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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 22nd March 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
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
Mon 23 rd Mar	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Paul Kemp intention - Health Word & Communion	
Tues 24 th Mar	9.30 am SFA	Archie McNaughton & Family intentions	
Wed 25 th Mar	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Alban Macdonald intentions Word & Communion	The Annunciation of the Lord
Thu 26 th Mar	9.30 am SFA	John James McErlean, RIP	
Fri 27 th Mar	9.30 am SP 9.30 pm SFA	Wainwright, RIP. (FM) Word & Communion	
Sat 28 th Mar	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Mary Makin, RIP Maureen Rudd RIP	
Sun 29 th Mar	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	People of the Parishes Carrie Hoopingarner RIP, Clayton Kech RIP Brian Horrocks, RIP	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
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 Sagalewytsch (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.

Stations of the Cross

Fr. Chris will lead the Stations of the Cross on the coming Wednesday (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.

Chrism Mass

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

Come and See

Men aged 18 and over who are wondering whether God may be calling them to the priesthood are warmly invited by our Vocations Director, Fr Pius Amoako, to a "Come and See" Discernment Day on Saturday 28th March 2026 at Our Lady Help of Christians and St Lawrence, Olney. The discernment day starts at 11am and finishes at 4pm.

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.

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.

Protect yourself from fraud

We have been offered access to free Fraud Protect Advice training by the police. Richard Kubon, Fraud Protect Development Officer from Leicestershire Police, will be delivering accessible training on Wednesday 22nd April, from 6.30 pm to 8 pm, at St. Edward's Parish Hall, Kettering. In order to cater for refreshments, you need to register your interest by emailing laura.lester@northamptondiocese.org

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.

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	£263.40	£318.02
Standing Orders	£130	£420
Mission Appeal	£291.65	£528.55