



St Peter's Church, Biggleswade
Weekly Newsletter

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Sat 23rd November/ Sun 24th November 2024
Our Lord Jesus Christ – King of the Universe

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*Our Lord Jesus Christ – King of
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Saturday 23rd November

Confession 5.45pm to 6.15pm

Richard Carthy 92 years

Sunday 24th November

*Our Lord Jesus Christ – King of
the Universe*

Mass at 11am

EM and VC Macdonald RIP

Monday 25th November

St Alnoth - Martyr

Mass at 9.30 am

Ellen Gavillet RIP

Tuesday 26th November

Feria

No Mass

Wednesday 27th November

Feria

Mass at 9.30am

Holy Souls

Thursday 28th November

Feria

No Mass

Friday 29th November

Feria

Mass at 9.30am

Adoration 7pm (With Confession)

Fiona Eileen Powell

Saturday 30th November

St Andrew - Apostle, Patron of
Scotland

Confession 5.45pm to 6.15pm

Mass at 6.30pm

Tom Delaney RIP

Sunday 1st December

First Sunday of Advent

Mass at 11am

Margaret Atiene RIP

Requiescant in Pace

Elizabeth Mary Freeman, whose funeral Mass is on Monday 25th November at 12pm in St Francis, Shefford.

Deacon Paul Lipscomb, whose funeral is on the 27th November at 12 noon. His body will be received into St Teresa's, Beaconsfield on the 26th November at 4.30pm.

Ellen Gavillet whose Memorial Mass will be on the 14th December at St Peter's, Biggleswade.

Advent Online Retreat

On four Monday nights at 7.30pm to 8.30pm, **starting on 25th November**, Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent will be leading an on-line retreat called 'Doorways to Grace'. We explore the 4 Holy Doors of Rome and the saints behind them. How we, like them, are being called into a grace-filled encounter with Jesus in the coming Jubilee Year.

To watch the trailer and to register for the retreat, go to

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

SVP

Urgent request from the Women's Refuge – has anyone got any spare Christmas decorations for a tree? The Women's Refuge have put in a request. If you can help, please bring to the church and leave in the Preen Food Box in the entrance to the left of the hymn storage cupboard. Thank you.

Giving Tree – Every year, during Advent, the SVP have a Giving Tree where there are items that our partners request for clients. We are supporting two women's refuges and a homeless hostel locally, also a homeless drop-in day centre in Bedford. If you can afford, please choose an item from the tree, buy and bring it to the altar with the sticker sellotaped to the present. SVP members will deliver in time for Christmas. Last year all our gifts were very well received, thank you.

Help offered – If you know of a family, or someone living alone, who is experiencing poverty or in crisis and needs support – who might benefit from the SVP – please contact our Duty Line on 07526 753986 or email Catherine on

PresidentE140104@svp.org.uk

First Holy Communion

There is a parents' meeting here on Saturday 7th December at **11am**.

Please note that the time is different to the one advertised on the application form.

Christmas Party

Christmas is coming and so is a children's Christmas party on Saturday 7th December at 12.30pm. Save the date and watch this space for more information.

Special Mass for the Sick and Bereaved

Special Mass for the Sick and Bereaved on **Wednesday 27th November at 4pm** in the St John Henry Newman school chapel. All are warmly invited to attend. Please confirm your attendance by email to events@jhn.herts.sch.uk or inform the school reception on 01438 314643.

Rorate Caeli Mass (Candlelight Mass)

This winter, we will hold a special Advent Candlelight Mass – commonly known as Rorate Caeli – on **Saturday 7th December at 7.15am at St Francis Church, Shefford**. A Rorate Caeli Mass is traditionally celebrated just before dawn in Advent as a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass is only lit by candles, representing Mary’s role in bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world. Mass begins in darkness before sunrise, with only candles lighting the church to remind us of a world in darkness and sin that is anticipating the coming of the “Light of the World”. As Mass progresses, the church becomes brighter until the risen sun fills it with the light of day. As a votive Mass for the Blessed Mother, white vestments are worn instead of the violet normally used during Advent. The Mass readings and prayers highlight the prophecies of the coming of Christ and Mary’s role in bringing the Light into the world.

CASPAR

All the relevant information from this email for parishioners is sent out to those who have signed up to CASPAR through parishes and indicated that they wish to receive information from our diocese. We are doing this as we understand the pressure on parish offices when it comes to space in the parish newsletter.

NYMO Youth Ministry: Flame 2025

15th March 2025, OVO Arena, Wembley. Ages 14 – 25

The bookings and tickets for Flame 2025 are now live on the NYMO website nymo.org/flame-2025

Bookings can be purchased by individuals or by a group. There are two options for tickets: entrance only tickets (£29) or entrance + transport tickets (£48). We have a limited number of these early bird tickets available and once they are all sold, prices will increase to £31 for entrance tickets and £50 for entrance + transport. To secure your places, you will need to both submit a booking form and purchase tickets.

Contact NYMO.admin@northamtondiocese.com to find out more.

Bishop David is looking forward to participating in this event.

NYMO Youth Ministry: LUX 2025 – LUX.Hope

LUX is an annual residential weekend for young people aged 11-18 years. Held from 5th – 7th February, Sion Catholic Community, Brentwood. The theme for LUX this year is ‘Hope’ – in line with the theme for the Jubilee year.

We’ll be exploring what Hope means for the young people today, using the life and travel of St Paul to guide us.

Bookings are now live on the NYMO website: <https://nymo.org/lux-hope-2025/>

Mass Rota			
Date	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Greeters
23 Nov	P Day / L Bastien	C Spencer / N Spencer	A D’Souza / J Parkin
24 Nov	Y Gleeson / F Blake	P Affoh / M Leer	M Choonara / R Cowley
30 Nov	TBC / S Sweeney	TBC / L Bastien	R Williams / J Smith
1 Dec	M Gurney / K Mansford	M Evans / B Gurney	P Smith / F Blake
7 Dec	M Gleeson / E da Costa	C Spencer / N Spencer	P Day / F Day
8 Dec	C Neville / S Buchan	C Tracey / M Leer	A Hankin / K Mansford

The Rosary

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

Collection w/e 17th Nov: £279.80

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