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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

26th July 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 25 th July	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Chris and Barbara Hall Intentions (good health) 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 Anne Beale, RIP	Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon 27 th July	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Fr. Thomas Anikala MSFS, RIP Word & Communion	
Tues 28 th July	9.30 am SFA	Deceased members of the Feel family (FM)	
Wed 29 th July	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Thu 30 th July	9.30 am SFA	Pearl & James Harvey, RIP	St Peter Chrysologus
Fri 31 st July	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	St Ignatius Loyola
Sat 1 st August	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Deceased members of the Hewitt family (FM) Theresa Mary Kelly intentions	St Alphonsus Liguori
Sun 2 nd August	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Margaret Reece, RIP Pam Corr, RIP Tony Sheil, RIP	Eighteenth 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

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



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (26th July)

This Sunday, 26th July, Catholics across our Diocese will join the universal Church in celebrating the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Chosen by Pope Leo XIV, this year's theme, "*I will never forget you*" (Isaiah 49:15), reminds us of God's unfailing love for every person, especially those who may experience loneliness or isolation in later life. Established by Pope Francis in 2021, the Day also encourages us to cherish the wisdom, faith and witness of older generations. We are invited to reach out to grandparents and elderly people, ensuring they know they are loved, valued and never forgotten.

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.

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, 8th 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 Marriage 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.

Prayer for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Holy Father

Who watches over every person

Watch over me too when I am elderly.

You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
And You were not discouraged by my frailties.

You hold me tenderly in your hands,
And You caress my lines.

You will never forget me! (see Is 49:15).
Grant that I may not fear my weakness;

Help me learn to love it
Just as You love it.

Help me learn to listen to it
Just as You listen to it.

Help me embrace it
Just as You have chosen it,

You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in
humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride
and all division

So that we may live these years
united in You.

You will never forget us! (see Is 49:15)
Amen.

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Last week's Collections	£279.70	£326.24
Standing Orders	£130	£420