



St Peter's Church, Biggleswade
Weekly Newsletter

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Sat 18th January / Sun 19th January 2025
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WORSHIP TIMES

Sat 18th Jan/ Sun 19th Jan
2025
*Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

Saturday 18th January
Confession 5.45pm to 6.15pm
Mass at 6.30pm
Gerry Hardy RIP

Sunday 19th January
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass at 11am
Denis Featherstone RIP

Monday 20th January
St Fabian – Pope and Martyr
Service of Word and Communion
at 9.30am

Tuesday 21st January
St Agnes – Virgin and Martyr
No Mass

Wednesday 22nd January
St Vincent – Deacon and Martyr
Mass at 9.30am

Thursday 23rd January
Feria
No Mass

Friday 24th January
*St Francis de Sales – Bishop and
Doctor of the Church*
Service of Word and Communion
at 9.30am
Adoration 7pm

Saturday 25th January
Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
Confession 5.45pm to 6.15pm
Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday 26th January
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass at 11am
Dale Snashfold RIP

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) 18th to 25th January

Please come and pray for Christian Unity on Wednesday 22nd January 7.30pm at a Worship Service at St Francis, Shefford.

It is an international ecumenical celebration. As we celebrate 1700 years since the council of Nicaea, the worship service has at its heart – the Nicene Creed. Reflecting this, the scripture readings for this year focus on belief. We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11: 17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

Also, please join with other churches in the villages where you live for a week of prayer for Christian Unity services.

Sunday of the Word of God

This year, the Sunday of the Word of God falls on **26th January**. It is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.

Bishop David will lead a liturgical celebration in our Cathedral at 3pm on this day.

All those who proclaim and/or teach the scriptures are invited to pray together and be commissioned for their ministry and are welcome to attend either in person or virtually – via live-streaming. The service sheet will be on the website this week.

'A Journey of Hope' Lenten Accompaniment Prayer

For the Jubilee Year this Lent, there is an opportunity of a retreat in daily life, on Mondays from 3rd March. 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. You will receive weekly one-to-one support from an experienced prayer guide on zoom. To find out more, sign up to our introductory webinar on Monday 3rd February 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1506153>

Word on Fire UK Bible Conference – February 2025

Join Bishop Robert Barron and thousands of other Catholics from across the UK and beyond for *Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible*. Come to London this February to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today.

Date: Friday 21st to Saturday 22nd February 2025

Location: Excel Centre, East London

Speakers include: Bishop Robert Barron, NT Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland and more.

For more information and to register, please visit

wordonfire.org/the-bible-event.

National Marriage Week

Every year from February 7th to 14th, National Marriage Week reminds us that marriage is more than a day or a ceremony. A marriage requires dedication and commitment that generates a lifetime of rewards. Our marriage and family life can be contacted on mfl@northamptondiocese.org

Retrouvaille

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse?

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom (27th February to 2nd March 2025). Email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk Call or text 07887 296983 www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

This year our diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 14th June. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at the Basilica in the Catholic Shrine at midday followed by lunch and at 3pm pilgrims process from the Shrine, on the holy mile to the Abbey Grounds for the final service.

Parish groups are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring parish banners with them for the procession. All are welcome.

175th Anniversary of the foundation of the Diocese of Northampton

On the 29th September 1850 with the papal bull, Universalis Ecclesiae, issued by Pope Pius VI, the English hierarchy was restored and the Diocese of Northampton came into being.

Mass Rota			
Date	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Greeters
18 Jan	C Spencer/N Spencer	L Bastien / TBC	J Smith / A D'Souza
19 Jan	S Buchan / M Gurney	P Affoh / C Tracey	K Mansford / A Hankin
25 Jan	J Hardy / P Day	C Spencer / N Spencer	R Williams / R Cowley
26 Jan	C Tracey / M Evans	B Gurney / M Leer	G Payne / M Payne
1 Feb	E da Costa / M Gleeson	L Bastien / TBC	P Day / F Day
2 Feb	T McCarthy /G McCarthy	M Evans / P Affoh	M Choonara / R Cowley
8 Feb	The Brunning Family	C Spencer / N Spencer	A Eglan / L Stirratt
9 Feb	P Smith / P Affoh	C Tracey / B Gurney	K Mansford / A Hankin

The Rosary

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

Collection w/e 12th Jan: £388

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