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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 8th March 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 7 th Mar	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Brian and Sam Weeks Jo Hardy Intentions Philip McGahern RIP (1 st Anniversary)	
Sun 8 th Mar	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Bridget Moore RIP Marianne Wasser RIP Shaun Smith RIP	Third Sunday of Lent
Mon 9 th Mar	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Patricia Auchterlounie, RIP Word & Communion	
Tues 10 th Mar	9.30 am SFA 11.00 am SP	Bernadette & Denis family intentions Requiem Mass for Mrs. Maria Amelia McNab	
Wed 11 th Mar	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	William Alfred Arrowsmith, RIP Word & Communion	
Thu 12 th Mar	9.30 am SFA	Damian Doherty, RIP	
Fri 13 th Mar	9.30 am SP 12.30 pm SFA	St. Peter's Social Committee intentions Requiem Mass for Miss Rose Boulton	
Sat 14 th Mar	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Bridgid & John Delary Family intentions People of the Parish (Private Intention)	
Sun 15 th Mar	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Harry Colbert intentions Irene Stratford, RIP & Johanna Wiggett, RIP Anne & Paul Delary Family intentions	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Confessions	Saturdays: 10.00-10.30am (SFA), 5.45 – 6.15 pm (SP)		
Adoration	Wednesdays: 7-7.30 pm (SFA) Fridays: 10-10.30am (SFA), 10-10.30am (SP), 7-8pm (SP)		
Rosary	30 minutes before weekday Masses		

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

SVP St Francis & St Peter's: Contact SVP on 07526 753986 or email PresidentE140104@svp.org.uk

Anniversaries in March

William Arrowsmith, Nellie Jenkins (2000), Gerard Francis (2000), Beatrice Eileen le Page (2002), Steven Gerard William Cremin (2002), Ellen Sarah Dorkings (2003), Kathleen Murid Johnson (2005), Demytro Sagalewytsch (2005), Simone Martin (2006), Addolorata Crouch (2006), Ivor Paul Mansfield (2006), John Antony Flanagan (2006), Simone Josephine Euphrasie (2006), Eaton Law (2007), Emma Louise Mary Murphy (2007), Kathleen Rice (2010), Anthony Murphy (2010), Bernard Butler (2010), Francisco Rodrigues (2013), Christine Robb (2013), Elizabeth McIntosh (2013), George Devine (2013), Colin Nugent (2013), Juna Gardiner (2014), Frederick Sydney Hayes (2014), Cyril Minney (2015), Eleanor Wood (2015), Maria Duxbury (2016), John Dolan (2021), Mary Agnes Makin (2024), Phillip McGahern (2025)

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord... May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NOTICES

Requiescat in pace

Mrs. Maria Amelia McNab, whose Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 10th March, 2026 at 11am, at St. Peter's, Biggleswade.

Miss Rose Boulton, whose Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 13th March, 2026 at 12.30pm, at St. Francis, Shefford.

Mrs. Patricia Auchterlounie, whose Requiem Mass will be on Monday 16th March, 2026 at 12pm, at St. Peter's, Biggleswade.

Stations of the Cross

Fr. Chris will lead the Stations of the Cross on the coming Wednesdays (11th, 18th & 25th March) after 9.30 am Mass for those who would like to stay. This is in addition to the Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

YOUTH MASS on Sunday 8th March at 1pm at St. Peter's

This is a special time of worship and reflection for the Youth as we journey through the season of Lent.

All youth from both of our parishes are warmly invited. All our parishioners, too, are most welcome.

Mission Appeal

The Annual Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Northampton has been assigned, by the Catholic Missionary Union, to the Xaverian Missionaries. We are delighted to be able to invite them into the diocese to raise awareness of Mission, both overseas and closer to home. They will be with us in our parishes on 14th and 15th March 2026.

Hearty welcome to them.

Mission Northampton

Mission Northampton invites all those from across the diocese who have a heart for sharing the Gospel with others to come along to this day from 10.30am until 4pm on Saturday 14th March 2026 in Leighton Buzzard.

Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. The event is free but we ask that attendees please register their details to confirm their place:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/mission-conference-2026/>

Knock Pilgrimages

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 26th April 2026. £999.00 pps. Price includes flight from Heathrow or Luton, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Cooking demonstration. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Vacancies

We are currently recruiting three Property Area Coordinators, each responsible for the maintenance, compliance, and performance of a defined portfolio of properties within an allocated geographic area of the Diocese. The role ensures that buildings are safe, legally compliant, well maintained, and fit for mission and ministry, while providing support to parishes, clergy, and diocesan stakeholders. This is a full-time, 12-month fixed-term contract, with the possibility of extension or becoming permanent.

The closing date for applications is Friday 7th March 2026. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs> All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

Friday - Frugal Lent Lunches

CTISB will again offer **Free** frugal lunches every Friday during Lent from **Noon until 1:30pm at the Sandy Baptist Church.**

Churches Together Lent Lunch in Shefford at Methodist Church on Saturday 28th March.

National Board of Catholic Women

National Board of Catholic Women: 'A Faith Journey Through Life's Seasons' is a year-long webinar series designed to meet women where they truly are, in the real circumstances and rhythms of life, and to explore how God walks with us in every season. On the 28 March, Emma O'Connell will discuss 'Embracing New Life – Pregnancy, Birth & Motherhood in Faith'. This is free to book via their website.

Safeguarding Training

We are pleased to invite those involved in parish ministries to an in-person safeguarding training day on Saturday 14th March, 10.00am–1.00pm, at the St Thomas Centre, 1 Semilong Road, Semilong, Northampton, NN2 6AG. Please bring a packed lunch if you would like to stay. Places are limited, so please sign up using the link below to secure your place:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/2056353>

Pilgrimage to Assisi

Eddie Gilmore is leading a walking pilgrimage to Assisi from 18th to 26th September, 2026. The group will spend a night in Florence, then travel to Città di Castello and walk for six days along the beautiful 'Way of Francis'. Contact Eddie for more information: gileag@gmail.com

www.eddiegilmore.org/

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Last week's Collections	£233.10	£408.20
Standing Orders	£130	£420
CAFOD Collection	£238.62	£270.38

Second Collection

Next Week: Xaverian Missionaries