



St Peter's Church, Biggleswade
Weekly Newsletter

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Sat 8th March / Sun 9th March 2025
First Sunday of Lent

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Second Collection next week: CAFOD Fast Day

WORSHIP TIMES

Sat 8th March/ Sun 9th March
2025

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday 8th March

Confession 5.45pm to 6.15pm

Mass at 6.30pm

Des Derek

Health -speedy recovery

Sunday 9th March

First Sunday of Lent

Mass at 11am

Father Emmanuelle

25 years with CFR

Monday 10th March

Feria

Mass at 9.30am

William Alfred Arrowsmith RIP

Tuesday 11th March

Feria

No Mass

Wednesday 12th March

Feria

Service of the Word 9.30am

Thursday 13th March

Feria

No Mass

Friday 14th March

Feria

Mass at 9.30am

Way of the Cross and Adoration

7pm (*with confession*)

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Kate Corcoran RIP

Saturday 15th March

Confession 5.45pm to 6.15pm

Mass 6.30pm

Sunday 16th March

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass at 11am

Tina Fitzpatrick RIP

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.

What to Give Up for LENT

We Catholics often find ourselves wondering what we ought to “give up” for Lent. Lenten sacrifices can be valuable if they help increase our reliance on Jesus by opening up our hearts to God. As much as we consider something to abstain from, we ought to consider what we can commit to as well. What outside actions can we take to better ignite the flame of our faith within us?

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).

We dare to Hope Prayer Sessions

During this season of Lent, we will have 'Prayer Sessions' at St Francis Church, Shefford, on every Thursday after the morning Mass, based on the book 'We dare to Hope'. These sessions will be conducted by Sue Armstrong and, afterwards there will be refreshments.

All are most welcome to be part of these prayer sessions.

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, which will be a mixture of scripture, reflection, prayer and worship, 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 (neilhspencer@gmail.com) 07910 211824)

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text **CAFODLENT to 70085** to donate £10



Our Parishioners are supporting the CAFOD Big Lent walk

Beatrice, Madeleine and possibly Marijana will be attempting the CAFOD Big Lent walk this Lent. This involves walking about 200km over the 40 days of Lent in solidarity with the poor of the world and fundraising for CAFOD. If you'd like to help them reach (and exceed) their target – please consider filling in the donation form in the church foyer or give online at

<https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/st-peters-biggleswade2025>

Pilgrims of Hope – Jubilee Hymn 2025

Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.

Ev'ry nation, tongue and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son.

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free.

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him.

The Rosary

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

Collection w/e 2nd March: £325.20

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.

Churches Together in Sandy – Lent Lunches

Come and join us for your FREE frugal lunch each Friday during Lent.

In the Baptist Church Hall (Sandy Roundabout) on March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, April 4th and 11th from 12pm (closes 1.30pm). All donations will go to the poor via Christian Aid/CAFOD

Mass Rota			
Date	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Greeters
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

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