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**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April / Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent C**

| Date                       | Time  | Intentions  | Saint of the Day               |
|----------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> April  | 09.30 am SFA<br>06.30 pm SP                                       | Maureen McNamara intentions<br>Rosario Di Marco's Health  |                                |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> April  | 09.00 am SFA<br>11.00 am SP<br>05.15 pm SFA                       | Mary Makin, RIP<br>Deceased Members of D'Silva & Fernandez family<br>Steven & Gerry Cremin, RIP | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> April  | 09.30 am SP<br>09.30 am SFA                                       | People of the Parish<br>Word & Communion  |                                |
| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> April | 09.30 am SFA  | E. Corcoran, RIP. <b>FM</b>   |                                |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> April  | 09.30 am SP<br>07.30 pm SFA                                       | Private Intention<br>Word & Communion   |                                |
| Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> April | 09.30 am SFA  | Lacey, RIP. <b>FM</b>   |                                |
| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April | 09.30 am SP<br>07.30 pm SFA                                       | Private Intention<br>Vinnie Grant, RIP  | St. Stanislaus                 |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> April | 09.30 am SFA<br>06.30 pm SP                                       | Deceased members of the Keohane Family<br>People of the Parish                                  |                                |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> April | 09.00 am SFA<br>11.00 am SP<br>05.15 pm SFA                       | Mary Makin, RIP<br>Kate Corcoran, RIP<br>Brian Horrocks, RIP                                    | Palm Sunday                    |
| <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> 7.30 –8pm (SP) |   |                                |
| <b>Way of the Cross</b>    | <b>Fridays</b> 7 pm (SFA & SP)                                    |   |                                |
| <b>Rosary</b>              | 30 minutes before weekday Masses                                  |   |                                |

**Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee Hymn 2025**

Like a flame my hope is burning,  
may my song arise to you:  
Source of life that has no ending,  
on life's path I trust in you.

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people  
find a light within your Word.  
Scattered fragile sons and daughters  
find a home in your dear Son.

God, so tender and so patient,  
dawn of hope, you care for all.  
Heav'n and earth are recreated  
by the Spirit of Life set free.

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,  
for our God is born in time.  
Son made man for you and many  
who will find the way in him.

\*SFA (St. Francis of Assisi Church, Shefford), \*SP (St. Peter's Church, Biggleswade)

## PARISH NOTICES

### Holy Week's Times

#### St. Francis, Shefford

13.04.25 Palm Sunday 9am & 5.15 pm  
17.04.25 Maundy Thursday Service 8pm  
18.04.25 Good Friday Service 3pm  
19.04.25 Easter Vigil Mass 8.30pm  
20.04.25 Easter Sunday 9am & 10.30am

#### St. Peter's, Biggleswade

12.04.25 Palm Sunday Vigil Mass 6.30pm  
13.04.25 Palm Sunday 11am  
17.04.25 Maundy Thursday Service 8pm  
18.04.25 Good Friday Service 3pm  
19.04.25 Easter Vigil Mass 8.30pm  
20.04.25 Easter Sunday 11am

### Confessions

As we fast approach the Holy Week and the Easter, kindly make every effort to make a good confession. There will be an opportunity to make confessions during the weekdays after the morning mass from 10am onwards.

### Requiescat in pace

**Mr. Phillip McGahern**, whose Requiem Mass will be on Monday 7th April, 2025 at 1 pm at St. Peter's, Biggleswade.

**Mrs. Maria Carmen Castro Recuero**, whose funeral service will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at 2 pm at St. Peter's, Biggleswade

### A Big thanks!!!

I express my heartfelt THANKS to all the UCM members (St. Francis) and to Kay, Carol Brunning, Kimberley and Loretta (St. Peter's) for making beautiful bunches of flowers last week for all the Mothers. I really appreciate and thank all of them. May God bless them all!

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

Just a reminder that a member of the Social Club Committee will be collecting subscriptions of £2.50 per person, before and after Masses this weekend. These funds pay for our bar licence, which enables us to hold our events. Thank you for your continued support. Your Social Club Committee.

|                                  | St. Francis | St. Peter's |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Collection of 29/30 March</b> | £223.10     | £361.89     |
| <b>Standing Orders</b>           | £130        | £420        |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b> | -           | -           |

### We Dare to Hope

The excellent Lenten resource is now available in individual weeks via the Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/we-dare-to-say/>

### Pilgrimage to Knock

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Museum of Country Life. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### SVP National Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Join the St Vincent de Paul Society for a pilgrimage to Walsingham in this year of Jubilee. A wonderful occasion to gather members from all across the Society, taking place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

### Diaconate Open Day

Considering the Diaconate? Are you feeling called to serve in a deeper way? Come and learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese at an Information Morning on Saturday, 31st May, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Mary's Parish, 82 West St., Dunstable. For more information, contact Fr. Tony Brennan at 01582 662710 or [franthy.brennan@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:franthy.brennan@northamptondiocese.org).

### Women of Hope: A Special Diocesan Gathering

The Women in Ministry group in the Diocese of Northampton are running a special event on Saturday 19th July 2025 at St Mary's Woburn Sands from 11am-4pm. All are welcome! Sign-up using the following link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1600230> For more information, please contact at [helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org)

### Weekly newsletter on CASPAR

The weekly newsletter is sent now via the diocesan app CASPAR. If you have not yet registered into CASPAR, kindly do so at the earliest at [www.caspar.church](http://www.caspar.church). If you can't log onto CASPAR we can do this for you, with your consent. Please see Simon Worthy (St. Peter's) or Liz Maden (St. Francis) to arrange this.