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**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November / Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025**

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (All Saints Day)**

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	David Howe, RIP Gerry Hardy	Mass of Our Lady
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Peter Dolan, RIP Herbert Millington RIP, Fr Michael Griffith RIP Timothy & Prunella West, RIP	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (All Saints Day)</b>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	8.30 am SFA 9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA 7.30 pm SP	For all the departed in our parishes Intentions of the Holy Father For all the departed in Fr. Prasad's family Private Intention	<b>The commemoration of all the Faithful Departed</b>
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am SFA	Deceased members of the Armstrong family	St. Charles Borromeo
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	Feria
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am SFA	Mary Makin, RIP	Feria
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	St Willibrord
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am SFA 3.00 pm SP 6.30 pm SP	Emylee & Philip New Home (Thanksgiving) Memorial Mass People of our parishes	Mass of Our Lady
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Deceased members of the Laing Family Oscar and Shirley Menenzie Deceased members of the Doherty Family	<b>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Remembrance Sunday)</b>
<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Saturdays: 10.00-10.30am (SFA) &amp; 5.45 – 6.15 pm (SP)</b>		
<b>Adoration</b>	<b>Wednesdays: 7-7.30 pm (SFA), Fridays 7 –8pm (SP)</b>		
<b>Rosary</b>	30 minutes before weekday Masses		

\*SFA (St. Francis of Assisi Church, Shefford), \*SP (St. Peter's Church, Biggleswade)

SVP St Francis & St Peter's: Contact SVP on 07526 753986 or email [PresidentE140104@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentE140104@svp.org.uk)

### Anniversaries in November

Anne Reilly (2000), Mary Ann Rainbow (2001), Anthony Sapiano (2001), Andrew Taylor (2001), Denis Thatcher (2001), Grace Beegan (2001), Charlotte Reeves (2002), Henry Craig (2002), Rudolph Ulfein (2002), Rose Grant (2003), Allan Mark Sinfield (2003), Peter John Palumbo (2003), Michael Kernicki (2003), Linda Mary Lilley (2003), Anna Kitchener (2003), John McNichols (2003), Roderick Brim (2003), Margaret Irvine (2004), John James Doyle (2004), Nora Quinn (2006), William Hogan (2006), Annetta Rook (2007), Thomas McDonald (2008), Eileen Betty Wilson (2009), Johanna Marian Quinn (2009), Michael McLaughlan (2010), Mart Winifred Booth (2010), Eileen Collins (2010), Mary Francis (2010), Frederick Borg (2011), Margaret Willisher (2011), John Maurice Patrick (2013), Janice Ann Gander (2013), Bridget Mary Rushbridge (2014), Mary Luby (2014), Basil Dodman (2015), Michael Hogan (2015), Elizabeth Mary Freeman (2024), Ellen Gavillet (2024)

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord... May they rest in peace. Amen.**



## PARISH NOTICES

### **Requiescat in pace**

**Mr. John Joseph Comerford**, whose Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 at 2.30pm, at St. Francis, Shefford.

### **Anniversary of Canon Michael Griffith**

Let's remember and pray for Canon Michael Griffith, the former Parish Priest of St. Peter's, Biggleswade, on his death anniversary.

### **Masses on 'All Souls Day' – Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

This year, All Souls Day is celebrated on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The following are the Mass timings and I exhort all the parishioners to take part at least in one of the Masses and pray for the departed family members.

8.30 am – St. Francis

9.30 am – St. Peter's

7.30 pm – St. Francis

7.30 pm – St. Peter's

### **Blessing of the Graves**

The blessing of the graves this year will take place as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> November, Saturday at 10.45am in Shefford Cemetery.

2<sup>nd</sup> November, Sunday at 12.30pm in Biggleswade Stratton Way Cemetery.

Those of you who would like any of your family members' graves to be blessed during the month of November, may kindly approach me.

### **Memorial Mass**

Memorial Mass is at St Peter's Church on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 3.00pm to remember and celebrate the lives of all the people within our reach who have died since November 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. We especially invite those who would wish to remember and celebrate the life of a loved one who has died since the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 to complete the on-line registration form.

<https://forms.gle/PbAcYEwiUbodb62V8> .

### **Bishop Nicholas Hudson**

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson as the new Bishop of Plymouth.

### **Road closure on Remembrance Day**

Station Road will be closed from 8am to 1pm to all traffic on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November due to new legislation which requires extended road closures on Remembrance Sunday. Let's be prepared for any inconveniences that might occur on the day. However, the parish has secured **TEN PERMITS** to allow up to ten cars to come through the road closure on the day to enable these cars to park in our church car park, on the conditions that they are

	<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>
<b>Collection of 25/26 Oct</b>	£844.20	£357.50
<b>Standing Orders</b>	£130	£420
<b>Second collection</b>		

intended for our senior citizens - and drivers who either have limited mobility themselves, or drivers who bring parishioners with limited mobility and/or bring senior citizens to Mass.

Permits will be available from Michael Gleeson [who is coordinating this matter for Fr. Prasad]. Please speak to Michael after the 11am Mass on Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> or Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Christmas Bazaar (St. Peter's) from 11am to 2pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

It is only 3 weeks until the big event and in preparation, we are asking for new or very good items for sale. There will be a box in the church porch from next weekend, for all your donations. We are also looking for bottles for the bottle stall and of course cakes on the day for the cake stall. Raffle tickets will also be on sale from next weekend, please take as many books as you can and return them with the money on the weeks leading up to the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All money from the Bazaar goes into parish funds, so not a penny will be wasted.

There will be a list in the porch, for helpers before the day to prepare the church and any help you can offer on the day will be greatly received.

As always your continued support is appreciated.

Your Social Club committee

### **Saint John Henry Newman**

This Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025, Saint John Henry Newman will be declared the 38th Doctor of the Church. This great honour will be conferred by Pope Leo XIV in St Peter's Square, Vatican City, at 10.30am (EST), and will mark the culmination of events celebrating the Jubilee of Education.

Earlier this week, Pope Leo named Saint John Henry Newman "patron of the Church's educational mission alongside St Thomas Aquinas."

### **Christmas Concert**

The AT Society are excited to be once again arranging a Christmas Concert at the beautiful St John's Church, Harpenden on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm**. We are delighted that Harpenden Building Society are once again generously sponsoring the evening which will feature the amazing musical talents of Harpenden based choir Magic Voices, Harpenden Youth Choir, and Mike Hodge (aka the Harpenden Busker). Local Harpenden charity the AT Society is the **ONLY** charity in the UK that both funds research and provides support to **children** and **young adults** with the rare, life limiting, genetic condition of ataxia telangiectasia (AT). Tickets in advance are £12 (£5 for children) and are available now from the AT Society website Christmas Concert - AT Society .

### **Second Collection**

This week: Old and Retired Clergy