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**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November / Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Christopher Jones, RIP Richard Carthy	St. Cecilia
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Philip & Anne Pugh 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Madeleine Gurney intention Biddy Doherty, RIP	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion	St Catherine of Alexandria
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Rannett Channer RIP Word & Communion	Feria
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am SFA	Holy Souls	Feria
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	St Catherine Labouré
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Holy Souls Thanksgiving to St Joseph	
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Caroline Armstrong – Birthday intention For the people of the parish Damien McDonald and family intentions	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Saturdays:</b> 10.00-10.30am (SFA) & 5.45 – 6.15 pm (SP)		
<b>Adoration</b>	<b>Wednesdays:</b> 7-7.30 pm (SFA), <b>Fridays:</b> 7 –8pm (SP)		
<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

**Mrs. Pamela Allam (Pam)**, whose Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 at 10.30am at St. Francis, Shefford.

**Mr Peter Michael Arrowsmith**, whose Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2025 at 12.00pm at St Peter's, Biggleswade.

### Christmas Bazaar (St. Peter's) this Saturday from 11am to 2pm.

Please come and enjoy our parish Bazaar – many thanks to all volunteers and the Social Club for their hard work

### ADoRE – Morning of Spiritual Renewal

Join ADoRE for a Morning of Spiritual Renewal this Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, from 10.00am to 1.00pm on Zoom, with the theme “*Pilgrims of Hope – Signposts to the Kingdom.*”

The morning will include Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and an inspiring talk by guest speaker Dr Hannah Vaughan-Spruce.

More information can be found at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

### NYMO – Calling all 11-35 year olds!

Join us this Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, to celebrate World Youth Sunday and the Feast of Christ the King at the Cathedral in Northampton. We'll start with Mass at 3pm followed by snacks, drinks and a concert with open mic at the St Thomas Centre from 5pm. See you there!

For questions, contact [hollycook@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hollycook@northamptondiocese.org).

### Advent Bible Studies

Join Mauro Iannicelli for four engaging Bible studies on the Advent Sunday Gospels, exploring the readings in depth with thought-provoking insights and questions to enrich the celebration of Holy Mass.

Sessions will take place on Wednesdays **26 November, 3, 10, and 17 December**, 7–8pm UK time, free of charge via LIVE YouTube. To register, visit <https://comeandsee.org/advent-bible-studies>

### Vision Meeting for Our New Youth Ministry (13+) & Minnie Vinnies (7-12) - this Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parish Family of St. Peter's & St. Francis of Assisi, We are excited to share that our parish is beginning a journey to start a new Youth Group and Minnie Vinnies — a space where our young people can grow in faith, friendship, and service. Before we take the next steps, we'd love to hear your ideas and hopes. Hence, we invite all parishioners - especially parents, youth and anyone passionate about supporting young people - to a Vision & Planning Meeting:

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
<b>Collections of 15/16 Nov</b>	£280.60	£315.28
<b>Standing Orders</b>	£130	£420
<b>Second Collections</b>	£	£

Time: 8.00pm - 9.00pm

Venue: St. Peter's, Biggleswade

Together, we will:

- ✦ Dream about what this Group could look like
- ✦ Listen to your thoughts and needs
- ✦ Form a Core Team to help lead this new ministry

Your presence and input will make a real difference as we shape something meaningful for our parish's future. Let's come together to inspire and empower the next generation of our church family! For further information, please contact: Shirly D'Almeida at 07548 125587 or Fiona Whitehead at [Fimansford@gmail.com](mailto:Fimansford@gmail.com)

### Online Advent Retreat – beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm

The Vicariate for Pastoral Development is offering an online Advent retreat.

This year the annual retreat will explore the theme of “*Disrupted by Grace*” by delving into the stories of some of Jesus' more disreputable ancestors in Matthew 1 (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth & Bathsheba) and exploring the presence of grace in our lives.

Speakers include Dr Jessie Rogers, Michelle Moran, Fr Matt Blake OCD, and Canon John Udris.

Find out more and register here:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5keWxms715U>

### Supporting the Jubilee for Prisoners – A Call to Action

In the lead-up to the Jubilee for Prisoners on 14<sup>th</sup> December, Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is delighted to share a new Call to Action Guide, developed in response to last year's Bishops' Conference publication *Remember Me*, which explores the realities of the criminal justice system in the UK. Documents can be found

here <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/responding-to-remember-me-a-call-to-prayer-reflection-and-action/>

### LUX Youth Residential Weekend

Our diocesan residential weekend for young people in school years 7–13 will take place from 13<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at Kings Park Centre, Northampton. Packed with workshops, drama, music, worship, Mass, games, and time with friends, this year's theme is *Belong*. The cost is £110. For more information or to book, visit [nymo.org/lux-belong-2026/](http://nymo.org/lux-belong-2026/) or email [NYMO@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO@northamptondiocese.com).

### Second Collection

**This Week: Catholic Youth Services**