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4th SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 15th March 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 14 th Mar	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Bridgid & John Delary Family intentions People of the Parish (Private Intention)	
Sun 15 th Mar	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Harry Colbert intentions Irene Stratford, RIP & Johanna Wiggett, RIP Anne & Paul Delary Family intentions	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mon 16 th Mar	9.30 am SP 12.00 pm SP 9.30 am SFA	Bridget Mooney, RIP Requiem Mass for Mrs Patricia Auchterlounie Word & Communion	
Tues 17 th Mar	9.30 am SFA	Glennice Buresin intentions	St. Patrick
Wed 18 th Mar	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Eileen Raughneen, RIP Word & Communion	
Thu 19 th Mar	9.30 am SFA	Johnny and Cath McGonigle, RIP	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 20 th Mar	9.30 am SP 9.30 pm SFA	Lacy, RIP (FM) Word & Communion	
Sat 21 st Mar	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Steven & Gerry Cremin, RIP Fr Tom Dilorenzo, RIP	
Sun 22 nd Mar	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	People of the Parishes Clare and Arthur Neville intentions Giuseppe & Fanesia Policarpo, RIP	Fifth Sunday of Lent
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 March

William Arrowsmith, Nellie Jenkins (2000), Gerard Francis (2000), Beatrice Eileen le Page (2002), Steven Gerard William Cremin (2002), Ellen Sarah Dorkings (2003), Kathleen Murid Johnson (2005), Demytro Sagalewytsh (2005), Simone Martin (2006), Addolorata Crouch (2006), Ivor Paul Mansfield (2006), John Antony Flanagan (2006), Simone Josephine Euphrasie (2006), Eaton Law (2007), Emma Louise Mary Murphy (2007), Kathleen Rice (2010), Anthony Murphy (2010), Bernard Butler (2010), Francisco Rodrigues (2013), Christine Robb (2013), Elizabeth McIntosh (2013), George Devine (2013), Colin Nugent (2013), Juna Gardiner (2014), Frederick Sydney Hayes (2014), Cyril Minney (2015), Eleanor Wood (2015), Maria Duxbury (2016), John Dolan (2021), Mary Agnes Makin (2024), Phillip McGahern (2025)

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

PARISH NOTICES

Holy Week's Times

St. Francis, Shefford

29.03.26 Palm Sunday 9am & 5.15 pm
02.04.26 Maundy Thursday Service 8pm
03.04.26 Good Friday Service 3pm
04.04.26 Easter Vigil Mass 8.30pm
05.04.26 Easter Sunday 9am & 10.30am
Telugu Mass at 11.45am

St. Peter's, Biggleswade

28.03.26 Palm Sunday Vigil Mass 6.30pm
29.03.26 Palm Sunday 11am
02.04.26 Maundy Thursday Service 8pm
03.04.26 Good Friday Service 3pm
04.04.26 Easter Vigil Mass 8.30pm
05.04.26 Easter Sunday 11am

Confessions

As we fast approach the Holy Week and Easter, kindly make every effort to make a good confession.

Requiescat in pace

Mrs. Patricia Auchterlounie, whose Requiem Mass will be on Monday 16th March, 2026 at 12pm, at St. Peter's, Biggleswade.

Stations of the Cross

Fr. Chris will lead the Stations of the Cross on the coming Wednesdays (18th & 25th March) after 9.30 am Mass for those who would like to stay. This is in addition to the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at St. Peter's and on Sundays at St. Francis.

Mission Appeal

The Annual Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Northampton has been assigned, by the Catholic Missionary Union, to the Xaverian Missionaries. We are delighted to be able to invite them into the diocese to raise awareness of Mission, both overseas and closer to home. **Fr. John Convery** will be with us in our parishes on 14th and 15th March 2026. Hearty welcome to him.

Peter's Pence (Thanks from the Diocese)

Our Diocese is pleased to share that it has received a letter of thanks for the generous support given to this year's Peter's Pence collection. The total proceeds amounted to £12,380.15 and £2,391.22, a wonderful testament to the charity and commitment of our parish communities. On behalf of the Diocese, thank you for your generosity.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

The Churches Together in Biggleswade 'Good Friday Walk of Witness' will be taking a new route this year (on 3rd April). It will be starting at Sullivan Court in the centre of King's Reach (at about 10am), with other joining opportunities at Stratton School (at about 10.25am), Biggleswade Baptist Church on London Road (at about 10.40am) and the Market Square (at about 11am) where a service will take place. All are invited to join the walk at whichever location they want to – just turn up and you will be made very welcome.

Chrism Mass

Please be aware that the Chrism Mass will take place on Wednesday, 1st April at the Cathedral at midday.

RCIA Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, 9th May 2026 - CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen circumstances the pilgrimage to Harvington Hall for those being received into the church this coming Easter has had to be cancelled. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Forming Catholic Student Leaders

Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Each course offers 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10th -15th August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5th -10th July).

For more information please go to their website:

www.christianleadershipformation.com

Knock Pilgrimages

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 26th April 2026. £999.00 pps. Price includes flight from Heathrow or Luton, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Cooking demonstration. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Friday - Frugal Lent Lunches

CTISB will again offer **Free** frugal lunches every Friday during Lent from **Noon until 1:30pm at the Sandy Baptist Church. Churches Together Lent Lunch in Shefford** at the Community Hall on Saturday 28th March.

National Board of Catholic Women

National Board of Catholic Women: 'A Faith Journey Through Life's Seasons' is a year-long webinar series designed to meet women where they truly are, in the real circumstances and rhythms of life, and to explore how God walks with us in every season. On the 28th March, Emma O'Connell will discuss 'Embracing New Life – Pregnancy, Birth & Motherhood in Faith'. This is free to book via their website.

Pilgrimage to Assisi

Eddie Gilmore is leading a walking pilgrimage to Assisi from 18th to 26th September, 2026. The group will spend a night in Florence, then travel to Città di Castello and walk for six days along the beautiful 'Way of Francis'. Contact Eddie for more information: gileag@gmail.com
www.eddiegilmore.org

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Last week's Collections	£298.00	£430.87
Standing Orders	£130	£420

Second Collection

This Week: Xaverian Missionaries