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Saturday 27th December / Sunday 28th December 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 27 th Dec	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Deceased members of the Rose Boulton family Sybil Van Rossuro RIP, Cecilia Castel Vetri RIP	
Sun 28 th Dec	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Jay & Liz Bridge's family intentions Daisy Fernau Intentions, Stella Cowley, RIP Peter & Jenny Hyde intentions	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Mon 29 th Dec	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	St. Thomas of Canterbury
Tues 30 th Dec	9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion	
Wed 31 st Dec	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	For Bobby Johnson's health Word & Communion	
Thu 1 st Jan 26	9.30 am SFA 11.00 am SP	Word & Communion Maria Cutinho Saldanha Intentions	Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Fri 2 nd Jan	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Sat 3 rd Jan	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Word & Communion Roy Towan's Intentions	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Sun 4 th Jan	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Jane Earl Intentions (for good health) William Doherty, RIP Maureen McNamara Intentions	Second Sunday after the Nativity
Confessions	Saturdays: 10.00-10.30am (SFA) & 5.45 – 6.15 pm (SP)		
Adoration	Wednesdays: 7-7.30 pm (SFA) Fridays: 10-10.30am(SFA), 10-10.30am (SP), 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

Wilhelm Luecke (2000), David Burton (2001), Derek Dalton (2001), Teresa Flora Blackall (2001), Charles Hill (2001), Christine Mary Watson (2001), Gordon Revels (2002), Mary Youngson (2003), Susan Fisk (2003), Leonard Joseph Brice (2003), Sharon Rosemary Hunt (2004), William John (2005), Winifred Farr (2006), Frederick William (2006), Petros Geizanauskas (2007), Barbara Buckland (2007), Gremacolta Ruggiero (2010), Joan Wiles (2010), Kwisyn Maternowski (2010), Anne Kernahan (2010), Michael Hall (2010), Margaret Durman (2011), Margaret Staff (2011), Maurice Cahill (2011), Baby Hope Robinson (2012), Lawrence S. Lewis (2012), Stuart Leonard (2012), Carmel Williams (2013), Janice Ann Gander (2013), Mary Doherty (2014), Michael Scanlan (2016), Robert Hayden (2016), Shaun Dempsey (2016), Stella Cowley (2020), Ian Murden (2020), Janet Manning Sister Margaret (2022)

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

PARISH NOTICES

HOLIDAYS

I would like to inform you all that I will be away for my annual holidays to home (India) from 29th December 2025 to 31st January 2026.

Fr. Chris Whitehouse has gladly agreed to cover all the weekend masses in both the parishes during my absence. There will be Word and Communion service during the weekdays.

Big Thank You!!!

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your generous Christmas cards, gifts and contributions. God bless you all!

I would like to thank the choir and all those who have decorated the Christmas tree and the crib and the flowers. May all of your hard work be blessed.

SVP

The SVP Conference of St Peter's & St Francis would like to thank you all for your generosity this year to the SVP Giving Tree. Your donations will make a great deal of difference to the families & homeless this year. Your acts of kindness thinking of others is humbling and God bless you all.

Meet and Chat at St. Peter's

St Peter's Parish Hall is open to everyone from 10-12pm each Monday until the end of March. We invite everyone to join us, we are not calling this venture "Warm Spaces," but a chance to come in for a chat and a hot drink. Looking forward to meeting you.

A short note on the 'Youth Mass'

Our first youth Mass was a blessing to all of us as many of our youth attended the Mass with their parents. There were nearly 50 of them altogether. The youth were involved in the entire liturgy giving the introduction, doing the readings, bidding prayers, offertory and the altar service. A short but vibrant get together took place thereafter in the Angela room.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the animators, in charges of various activities, youth and the parents. We were blessed to have a representative from the Diocesan Youth Group as well. We do hope to continue with the same vigour and enthusiasm in the

days to come and may God accompany our youth in all their undertakings to glorify God.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for our next event in the NEW YEAR 2026!

The Great Awakening – Healing & Evangelisation Service

It will be led by Fr. Xavier Khan Vattayil on Saturday, 24th January 2026, from 9am to 4pm at Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich. There will be free transportation from Milton Keynes. They invite us all to gather in faith and prayer to experience God's healing grace and spiritual renewal. For more information please contact Jose Kuriakose 07414747573 or Joe 07506810177.

Prison Chaplaincy Vacancy

We have been asked to bring to your attention a vacancy for a part-time Roman Catholic Chaplain at HMP Onley, near Rugby. The postholder will provide pastoral care and sacramental ministry to Catholic prisoners and staff, while working collaboratively within a multi-faith chaplaincy team. More information here <https://jobs.justice.gov.uk/careers/JobDetail/12041>

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.

Patmos Pilgrimage

JC Journeys are organising a pilgrimage to Patmos, led by Fr Jerome Ituah, OCD. Known as the site where St John the Theologian received the Book of Revelation, Patmos is a place where faith and history intertwine.

Dates: Monday 1 June – Sunday 7 June 2026

Cost: £1,595 (based on two people sharing)

For more information, please contact JC Journeys at enquiries@jcyjournays.com

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Collections of 20/21 Dec	£371.20	£382.12
Standing Orders	£130	£420
Second Collections	-	-

I wish you all a blessed and joyful New Year 2026