

St Francis of Assisi Church

Year of the Word

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

22 March 2020

Mass Intentions

Canon Bennie Noonan will be saying a private Mass (by himself) for the following intentions;

Sunday	Joseph Wills ints
Tuesday	John James Mc Erlean dec'd
Thursday	People of the Parish
Saturday	Eyston family dec'd members Foundation Mass
Next Sunday	Douglas Wills dec'd

Finance

Offertory last Sunday £266.50+ £90 s/o

Coronavirus

The Bishops of England and Wales have issued Guidelines. Copy in the Porch. The practical Items to be hit by the Virus Guidelines mean cancellation of:

- **All public Services** both here and at Biggleswade. **N.B. loads of Live Streams.**
- **Sunday afternoon Lent Stations of the Cross.**
- **The Wednesdays' Lent** Course in Biggleswade.
- **The Dementia Presentation** on this coming Saturday in Biggleswade.
- **First Holy Communion** Classes.
- **The Confirmation Ceremony** and the Classes too.
- **All Baptisms** except emergency- in danger of death.
- **Confessions**- except by Appointment.
- **Funerals in the Church:** this is allowed at Crematoria and at the Graveside.
- **Marriages:** only with the Bride & the Groom; 2 Witnesses & The Registrar.

St Francis of Assisi Church – Shefford will be open for anyone who wishes to come along and pray. Weekdays from 9:15 to 10:15 am, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sunday. Wednesday evening from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Wednesday and Friday with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There are no church services.

We hope to keep you up to Date: *by the Newsletter and the Parish Website.* The Bishops ask us to try to have our Churches open at advertised times each Day. (see times above).

Links to Live Streams for Mass.

Please see three links below.

Our Diocesan Cathedral has Daily Mass.
<https://northamptondiocese.org/live/>

Walsingham does one too.
<http://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

Redemptorist Publications – Fr Denis McBride celebrates Mass every Sunday online.
<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online>

CATHOLIC TV STATION with Mass EVERY Day is available, free, throughout the UK. Some excellent programmes to help you have a great Lent!

All you need is to have a SKY Dish (you do not need a Subscription to SKY. Sky generously allow us to view their MANY free-to-air channels. The Catholic Station is Number 588. Other Satellite Dishes also pick up EWTN .

Lenten Exercise – Week five of Lent

What about our future? This final week we pray about how we see our future within the parish of St Francis of Assisi, Shefford and within the wider church. We could ask ourselves how our talents could be used to benefit the Church. Have we ever thought about or shared with anyone how we see the future? These questions do need to be prayed about and discussed. We face the challenge that we **change or decay!**