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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	09.30 am SFA 06.30 pm SP	Peter Simpson, RIP Tony & Pauline Gray, RIP	St. Athanasius
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	09.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 05.15 pm SFA	Bridget Hizij, RIP Ann D'Silva & Dominic Fernandes, RIP Frederick & Evelyn Hayes, RIP	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter First Holy Communion at St. Francis</b>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Robert Desmond Reid, RIP Word & Communion	The English Martyrs
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 am SFA	Lynne Stevens, RIP (FM)	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Nella Washington, RIP Word & Communion	
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 am SFA	Peter Cremin intentions	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May	09.30 am SP 09.30 am SFA	Hewitt, RIP (FM) Word & Communion	
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> May	09.30 am SFA 06.30 pm SP	Deceased members of the Hamblin family(FM) Paul Kelly, RIP	
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	09.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 05.15 pm SFA	John & Sara Bradley Anniversary Rosalie Jemima Tracey intentions Alan Clarke, RIP	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Saturdays:</b> 10.00-10.30am (SFA), 5.45 – 6.15 pm (SP)		
<b>Adoration</b>	<b>Wednesdays:</b> 7-7.30 pm (SFA) <b>Fridays:</b> 10-10.30am (SFA), 10-10.30am (SP), 7-8pm (SP)		
<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 May

James Aloysius Kiernan (1971), Fredrick Byrne (2000), Wolfgang Eckert (2001), Arthur Cahill (2001), John Patrick Gaffney (2001), Gaban Tembo (2001), Angela Brooks (2001), Ann Cassidy (2002), Margaret Organ (2003), Frederick Charles Humbley (2004), Albert Keegan (2005), Ernest Tuck (2005), Dennis Palin (2006), Agnes Henrietta Clements (2007), Richard Smith-Ruddick (2007), Edward Douglas Seymour Smith (2009), Pamela Wale (2009), Francis Vowles (2010), John Vincent Kelly (2011), James Anthony O'Shea (2011), James Cameron (2012), Yvonne Yolande Davies (2013), Laura Grant (2013), Matthew Marchant (2013), Anthony Barker (2014), James Anthony Duggar (2019), Derek Reed (2025), Frances Stevens (2025)

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

## PARISH NOTICES

### **Fr. Prasad's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Fr. Prasad's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday was on 30<sup>th</sup> April. We, as the parish community, will celebrate his gift of life on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**, bank holiday. Mass will be at 10am at St. Peter's. After the Mass there will be tea, coffee and cake to celebrate Father Prasad's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. All are welcome. Please come along and celebrate with us. (Deacon John Lang)

### **SVP**

The SVP are providing refreshments after Mass this Sunday. Videos will be shown during refreshments, both in the church and the Meeting Room of the SVP activities across the UK. Please find time to watch them and if there is anything that sparks your interest then speak to a Conference member, who will be happy to explain further.

### **Mass for the Sick and the Housebound on 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Father Prasad, in association with the SVP, will hold a Mass for the Sick and Housebound at 3:00pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. If you know anyone who is sick or ill that would like to attend, please let them know that this special Mass is taking place with the Anointment of the Sick. All are welcome.

If they need transport, please let us know either via email [PresidentE140104@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentE140104@svp.org.uk) or telephone Noreen on 07526 753986.

Tea and cake will be provided after Mass for all that attend.

### **Youth Mass on 10<sup>th</sup> May at St. Francis**

We invite all the youth from both of our parishes to be part of our Youth Mass which will be celebrated at St. Francis Church, Shefford on 10<sup>th</sup> May at 5.15pm.

### **Need for a Fire Officer (St. Peter's)**

St Peter's are looking for a Fire Officer. The Fire Officer will be in charge of fire proofing our church and presbytery, and also ensuring we are complying with the law and the regulations of the diocese. Hopefully within our large pool of talent and talented people we have someone who can provide some time in this vital and crucial role.

### **Mass Intentions at St. Francis**

At St Francis, on the bookcase at the back of the church, are some brown Mass intentions envelopes. Please write clearly the name of your family or friend for whom you wish a Mass to be said. Place your donation inside. Seal the envelope and either hand to Colin Veitch, Sacroant at St Francis, or leave on the dresser in the sacristy.

Bookings are now being taken for the summer and autumn months. It's never too early to think about a Christmas intention! Thank You. (Colin Veitch)

### **Blaze Event**

NYMO, the youth ministry, are hosting their [next Blaze event](#), Blaze South, at St Michael's School, Aylesbury on

23rd May. Blaze gives attendees the opportunity to join together and cement what they have explored in their confirmation programmes. The event will feature drama, music, workshops, prayer and Mass. There is also a chance to ask questions about Confirmation, the Church and God.

### **Diocesan Residential Weekend**

Young people from across the diocese are invited to join us for a residential summer weekend filled with games, discussions, activities, socialising, and prayer. This will take place on 17th-19th July 2026 at Buckden Towers, St Neots, PE19 8TA and is aimed at young people aged 11-18. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and take a break from everyday life in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Young people will stay in shared rooms at Buckden Towers. If you have any questions about room arrangements, or if you need support with transport, please contact us at [nymo.admin@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:nymo.admin@northamptondiocese.com).

### **Response to fall of Assisted Dying Bill**

After the proposed law to legalise assisted dying in England and Wales fell in the House of Lords this week, Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues and Archbishop of Liverpool, has issued a statement.

"I wish to express gratitude to all those Parliamentarians who have worked tirelessly to preserve the dignity of every human life and ensure that end-of-life care remains rooted in compassion and respect until the natural end of life."

"These debates have once again drawn attention to the profound needs of vulnerable people at the end of life. True compassion is never about hastening death but about accompanying one another with care, love and hope until their natural end."

### **Social Club Subscriptions (St. Peter's)**

Collection of subscriptions for the 100 Club, will begin next weekend. Anyone who wishes to continue their membership or join the 100 Club, please see a member of the social club after Masses, over the next few weeks. The 100 Club is a prize draw which takes place every month and most importantly it donates £500 to the parish for any projects happening in St Peter's.

Your Social Club Committee

	<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>
<b>Last week's Collections</b>	£338.80	£429.31
<b>Standing Orders</b>	£130	£420
<b>Second Collection</b>	£226.10	£270.68