



St Peter's Church, Biggleswade
Weekly Newsletter

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Sat 1st March / Sun 2nd March 2025
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat 1st March/ Sun 2nd March
2025
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 1st March

St David – Bishop

Patron of Wales

Confession 5.45pm to 6.15pm

Mass at 6.30pm

Cathleen Martin RIP

Sunday 2nd March

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 11am

Tony Smith RIP

Monday 3rd March

Feria

Mass at 9.30am

For the people of the Parish

Tuesday 4th March

St Casimir

No Mass

Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday

Mass at 7.30pm

Thursday 6th March

SS Cyneburga, Cynewith, Tibba -

Religious

No Mass

Friday 7th March

SS Perpetua and Felicity - Martyrs

Mass at 9.30am

Way of the Cross and Adoration

7pm (*with confession*)

Saturday 8th March

Confession 5.45pm to 6.15pm

Mass 6.30pm

Sunday 9th March

First Sunday of Lent

Mass at 11am

Prayer for Our Holy Father Pope Francis

I kindly request you to continue to pray for the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Current reports indicate that he is stable but in critical condition, and we thank God for his strength and resilience.

Requiescat in pace

Mrs Mary Josephine Dorothy Kee - whose funeral service will be on Thursday 13th March 2025 at North Hertfordshire Memorial Park & Crematorium.

Mrs Margaret Winifred Sutton - whose funeral service will be on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 1pm at St Peter's, Biggleswade.

Mrs Maria Lightfoot – whose funeral service will be at St Peter's, Biggleswade and the details are yet to be finalised.

Shrove Tuesday on 4th March 2025

Shrove Tuesday is celebrated on the last Tuesday before we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday. It is also known as Pancake Day.

All – from both our parishes – are welcome to partake in the event in the Angela Room at Shefford, soon after the Tuesday morning mass.

Season of Lent

We begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday, which falls on 5th March 2025. Lent is a season of fasting and prayer. Let each of us make every effort to come closer to God repenting for our sins.

Ash Wednesday Mass is at 9.30am at St Francis and 7.30pm at St Peter's.

Assisted Suicide Bill

Find out how your MP voted on assisted suicide and ask your MP to vote NO at the Third Reading.

Bishop David invites parishioners to write to their MP asking them to oppose the bill. A useful website for this can be found here:

https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote?utm_source=righttolife.org.uk&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=euthanasia-commons_pmb_2&utm_content=menu

Fridays during Lent

During this season of Lent, there will be the Way of the Cross at 7pm in both of our parishes.

St Francis, Shefford: 7pm Way of the Cross followed by Holy Eucharist (Please note that there won't be Word and Communion service in the morning.)

St Peter's, Biggleswade: 7pm Way of the Cross followed by Adoration up to 8pm (Please note that the morning Mass will be as usual).

Calling a Wounded Earth Home
Fridays at 6pm during Lent at St Peter's

A series of sessions based on Green Christian's "Calling a Wounded Earth Home" Lent course will be held on Fridays at 6pm at St Peter's, starting on Friday 14th March. The sessions are based on "Love", "Truth", "Wisdom", "Justice" and "Hope" – with the last session on Friday 11th April. The sessions will be timed to finish before Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour at 7pm.

There is no need to register your attendance – please just turn up, and you do not need to attend every session. Everyone from Biggleswade and Shefford parishes are welcome to attend and the invitation is also being extended to those from other parishes belonging to the Bedfordshire Pastoral Area Council, as this initiative comes from its "Becoming a Greener Pastoral Area" working group. If you have any questions, please contact Neil Spencer (neilspencer@gmail.com 07910 211824)

World Prayer Day – Friday 7th March

A warm welcome is offered to parishioners at 2pm for the World Prayer Day service being held at Sandy Baptist Church, Bedford Road, Sandy SG19 1EL.

And also at 7.30pm, St Andrew's Church, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade SG18 0AT.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is on Friday 14th March

This Lent, CAFOD highlights the resilience of Lokho's community in Kenya, where, after years of drought, local farmers rebuilt their livelihoods with support from Caritas and CAFOD donations. Your generosity helps provide seeds, tools and training, fostering long-term sustainability. As we work for peace, food security and debt relief worldwide, we invite you to support our Family Fast Day appeal and join us in prayer and action for a more just world.

Prayer Ministry Training

The CDSC, in conjunction with the Diocesan Prayer Ministry team, are running a short prayer ministry training course on Thursday 20th March and Saturday 29th March.

Mass Rota			
Date	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Greeters
1 Mar	P Day / Y Gleeson	C Spencer / N Spencer	A D'Souza / J Parkin
2 Mar	M Choonara / F Blake	P Affoh / M Leer	M Choonara / R Cowley
8 Mar	A Crawley / L Bastien	TBC / L Bastien	R Williams / J Smith
9 Mar	M Gurney / K Mansford	M Evans / B Gurney	P Smith / F Blake
15 Mar	M Gleeson / E da Costa	C Spencer / N Spencer	P Day / F Day
16 Mar	C Neville / S Buchan	P Affoh / M Leer	A Hankin / K Mansford
22 Mar	J Hardy / R Williams	TBC / L Bastien	A D'Souza / J Parkin
23 Mar	T McCarthy / G McCarthy	M Evans / C Tracey	G Payne / M Payne

The Rosary

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

Collection w/e 23rd Feb: £380.98

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