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Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January / Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Baptism of the Lord

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Word & Communion People of the Parish	
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	June Howe RIP Intentions of the Gurney family Fred and Ida Chapman RIP	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	St Aelred of Rievaulx
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am SFA 7.30 pm SP	Word & Communion Word & Communion	St Hilary of Poitiers
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Mass Word & Communion	
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion	
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Word & Communion Philomena Fernandes RIP	St Anthony of Egypt
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Maureen Nolan RIP People of the Parish Lis-Carey Sheills intentions	<b>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Saturdays: 5.45 – 6.15 pm (SP)</b>		
<b>Adoration</b>	<b>Wednesdays: 7-7.30 pm (SFA) Fridays: 10-10.30am(SFA), 10-10.30am (SP), 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 January

Edith Flynn (2000), Patricia Dilley (2000), Igmacy Sabilik (2001), Valerie Claudia Duggan (2001), Ronald Arthur Shepherd (2002), Angelina Iosue (2003), Arthur George Victor Wright (2003), Anne Young (2004), Brenda Murphy (2004), Nicholas Robert Collins (2005), Thomas Wynne (2005), Arthur Harvey (2007), Peter Eugene Wilson (2007), Eric Vernon Scott (2007), James Carroll (2007), Maurice Gomes (2007), Sean Maloney (2007), Catherina Whiteway Wilkinson (2008), Ann Messenger (2008), Josephine McCormick (2008), Gerald Hill (2009), Christopher George Hill (2011), Patrick Purcell (2011), John James Doherty (2012), Iris Elizabeth Murray (2012), Charles Eric Sells (2012), Mary Patricia Sutton (2013), Irene Francis (2014), Alojzy Oprzadek (2014), Josephine Ruming (2015), Joseph Michael Rainbow (2019), Pasquale Maio (2025)

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

## PARISH NOTICES

### **Second collection next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January at both St Peter's and St Francis**

White Flower – the Society for the protection of the unborn child.

### **St Peter's Hymn Books**

As many of you may have noticed, the hymn books are becoming a little frayed, despite every effort to keep them together, so to keep them in a usable condition it is proposed that we cover them with a vinyl over-cover. It would be a great help if you could make a small donation to cover the cost for this. £1-£2 would be great, and we will be at the rear of the Church with collection baskets for the next few weeks.

We also need more new hymn books so any money remaining will be used to purchase some new ones.

Thanks in advance and Happy New Year.

Ann Hampshire

### **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.

### **The Great Awakening – Healing & Evangelisation Service**

It will be led by Fr. Xavier Khan Vattayil on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Sing the Season, Lent 2026**

The latest event in the Northampton Diocese Music Liturgy series, offering new and seasonal music alongside fresh ideas for the Lenten season. Designed for cantors, choir leaders, singers, and musicians. On **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026** from 11am to 4pm at St Aidan's Catholic Church, Finch Lane, Little Chalfont, Amersham HP7 9NE. Please bring packed lunch, voice and instruments (tea and coffee provided).

Cost free (suggested donation £5 to support future events).

: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/sing-the-season-lent-2026/>

### **Sunday of The Word of God – 25<sup>th</sup> January**

Preparing: Zoom Wed 21<sup>st</sup> January 7.30pm to 9pm. Please contact [deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org) for the link.

Celebrating: Liturgy at the Cathedral 3pm with reflections by Fr Jerome Ituah OCD. Service booklet available on the diocesan website and the service can be followed on the Cathedral livestream.

### **Journey with Jesus through Lent**

During Lent, the Pastoral Development Vicariate is offering the opportunity for online small group sessions once a week for 6 weeks beginning w.c. 16th February. During each weekly small group session, facilitators will be using St Beuno's Outreach Prego resources, allowing you to pray and reflect on Scripture for the coming Sunday. Within the session, there will also be time for silent reflection and sharing what spoke to you from the readings. Sessions will be available on multiple days and at different times.

Sign-up to our introductory webinar on **Tuesday 27th January** from 7:30pm on the

link <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1963574>

You can also find out more on the diocesan website: <https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>

### **NYMO Learning Community Online**

NYMO hosts online sessions once a term for all those involved in leading the youth in the diocese, called the Learning Community Online. They are for leaders to come together to learn, to share, to swap ideas, and connect with each other. Whether you are a catechist, a youth group leader, a chaplain, or wanting to get involved in leading the next generation, these sessions are for you.

The next online call is on the **14th January at 7.30pm** and will be all about **leading young people in prayer**. If you're interested in attending this session, or want to find out more about these and other ways NYMO supports youth leaders, please visit: [nymo.org/diocesan-youth-leaders](http://nymo.org/diocesan-youth-leaders) or contact Rebekah from the NYMO team ([rebekah.gray@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:rebekah.gray@northamptondiocese.org))

### **Safeguarding Survey for the Youth**

The diocesan Safeguarding team is looking at how young people perceive safeguarding and how they receive information from a diocesan level. They want to know how we can communicate better so if you are aged 11 to 18, please take 5 minutes to complete a few questions using this link.

[Northampton Diocese Safeguarding Feedback 2025 - Youth – Fill in form](#)

### **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).

	<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>
<b>Collections of 20/21 Dec</b>	£273.40	£380.41
<b>Standing Orders</b>	£130	£420