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**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March / Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Lent C**

Date	Time	Intentions	Saint of the Day
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	09.30 am SFA* 06.30 pm SP*	Archie McNaughton family, Int People of the Parish	
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	09.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 05.15 pm SFA	Deacon Peter and Jenny Hyde Int Tina Fitzpatrick, RIP Beatrice Weatherhead, RIP	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	09.30 am SP 09.30 am SFA	Word & Communion	St. Patrick
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	09.30 am SFA	Joanne & Gordon Grove, Int	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	09.30 am SP 07.30 pm SFA	Word & Communion	St. Joseph
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	09.30 am SFA	Bishop John Hine, RIP	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	09.30 am SP 07.30 pm SFA	Janet Manning (Sister Margaret) RIP	
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	09.30 am SFA 06.30 pm SP	Yolande Lyne Stephens, RIP	
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	09.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 05.15 pm SFA	Michael & Lorraine Howe, RIP  Deceased members of the Weatherhead family	
<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

**Response:** The LORD is my light and my salvation

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

### **Requiescat in pace**

**Mrs. Margaret Winifred Sutton**, whose funeral service will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 1 pm at St. Peter's, Biggleswade.

### **We dare to Hope Prayer Sessions**

During this season of Lent, we have 'Prayer Sessions' at St. Francis Church, Shefford, on every Thursday after the morning Mass, based on the book 'We dare to Hope'. These sessions will be conducted by Sue Armstrong and All are most welcome.

### **FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

During this season of Lent, there will be the Way of the Cross at 7pm in both of our parishes.

**St. Francis, Shefford:** 7pm Way of the Cross followed by the Mass (NO Word & Communion service).

**St Peter's, Biggleswade:** 7pm Way of the Cross followed by the Adoration up to 8pm.

### **Calling a Wounded Earth Home - Fridays at 6pm during Lent at St. Peter's**

A series of sessions based on Green Christian's "Calling a Wounded Earth Home" Lent course is being held on Fridays at 6pm at St. Peter's, starting on Friday 14th March. The sessions are based on "Love", "Truth", "Wisdom", "Justice" and "Hope", with the last session on Friday 11th April. The sessions, which will be a mixture of scripture, reflection, prayer and worship, will be timed to finish before Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour at 7pm.

### **Big Thanks from the Missionary Sisters**

The Missionary Sister of St. Peter Claver wish to thank on behalf of Sisters' Mission Committee for England and Wales to all the parishioners of **St. Francis of Assisi Church and St. Peter's Church** for your generous donations towards the Annual Mission Appeal 2025. Your generosity amounted to **£297.74p** from **St. Francis of Assisi Church** and **£473.32p** from **St. Peter's Church**. We are very grateful for your support and may God reward you all.

### **Our Parishioners supporting the CAFOD Big Lent walk:**

From St. Peter's, Beatrice, Madaline and

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
<b>Collection of 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	£314.80	£414.80
<b>Standing Orders</b>	£130	£420
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>	-	-

possibly Marijana will be attempting the CAFOD Big Lent Walk this lent. This involves walking 200km over the 40 days of Lent in solidarity with the poor of the world and fundraising for CAFOD. Please consider filling in the donation form in the Church foyer or give online at <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/st-peters-biggleswade2025>.

### **Churches together in Sandy - Lent Lunches**

Come and join us for your FREE frugal Lunch each Friday during Lent. In the Baptist Church Hall (Sandy Roundabout) from 12.00pm ( closes 1:30pm). All donations will go to the poor via CAFOD.

### **St Joseph's Day and Episcopal Ordination Anniversary**

Next Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March marks the fifth anniversary of the Episcopal ordination of Bishop David. You are invited to celebrate Mass at midday in our Cathedral in Northampton.

### **Life In The Spirit Seminars 2025**

We are pleased to announce the commencement of the Life in the Spirit Seminars for 2025. These seminars offer participants an opportunity to deepen their faith and experience the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Seminar Structure:**

- **Duration:** Five weekday evenings complemented by a day retreat.
- **Content:** Each session includes talks and discussions, supported by short daily reflections.

Visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2025/>

### **Altar Servers Retreat**

Bishop David Oakley warmly invites all Altar Servers and their families to the annual Northampton Diocese Altar Servers Mass at the Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury in Northampton on Saturday, 28th June 2025, at 11:00 am. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre.

For further information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Deacon Peter Griffin at [pfgriffin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pfgriffin@hotmail.co.uk).

**Note: There will be Second Collection for CAFOD**

**Next Week's Second collection for the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> March)**