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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

2nd August 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
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
Mon 3 rd Aug	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	
Tues 4 th Aug	9.30 am SFA	Deceased members of the Eyston Family (FM)	St John Vianney
Wed 5 th Aug	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	
Thu 6 th Aug	9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion	Transfiguration of the Lord
Fri 7 th Aug	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Nick & Fiona Whitehead wedding anniversary Word & Communion	
Sat 8 th Aug	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Tony Sheil, RIP People of the Parishes	St Dominic
Sun 9 th Aug	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Tony McCormick intentions Private Intention Deceased members of the Pedlar family	Nineteenth 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 August

Patrick Joseph Collins (2000), Violet Mary Coleman (2000), Sarah Ellen Stevens (2001), Rose Ann Graham (2003), Mary Jocelyn Burnham (2004), Kenneth Arthur Jackson (2005), Brian Edward Covell (2006), Anne Brigid Michell (2008), Gavin Adrian South (2008), Helena Elizabeth Williams (2009), Eileen Mary Kelly (2010), Peter Christopher Collins (2011), Carmine Caporate (2012), Josephine Teresa McConnellogne (2012), Margaret Mary Mullen (2012), Eugene O'Sullivan (2014), Maria Gallareto (2015), Vera Vjekoslava Zouhar (2016), Raymond Ellis Humphreys (2017), Gwendoline Brace (2022), Marie Angela Goolamsing (2024), Harold Harding (2025), Eileen Day (2025)

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)



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention For August

For evangelisation in the city: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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.

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.

Stand Up for Human Dignity

Join the fightback today & join the **Annual March for Life on Saturday 5th September 2026**, our Christian faith & the Roman Catholic Church encourage us to protect the dignity of life. It is now legal for a woman to abort her own baby, up to birth, for any reason. More information available from www.spuc.org.uk. If you wish to stand against the attacks on the dignity of human life - join the march. I believe passionately about defending the dignity of human life which the Catholic Church encourages us to do & we need to recognize and protect the value of every person's life from conception to natural death.

Please pray for the march receiving publicity about our cause, last year I attended the March for Life & I would advise anyone who has the time to attend, it's important for the public to see our opposition to abortions. There were a few of us last year from St Peter's & St Francis attending & it

would be good if more people from our churches could go. I hopefully will be attending with Alban and travelling on the train. If you want to travel together please contact Julie Macdonald on 07530 292006.

Catholic Mass at Westminster Cathedral with 15 Bishops attending starting at 10:30am. Morning events at Emmanuel Centre 10am to 1pm. The march starts at 1:30pm starting point Tufton Street behind the Emmanuel Centre, speeches 3:00pm in Parliament Square. More information available on <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2026-event-page/> (Julie Macdonald)

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.

New Vice President of NBCW

Congratulations to Helen Burgess, a parishioner at Sacred Heart, Flitwick, on her appointment as Vice President of the National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW).

Mayor's Charity Dinner – Biggleswade

Mayor's Charity Dinner is being hosted at John O'Gaunt Golf Club in Sutton, near Biggleswade on **Saturday 24th**

October from 7pm. This black tie formal dinner is a chance to enjoy some great food and good company in a wonderful location - while helping my Mayor's Charities at the same time. This Civic Year I am supporting MAGPAS Air Ambulance and the Biggleswade Baptist Church Food Bank. Tickets are available online here:

<https://biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk/event/mayors-charity-dinner/>

I look forward to seeing some of you in October!

Cllr Jonathan Woodhead

Town Mayor of Biggleswade (2025-2027)

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Last week's Collections	£304.40	£347.44
Standing Orders	£130	£420