



St Peter's Church, Biggleswade  
Weekly Newsletter

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Sat 21<sup>st</sup> December/ Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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## WORSHIP TIMES

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec/ Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2024  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December

St Peter Canisius – Priest and Doctor  
of the church

Confession 4pm to 6pm

Mass at 6.30pm

Josie McDonald RIP

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Mass at 11am

Intentions of the Gurney family

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

*Saint John of Kanty - Priest*

Mass at 9.30 am

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Eve**

6pm Children's Mass

9pm Carols

10pm Early Midnight Mass

Jo and Babs Hennelly RIP

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

**The Nativity of the Lord**

11am Mass

For the people of the Parish

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December

*St Stephen – The First Martyr*

Mass at 10am

Alban and Nancy Henry RIP

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December

*St John – Apostle and Evangelist*

Mass at 9.30am

Adoration 7pm (With Confession)

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December

*The Holy Innocents - Martyrs*

Confession 5.45pm to 6.15pm

Mass at 6.30pm

Stella Cowley RIP

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph**

Mass at 11am

Salvador Gaduzo RIP

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### Christmas Eve

6pm Children's Mass

9pm Carol singing

10pm Early Midnight Mass.

### Christmas Day

11am Christmas Mass

### Boxing Day

10am Mass

### Confessions

From 4pm to 6pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December



## Heartfelt Gratitude to Mr Peter Cremin and Mrs Caroline Cremin

I would like to express my gratitude – on my personal behalf and on behalf of the Diocese – to **Peter Cremin and Caroline Cremin**, who have welcomed me into their home ever since I moved to Shefford and Biggleswade. As the presbytery at St Francis of Assisi, Shefford, was undergoing the refurbishment works, the Diocese was looking for a rented property to accommodate me, but could not get one within the parish limits. It was then that the Cremin family generously offered to accommodate me at their home. I really felt at home during my stay at their home for the past six months. They were very loving and caring. They took care of me as one of their family members. Though no words of thanks are sufficient to express my gratitude to them, I would like to thank them from the bottom of my heart.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** Peter Cremin and Caroline Cremin. God Bless you abundantly!  
**Now I am at St Francis Presbytery!**

## Christmas Day Collections

Christmas Day collections are for the priests. Priests receive a small 'wage' and thus the collections on Christmas Day form a sizeable part of their annual taxable income. I would like to offer my very sincere appreciation for your generosity.

## Children's Choir

If you enjoy singing and would like to join the choir for our Christmas Children's Mass at 6pm, we would like to invite you (adults/children/teenagers) to come and join us on the following dates for a practice.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10.30am

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm

For any further information, you can contact Nick Whitehead on 07775 608593 or

Jason D'Almeida on 07841 636167.

Looking forward to seeing many of you.

## Grand Christmas Draw

Thank you to everyone for their generosity in supporting the parish raffle. We made an impressive £1120 and after the prize money has been deducted, a cheque for £970 will be passed on to Father Prasad for parish funds, which will be a great boost.

Thank you for making it such a success.

*Your Social Club Committee*

### 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 and the Need Project. If you can afford, please choose an item from the tree, buy and bring it to the altar with the sticker sellotaped to the gift. SVP members will deliver in time for Christmas. Last year, all our gifts were very well received. Thank you.

### Pilgrimage to Patmos, Greece

We have been asked to promote the pilgrimage to Patmos with Canon John Udris.

Patmos is an island touched by Heaven. The setting of a vision of Jesus by the Apostle John which led to the writing of the book of Revelation, this tiny island in the Greek Aegean sea is a unique blend of natural beauty and the hum of ancient piety.

Dates: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.

Cost: £1750 based on two people sharing.

### 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.

*"I wish you all a graceful and joyous Merry Christmas.  
May you all have a wonderful Christmas Season.  
God Bless you ALL!"  
Fr Prasad Kasireddy  
Parish Priest*

Mass Rota			
Date	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Greeters
21 Dec	The Brunning Family	C Spencer / N Spencer	A Hampshire / L Graves
22 Dec	P Smith / P Affoh	B Gurney / M Leer	J Gnevry / F Whitehead
24 Dec 6pm	R Williams/Y Gleeson	TBC / TBC	L Graves / A Hampshire
24 Dec 10pm	Y Gleeson / C Neville	M Leer / TBC	L Stirratt / A Eglen
25 Dec 11am	P Smith / F Blake	TBC / TBC	TBC / TBC
26 Dec 10am	K Mansford / TBC	TBC / TBC	TBC / TBC
28 Dec	L Bastien / TBC	TBC / TBC	L Graves / A Hampshire
29 Dec	TBC / TBC	TBC / TBC	TBC / TBC
31 Dec	F Blake / M Evans	TBC / TBC	K Mansford / TBC
1 Jan	TBC / M Evans	TBC / TBC	TBC / TBC
4 Jan	S Sweeney/J Aloysius	TBC / L Bastien	A Eglen / L Stirratt
5 Jan	F Blake / Y Gleeson	P Affoh / B Gurney	R Cowley / M Leer

#### The Rosary

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

Collection w/e 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: £300

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