at Baldock Church 3.00 p.m. (2nd December)

Each third Friday of the Month at Shefford Church 7.30 p.m. (16th November and 21st December)

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**Contact Details for Father Richard Moroney.**

**Address:** 7 Manor Farm Close, Luton, LU4 9AL, **Phone:** 01582 751106, **Mobile:** 07939 474 228

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**The S.V.P.** meet at St. Peter's on every 3rd Monday of the month after the 9.30 am Mass. Their **next Meeting is on Monday the 21st January 2019.** For more information please contact either Meg Bishop or Ian Cousins on 07526 753986. Thank you.

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**Dates for your diary**

*Tuesday 11th December: UCM Advent Candle Service at Shefford*

*Wednesday 12th December: Christmas Service for all working with Beds Police*

*Monday 21st January: SVP Meeting*

*Sunday 19th May (1pm): First Holy Communion Service*

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**A date for your diary!**

The Diocese of Northampton is first for the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2019!

Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 in the Cathedral Church of

Our Lady & St. Thomas. Further details to follow.

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