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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

19th July 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 18 th July	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Word & Communion Peter & Elizabeth White, RIP	
Sun 19 th July	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Deacon Philip & Janet Pugh Intentions (Deacon Philip's anniversary of Diaconate) Joe & Jackie Hardy 40 th Wedding Anniversary Peter Dike Upend Deceased	Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon 20 th July	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	St Apollinaris
Tues 21 st July	9.30 am SFA	Christine and Danny Duff, RIP	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Wed 22 nd July	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	St Mary Magdelene
Thu 23 rd July	9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion	St Bridget of Sweden
Fri 24 th July	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	St Sharbel Makhluף
Sat 25 th July	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Chris and Barbara Hall - sick Janet Hewitt, RIP	St James, Apostle
Sun 26 th July	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Mass for the People of the Parish Anuj James Birthday Ann Beale, RIP	Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
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 July

Patrick Naughton (2000), Bridget Patricia Crawley (2001), Yvonne Judith Bertha Roberts (2002), Maria Sapiano (2003), Theresa Powell (2003), Richard Keating (2003), Jan Siudah (2003), Stanko Milicevic (2005), John Davison (2005), Eileen Maisie Jarrold (2006), Durman (2006), Frederick Savage (2007), Alex Irvine (2007), James Joseph Galloway (2008), Ellen Sullivan (2008), Patricia Gibbon (2008), Violet Lilian Weston (2008), Cyril Cairns (2009), William Beegan (2010), Bianca Robinson (2011), Mary Westmacott (2012), Jeremiah Moriarty (2014), Brian Michael Dorer (2014), Dennis Kingshott (2016), Renato Antonio Maria Balletta (2022), Anne Mary Miller (2022), John Le Breton (2024), Janet Hewitt (2024)

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

PARISH NOTICES

Administrator of the Diocese of Northampton

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Archbishop Richard Moth as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Northampton. This is a temporary appointment made by the Holy See to ensure the Diocese continues to be led and cared for while the diocesan Bishop is unable to carry out his duties. During this time, Archbishop Moth will remain resident in Westminster whilst he is responsible for the pastoral leadership and governance of our Diocese.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday 26th July

In his message for this year's World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Leo XIV reminds us of God's faithful love for every person, especially in times of loneliness, frailty, or feeling forgotten.

The Holy Father invites all parishioners, particularly the young, to rediscover the importance of visiting and caring for the elderly, whether grandparents, neighbours, or those who may have no one to visit them. A simple encounter can become a powerful sign of God's tenderness and presence.

WEBELIEVE: Festival of Catholic Life

Friday 24th–Monday 27th July 2026 at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham

WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation.

Join us from 24th–27th July 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful.

Book your tickets at webeliefefestival.com

National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life Saturday 1st August 2026

This pilgrimage, to be led by Bishop Peter Collins of East Anglia, will go to England's Nazareth, the National Catholic Shrine at Walsingham. In the last year abortion up to birth has been legalised and there is a continued effort to make assisted suicide legal.

Please join the pilgrimage to help build the 'great prayer for Life' asked for by Pope St John Paul II. Details of coach travel, timings and cost are in the poster on the noticeboard. Thank you.

Fr. Bennie Noonan's 80th Birthday on 11th August

As Fr. Bennie Noonan celebrates his 80th birthday this year, he has gladly accepted our request to be with us on this day. He will celebrate the Holy Mass at 12noon at St. Francis, Shefford, followed by the get-together at Henlow Pavilion. I kindly request you to offer your donation, however little, towards this celebration.

There will be a form in the church porch over the next few weeks if you wish to attend the celebration. Please confirm

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Last week's Collections	£270.90	£271.79
Standing Orders	£130	£420
Stella Maris Collection	£157.09	£270.71

the numbers in your party and any dietary requirements. Your Social Club

Home Visits with Holy Communion

If parishioners would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or know of someone who would, perhaps a family member, friend or neighbour, they are asked to please contact Fr. Prasad directly to arrange for a visit. You can contact Fr. Prasad either in person or through parish email.

Children Toilet (Safeguarding)

Parents/Carers are kindly asked to accompany children under secondary school age to the church toilet or church surroundings in the interests of both Safeguarding and Health and Safety.

Priesthood Discernment Day

Men aged 16 and over who are considering a vocation to the priesthood are warmly invited to a Discernment Day on Saturday, 8 August, from 10:30am at St Augustine Catholic Church, Milton Keynes. The day will include prayer, reflection, Mass, fellowship, and opportunities to speak with priests and others discerning God's call.

To register or find out more, contact Fr Pius at vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org or 01753 523147.

Please keep vocations in your prayers.

Diocesan Mass for Marriage and Families

Northampton Cathedral will host the annual Mass for Marriages and Families at 12pm on Saturday 5th September. All are welcome and, as usual, we are looking forward to welcoming couples celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. A registration link will be provided in the coming weeks.

Diocesan Music Day

Everyone involved in parish music ministry is warmly invited to the Diocesan Music Day on Saturday 19th September (venue to be confirmed). The day will offer music, formation, practical resources and fellowship for all who support the Church's liturgy through music. Whether you are a singer, choir member, cantor, organist, music director or member of the clergy, you are most welcome to come along for this enriching and inspiring day.

St. Francis' Jubilee Year Resources (Please scan the QR code below)

