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Saturday 13th December / Sunday 14th December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 13 th Dec	7.00 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Julie Cameron Intentions Anne Beale intentions	Candlelight Mass (Rorate Caeli Mass)
Sun 14 th Dec	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Philomena Tong, RIP Julie McNeil RIP Mary Doherty, RIP	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)
Mon 15 th Dec	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	For the People of the Parish Word & Communion	
Tues 16 th Dec	9.30 am SFA	David Markin intentions	
Wed 17 th Dec	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Margaret Martin, RIP Word & Communion	
Thu 18 th Dec	9.30 am SFA	Liz Carey Shiel intentions	
Fri 19 th Dec	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	
Sat 20 th Dec	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Philip and Anne Pugh Intentions Peter Arrowsmith, RIP	
Sun 21 st Dec	9.00 am SFA 11.00am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Frederick and Kathleen Henry, RIP Youth Mass (Rose Boulton intentions sick in hospital) Private Intention Rita Burton intentions 84 years	Fourth Sunday of Advent
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

Christmas Giving Tree Appeal

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.

Parking at St Peter's

Good News!!! Now we have a few more extra parking spaces ready for use behind the parish office. A big thanks to Gerry who has really worked hard to get them ready to be used.

Online Advent Retreat: Monday 15th December, 7.30pm

Week 4, Canon John Udris of Northampton Diocese and parish priest of St Peter's Parish Marlow will speak about Bathsheba. He is a spiritual director and gives retreats all over the country and beyond. He has a particular love of Chesterton and Therese of Lisieux. Find out more information at <https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/>

Wave of Hope

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has released an excellent Advent resource entitled *Wave of Hope*. More here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wave-of-hope/>

24 Hour Adoration (9am 20th Dec to 9am 21st Dec) with an opportunity to make confessions

We will have a 24 hour adoration at St. Francis Church, Shefford beginning with the Holy Mass from 9am on Saturday, 20th December and ending with the Benediction and Holy Mass at 9am on Sunday, 21st December. I kindly request all of you to spend some time in adoration. Please register your names either as individuals or as a family or as a group so that all 24 hours are covered. Please make use of this opportunity to make a good confession in preparation for Christmas.

Meet and Chat at St. Peter's

St Peter's Parish Hall is open to everyone from 10am -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.

SP & SFA Youth Ministry

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.

Date: **Sunday, 21st December 2025.**

Time: **11am**

Place: **St. Francis of Assisi Church, Shefford**

We would like this Mass to be animated by our youth. If you're interested in helping with reading/music/altar serving and/or general preparation for the Mass, we'd love to meet with you at St Peter's, Biggleswade on Monday 15th

December at 7pm. Please contact Shirly Aloysius at pr@st-peters.uk or Fiona Whitehead at fimansford@gmail.com

Christmas Mass Times

Confessions

Sat 20th December 10am to 4pm at St Francis during the 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration.

Mon 22nd December 7pm to 8.30pm at St Peter's.

Masses at St Francis, Shefford

Wednesday 24th December

6pm Children's Mass

10pm Early Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December

9am Christmas Day Mass

11am Telugu Mass

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The Theology of John Henry Newman & Its Relevance for Today's Church

Tuesday 20 January, 5.30pm

In celebration of St John Henry Newman's importance for Catholic education, the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, together with the Newman Association, has developed a six-session short course designed to deepen your understanding of key themes in Newman's theology and their relevance for the Church today.

The course will be team-taught by leading theologians and delivered live online, one Tuesday evening each month.

Registration link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-theology-of-john-henry-newman-its-relevance-for-todays-church-tickets-1906599794309>

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@jcjourneys.com

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Collections of 6/7 Dec	£400.70	£404.71
Standing Orders	£130	£420
Second Collections	-	-