



St Peter's Church, Biggleswade
Weekly Newsletter

Parish Priest Canon Bennie Noonan
Deacon Rev. John Lang
Safeguarding Officer: Catherine Spencer

Saturday 10th February/ Sunday 11th February 2024
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Second collection this weekend for SVP
Collection next weekend for Cafod

Weekday Year 1, Sunday Year B

WORSHIP TIMES

Sat 10th Feb/ Sun 11th Feb
2024
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 10th February
Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday 11th February
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mass at 11am
Ignatius Family and All Souls in
Purgatory

Monday 12th February
Feria
Mass at 9.30am

Tuesday 13th February
Feria
No Mass

Wednesday 14th February
Ash Wednesday
Mass at 9.30am

Thursday 15th February
Lent Feria
No Mass

Friday 16th February
Lent Feria
Mass at 9.30am
Stations of the Cross and
Adoration 7pm
Mary and Martin French Health

Saturday 17th February
Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday 18th February
First Sunday of Lent
Mass at 11am
Ralph Desyloou RIP

Ash Wednesday Mass here 9.30am and at Shefford 7.30pm

Blessing and distribution of ashes will be here during the 9.30am Mass.
There will be a later Mass on Wednesday at 7.30pm at St Francis of Assisi.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence

Fasting means having just one main meal and two light meals. Fasting must be observed by all except for those of 60 years of age and above.

Abstinence means not having ANY meat or meat products. It binds everybody.

Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 7pm

We will have weekly Stations of the Cross at 7pm followed by Adoration until 8pm.

Spam emails from me

If you had a strange email from me this past week – it is Spam!

My email was hacked. I spent well over an hour getting things back to normal with BT. They were superb as indeed they always are. Not the cheapest but they are the best.

Candles are costing us dearly!

Now each candle will be 40 pence

At our two Candle Shrines – each month 900 candles are used. Presently they cost 30p each. But our monthly use-rate is 900 and our monthly cash placed in the two boxes shows that just 25p per candle is put in. Looking at the figures closely, I can see a consistent monthly deficit. So we must raise the price in the hope of breaking even at least – to 40p per candle.

Every candle (in memory of somebody, or for some need we may have) should have an element of sacrifice to it....but returns show that, also, the parish is having to pay 5p per candle.

This Monday Rosary Procession 6pm Milton Keynes

It will be at 6pm from City Centre Church (300 Saxon Gate MK9 2ES)

Light Up Lent 2024

Thursday 29th February to Thursday 7th March

Light up Lent is our diocesan Week of Accompanied Prayer – a retreat in everyday life.

Begin, or deepen, your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. With one-to-one support each day for a week, via Zoom, from an experienced prayer guide.

Find out more and sign up here <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/lightuplent/>

The Rosary

The Rosary will be said at each weekday Mass starting just after 9am.

Open the Book (the Bible) Storytellers.....playacting Bible stories to primary school assemblies

We urgently need more volunteer storytellers to help spread the word of God to pupils in the Sandy primary schools. This is truly rewarding for pupils and presenters/storytellers, so if you are free during the week on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons and you'd like to help – then please contact Alban on 07751 625942 – he'd love to hear from you.

Churches Together in Sandy & Beeston (CTSIB) - Lent lunches

During Lent, CTSIB will be holding frugal Lent lunches on each Friday of Lent at 12.00pm to 1.30pm.

Each of the six churches will host a Lent lunch and we hope all churches will support these every week in Lent by

1. Coming to join in for lunch where we will provide a frugal meal and you can decide to give a donation to CAFOD/Christian Aid supporting the poorest people of the world
2. **This Friday 16th February - help our church to host the event by serving tea/coffee too.**

Education Service Job Role

Bishop David is seeking experienced Directors/School Governors to represent his wishes on the Duns Scotus Trust – the diocesan body that has ultimate oversight of all diocesan schools and reports back to the Trustee.

Do you know anyone who has experience in business, finance or education?

Would they have time to commit to three meetings per year?

For an information pack or to discuss this volunteer position, please ask them to contact Debbie Main on 01634 953369 or email debbie.main@northamptondiocese.org

Pastoral Development Worker

The diocese is currently recruiting for a Pastoral Development Worker to help their pastoral areas and parishes identify mission and community needs and to work with local groups to discern and implement their local vision.

The role will be for 37.5 hours per week on a three-year fixed term contract, involving weekend and evening work.

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting

<https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/>

The closing date for applications will be this Friday 16th February. Interview dates to be confirmed. All candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

Mass Rota		
Date	Reader	Greeters
10 Feb	The Brunning Family	J Smith R Williams
11 Feb	M Evans K Mansford	P Smith F Blake
17 Feb	P Day R Williams	A D'Souza J Parkin
18 Feb	G McCarthy T McCarthy	M Thompson M Leer
24 Feb	J Hardy A Eglan	A Hampshire L Graves
25 Feb	C Neville P Affoh	A Hankin K Mansford
2 Mar	The Spencer Family	A Eglan L Stirratt
3 Mar	M Evans S Sweeney	F Whitehead P Smith

Collection for week ending 4th Feb:
Offertory: £428.35

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