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Saturday 29th November / Sunday 30th November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 29 th Nov	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Holy Souls Thanksgiving to St Joseph	
Sun 30 th Nov	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Caroline Armstrong – Birthday intention Julie & Alban Macdonald Intentions Damien McDonald and family intentions	First Sunday of Advent
Mon 1 st Dec	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	For the people of our parishes Word & Communion	St. Edmund Campion
Tues 2 nd Dec	9.30 am SFA 12.00 pm SP	Hope Robinson, RIP Requiem Mass for Peter Arrowsmith	
Wed 3 rd Dec	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	St Francis Xavier
Thu 4 th Dec	9.30 am SFA	Niall Doherty Intention	St John Damascene
Fri 5 th Dec	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	St. Birinus
Sat 6 th Dec	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Margaret Rees, RIP Phyllass Davis Powell, RIP	St Nicholas
Sun 7 th Dec	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Deceased members Willis Family Private Intention John James McErlean, RIP	Second Sunday of Advent
Confessions	Saturdays: 10.00-10.30am (SFA) & 5.45 – 6.15 pm (SP)		
Adoration	Wednesdays: 7-7.30 pm (SFA), Fridays: 7 –8pm (SP)		
Rosary	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

Anniversaries in December

Derek Dalton (2001), Teresa Flora Blackall (2001), Charles Hill (2001), Christine Mary Watson (2001), Susan Fisk (2003), Leonard Joseph Brice (2003), Shaaron Rosemary Hunt (2004), Frederick William (2006), Petros Geizanauskas (2007), Gremacolta Ruggiero (2010), Joan Wiles (2010), Kwisyn Maternowski (2010), Baby Hope Robinson (2012), Lawrence S. Lewis (2012), Janice Ann Gander (2013), Mary Doherty (2014), Ian Murden (2020), Janet Manning Sister Margaret (2022)

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



PARISH NOTICES

Requiescat in pace

Mr Peter Michael Arrowsmith, whose Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 2nd December, 2025 at 12.00pm at St Peter's, Biggleswade. The body to be brought into the church on Monday, 1st December at 5pm.

Mr Kevin John McKenna, whose funeral service will be on Thursday, 4th December, 2025 at 2.30pm at Bedford Crematorium.

Mrs. Genowefa Oprzadek (Jenny), whose funeral service will be on Friday, 5th December, 2025 at 1pm at St Peter's, Biggleswade.

SP & SFA Youth Ministry

As we begin the First Week of Advent, our parishes also begins something new. We joyfully announce our **First Youth Mass** and the official launch of our Youth Ministry. This celebration is a beautiful sign of hope and renewal for our community.

We warmly invited all our youth (13+) and their families to join us at mass, followed by a social gathering. Bless this new mission entrusted to our youth.

Date: Sunday, 21st December 2025

Time: 11am

Place: St. Francis of Assisi Church, Shefford

UCM Annual Advent Candle Service at St. Francis

UCM group is holding their annual Advent Candle Service after morning Mass on Tuesday, 9th December at 10.30am. This will be followed by food, refreshments and fellowship raffle towards Keetch Cottage Hospice. While this is a UCM event, all parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Christmas Giving Tree Appeal

Christmas is a joyful season when families and friends spend time together enjoying food, friendship and good times. Please help us to give gifts to those who are less fortunate than ourselves so that they may share in the spirit of Christmas. We invite you to take labels from the giving trees at St Peter's and St Francis and return gifts to the box in the entrance foyer.

It would be extremely helpful if all donations can be put in the boxes by Sunday 14th December to allow time for SVP members to deliver the gifts to recipients before Christmas.

St Peter's Christmas Bazaar

What a wonderful event, for such a rainy day. The Christmas music and smell of lovely food filled the hall and the turnout was amazing, a real community spirit prevailed. We raised £2008, which was due to all the hard work, donations and dedication of St Peter's parishioners and the Social Club Committee. A **Big Thank** you to everyone who came along and supported us and made this such a successful Event.

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Collections of 15/16 Nov	£282.60	£344.81
Standing Orders	£130	£420
Second Collections	£137.56	£185.55

Meet and Chat at St. Peter's

We will be opening St Peter's Parish Hall to everyone from Monday, 1st of December from 10-12pm and every Monday until the end of March. We invite everyone to join us, we are not calling this venture as "Warm Spaces," but a chance to come in for a chat and a hot drink. Come and enjoy our hospitality and gain new friends along the way. Looking forward to meeting you.

Advent Bible Studies

Join Mauro Iannicelli for three more 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 **3, 10, and 17 December**, 7–8pm UK time, free of charge via LIVE YouTube. To register, visit <https://comeandsee.org/advent-bible-studies>

Online Advent Retreat: Monday 1st December, 7.30pm

Disrupted by Grace, week 2, Dr Avril Baigent will be joined by Michelle Moran who will continue exploring Jesus' more disreputable ancestors. Watch week 1's Advent Retreat and register here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/>

Supporting the Jubilee for Prisoners – A Call to Action

In the lead-up to the Jubilee for Prisoners on 14th 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 13th –15th 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/ or email NYMO@northamptondiocese.com.

