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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME **Patronal Solemnity of St. Francis Of Assisi – 4th OCTOBER**

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 3 rd Oct	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Margaret Reece, RIP Tony and Eileen Ball, RIP	9 th day of Novena Mass
Sun 4 th Oct	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SFA 4.00 pm SFA 5.15 pm SFA	People of our Parishes Jan O'Sullivan and family intentions Blessing of the pets at St. Francis Paul Chamberlain, RIP	Feast of St Francis of Assisi Jubilee Mass
Mon 5 th Oct	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Franciscan Friars of the Renewal intentions Word & Communion	St. Faustina Kowalska
Tues 6 th Oct	9.30 am SFA	Aileen McErlean Intentions	St Bruno
Wed 7 th Oct	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	
Thu 8 th Oct	9.30 am SFA	Peter Crawley, RIP	
Fri 9 th Oct	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Alban and Julie anniversary & Lisa Hoque Word & Communion	St John Henry Newman
Sat 10 th Oct	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Tony Sheil, RIP McErlean family (for good health)	
Sun 11 th Oct	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SFA 5.15 pm SFA	Michael & Elizabeth Reynolds, RIP Anne Van Rossum intentions Noreen & Ian Cousins intentions	Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
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 October

John O'Neill (2000), Daniel James Clarke (2001), Peter Corbett Forth (2001), Emanuele Urtone (2001), Amy Winifred Gardner (2002), Monica Patricia Louise Stanbridge (2002), John Michael Clement (2003), Patricia Rousa (2003), Millie Mitchell (2003), Frank Grant (2003), Grace Jeeves (2003), Cecilia Kathleen Waters (2004), Kevin James Prout (2005), Anna Clarke (2006), Raffaele Ruggiero (2008), Alice Theophila Cole (2008), Frederick Joseph Chapman (2010), James Gaye (2010), Pasquale De Benedictus (2011), Joyce Olive Hawkins (2011), Phillip Noel Lyth Dutchman (2011), Maureen Canella (2013), William Alfred Flowers (2013), Roy Watts (2014), Russell Hutton (2015), Patricia Clarke (2015), Nora Forshaw (2015), Milan Pavlovic (2015), Winifred Bates (2015), Peter Reid (2015), Angela Rose Mansfield (2016), John Joseph Comerford (2025), Genowefa Oprzadek (2025)

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

PARISH NOTICES

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi: 4th October

3rd October (Saturday): Vigil Mass at St. Peter's at 6.30pm

4th October (Sunday):

All Masses are at St. Francis, Shefford at 9am, 11am and 5.15pm

(Please note there is no 11am Mass at St. Peter's, Biggleswade)

4pm: Blessing of the Pets

The Annual Blessing of our Pets on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi at Shefford - 4th October at 4pm in the car park

Please bring your pets to this service. A service of the blessing of pets is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gift of animals, and for us to ask God's blessing on all that he has made. A blessing involves praise of God; the wish that spiritual good fortune will go with what is blessed and dedicates someone or something for a sacred purpose. A blessing also reminds us that all good gifts are gifts from God.

Confirmation 2027

We would like to invite young people (in year 7 or above) who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to register their interest by completing a form, available in the porch at Biggleswade or from Jay Bridge at Shefford.

We expect the preparation programme to begin after Easter with the Confirmation Mass taking place in June/July 2027. Any adults who wish to be confirmed can also complete a form and appropriate support will be arranged.

First Holy Communion – St. Francis, Shefford

St Francis - Registration is now open for children who wish to make their First Holy Communion in 2027. Please sign up using the QR code or link below. There will be a meeting for parents after Sunday morning Mass on 25th October. This is for children who will be 8 years old by 31st August, 2027.



CASPAR

You can sign up to our First Holy Communion programme from our Parish Census. Simply follow the link or scan the QR Code on your phone. You can also sign up to receive the parish newsletter by email or phone.

www.caspar.church/me?ID=56078



First Holy Communion – St. Peter's Biggleswade

Registration is now open for children who wish to make their First Holy Communion in 2027 at St. Peter's. More details to follow. Meanwhile, please sign up using the email below: child-faith@st-peters.uk

SVP Memorial Mass at St Peter's: 7th November, 3.00pm

Together with Fr Prasad the SVP is arranging a Mass to remember and celebrate the lives of all the people we know who have died since 1st November, 2025.

People who have attended St Peter's memorial services

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Last week's Collections	£384.20	£262.94
Standing Orders	£130	£420

previously commented how lovely these services were and how they helped their families. We invite those who would wish to remember and celebrate the life of a loved one who has died since the 1st November, 2025 to complete the on-line registration form

<https://forms.gle/PbAcYEwiUbodb62V8>.

If you don't have internet access then call 07526 753986 and one of the SVP members will do this for you.

Thank You

The Social Club (St. Peter's, Biggleswade) would like to thank everyone who was involved in the Quiz Night and Macmillan coffee morning. Each event was a resounding success and lovely comments were received, after both events. The money raised for the Macmillan coffee morning was £400, an amazing amount and this will be sent to them this week. Thank you again for the help, the organising and mostly our parishioners for their continued support. The next big event will be the Christmas Bazaar, watch this space.

BEDFORD DEANERY - LENTEN FORMATION COURSE for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Bedford Deanery is pleased to announce a special formation course during the holy season of Lent for parishioners who wish to be trained and commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This course will provide participants with the spiritual, theological, and practical formation needed to serve reverently and faithfully in the ministry of distributing Holy Communion at Mass and, where appropriate, bringing Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. **All current ministers of Holy Communion are also welcome.**

This course is also a revival for current ministers of Holy Communion.

Venue: Sacred Heart Parish, Flitwick

Date: 18th February to 18th March 2027

Facilitator: Mgr. Kevin McGinnell, Diocesan Liturgy Commission

Please contact Aggie, the Parish Secretary of Sacred Heart, Flitwick.

Safeguarding

The Diocese of Northampton, through all its places of worship and activities, is committed to the highest standards of safeguarding. We have a zero-tolerance approach to abuse and take all safeguarding concerns seriously. In line with the Catholic Church in England and Wales, allegations of abuse and situations where children or adults are at risk of harm are reported to the statutory authorities. The Diocese follows national safeguarding policies and guidance established by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. For more information please [visit our safeguarding pages on the Diocesan website](#)

Second Collection

Next Week: CAFOD

We wish you all a very Happy Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.