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### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April / Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Divine Mercy Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> April	09.30 am SFA 06.30 pm SP	Jean Barnes intentions People of the Parishes	
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> April	09.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 05.15 pm SFA	John & Sara Bradley intentions Garney Family intentions Steven & Gerry Cremin, RIP	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)</b>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April	09.30 am SP <b>07.30 pm SFA</b>	Private Intention <b>Special Mass for Pope Francis, RIP</b>	St. George
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> April	09.30 am SFA	Colin Veitch Intentions	St. Catherine of Siena
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> April	09.30 am SP 09.30 am SFA	Private Intention Fr. Prasad's Birthday Intentions	St. Pius V, Pope
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> May	09.30 am SFA <b>11.00 am SP</b>	Deceased Benefactors of St Francis Church <b>Requiem Mass for Rosario Di Marco, RIP</b>	St. Joseph the Worker
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	09.30 am SFA <b>07.30 pm SP</b>	Word and communion <b>Special Mass for Pope Francis, RIP</b>	St. Athanasius
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	09.30 am SFA 06.30 pm SP	Robinson, RIP Dominic Fernandes, RIP	SS Philip and James
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> May	09.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 05.15 pm SFA	Steven & Gerry Cremin, RIP Maya & Victor Fernandes Intentions Yolande Lynne Stephens, RIP	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
<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 –8pm (SP)		
<b>Rosary</b>	30 minutes before weekday Masses		

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

### Pope Francis – Requiescat in Pace



**Pope Francis has died aged 88. He served as the 265th successor of St Peter from his election on 13 March 2013 to 21 April 2025.**

**With heavy hearts, we join the universal Church in continuing to mourn the passing of Pope Francis, a shepherd who called us to walk with tenderness, mercy, and truth.**

**Let us pray for the repose of his soul and for all who grieve this significant loss.**

## PARISH NOTICES

### **Requiescat in pace**

**Mr. Rosario Di Marco**, whose Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2025 at 11am, at St. Peter's, Biggleswade.

**Mr. Lucio Marabese**, whose Requiem Mass will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at 11am, at St. Francis, Shefford.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations at St. Francis & St. Peter's**

Immediately after the Sunday morning Masses, we have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

### **BIG THANKS!**

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who have really worked hard during the HOLY WEEK and EASTER to make the celebrations more meaningful.

Thanks to Rev. Fr. Chris Whitehouse for celebrating all the services at St. Peter's. Thanks to all our Deacons, sacristans, organists, choir members, readers, flower arrangers, altar servers, cleaners and all the volunteers.

Thanks to all those who participated in the Walk of Witness in both parishes.

I express my gratitude to you all for your generous contributions, gifts and cards. God bless you all.

### **Blessed Carlo Acutis Canonisation**

The Canonisation of Blessed Carlo, due to take place this weekend, has been suspended in light of the death of Pope Francis. It might take place sometime after the conclave.

### **Quiz Night – 16th May, Friday**

Our Quiz Night is finally here and tickets will be on sale before and after all Masses for the next few weeks until Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets are £10 and this includes a fish, chicken or vegetarian supper.

Unfortunately we have had to increase the price of tickets, as our supplier is unable to give us a discount due to his rising costs. We open at 7pm for a 7.30 start and there will of course be a Raffle with some lovely prizes, and this will be in aid of Sue Ryder, a local and deserving Charity. We need your support to make this another memorable evening and there is no need to make up a team. Come join in and make new friends. Please come along and join us. Thank you for your continued support.

Your Social Club

### **Sacrament of Confirmation - Registration**

Preparation for the Confirmation will begin soon and those who have not yet registered their names are requested to do so immediately. You must be 11 years of age or over on 31st August 2025

Please contact Neil Spencer ([confirmation@st-peters.uk](mailto:confirmation@st-peters.uk); 07910 211824) or Liz Carey-Sheill (for Shefford – [lizcareysheill@gmail.com](mailto:lizcareysheill@gmail.com)).

### **Jubilee Mission Evenings led by Mission Northampton**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 - 9pm on zoom: Please register in order to receive the zoom link. <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/jesus-our-hope-online-with-mission-northampton/>

The evening will include prayer, reflecting on God's Word, testimony, music and guest speaker Pete Burak from Renewal Ministries, USA.

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**Make the Sign of the Cross**

**Our Father**

**Hail Mary**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**

**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**