**St Francis of Assisi Church**

**Year of the Word**

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**2 May 2021**

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| Sunday 2nd | 9:00am  5:15pm | Peter Simpson dec’d  Nora Forshaw dec’d |
| Monday 3rd | 9:30am | Word & Communion |
| Tuesday 4th | 9:30am | May Murphy dec’d |
| Wednesday 5th | 7:00pm  7:30pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  Word & Communion |
| Thursday 6th | 9.30am | Dominic Roberts special intentions |
| Friday 7th | 9:30am  10:00am - 10:30am | Word & Communion  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Saturday 8th | 11:00am | Bill Murphy dec’d |
| Sunday 9th | 9:00am  5:15pm | Brian Horrocks dec’d  Jonnie McGonigle dec’d |

**Psalm Response**

*You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

**Gospel Welcome:**

*Alleluia, Alleluia. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia.*

**Diocesan Summer Webinar**

Monday 3rd May, 7.30pm Divine Renovation week 3, *Clearing out the junk*

Reflecting on some of the baggage that holds us back in our faith lives and finding new inspiration in the Gospel, with well known speaker and writer Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ.  You can find out more and register here: [https://readalong\_divine\_renovation.eventbrite.co.uk](https://readalong_divine_renovation.eventbrite.co.uk/).

**Confirmation**Bishop David will be visiting Biggleswade for a Confirmation Mass on Thursday 30th September 2021 at St. Peter's. The parishes of St. Francis’, Shefford and St. Peter’s, Biggleswade are working together to prepare a confirmation course that candidates will work through with parents/guardians, rather than have in-person classes.

Materials will be provided to help with this.  
  
As it has been some time since we originally asked for candidates' details, we are asking people to again register their interest. The easiest way to do this is via an online form at  <https://tinyurl.com/2021ConfirmationForm>. Alternatively, please contact Neil Spencer ([confirmation@st-peters.uk](mailto:confirmation@st-peters.uk) or 07910 211824).  We expect candidates to be 11 years of age or over on 31st August 2021.

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE AT MASS for:**

* 11:00 am Mass on Saturdays;
* 9:00am Mass on Sundays;
* 5:15pm Mass on Sundays.

**To register for a place either:**

* email [hydepeter1@gmail.com](mailto:hydepeter1@gmail.com) or
* text 07713580757

**Please only use either text or email** stating which Mass you would like to attend and the numbers in your party/bubble that will be coming to Mass. **Confirmation of your booking will be sent to you.**

Please include an email address or phone number, for contact tracing; only one number or email per household is necessary. You must follow all Covid 19 requirements as published in our Method Statement.

**If you have booked but cannot make Mass**

It is important to book your place at Masses on Sundays as EARLY IN THE WEEK as you can, but if for any reason you are not able to come to Mass, please, please let us know.

The 9.00am Mass is booked out most Sundays and Sunday Evenings are getting bigger crowds – it does happen that some folk do not come as booked. This is denying somebody/family the opportunity to be with us.

**Funerals**

**For Antonio Follano** - this Thursday followed by Burial at Hitchin Cemetery.

**For Mary Baffoni** - Her mortal remains are received into the Church on Thursday 13th May and her Requiem Mass will be the following day- Friday 14th- followed by Committal at All Saints Churchyard, Stondon.