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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26th April 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 25 th April	09.30 am SFA 06.30 pm SP	Mary Makin, RIP Vincent D'Souza, RIP	St Mark, Evangelist
Sun 26 th April	09.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 05.15 pm SFA	Christopher & Edna Corcoran, RIP Ron & Shirley Osentoski, RIP Katherine Smillie, RIP	4 th Sunday of Easter
Mon 27 th April	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Arun's Birthday Intentions Word & Communion	
Tues 28 th April	9.30 am SFA	Adrian Thomas Veitch, RIP	
Wed 29 th April	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Stella Cowley Birthday Intentions Word & Communion	St. Catherine of Siena
Thu 30 th April	9.30 am SFA	Fr. Prasad's 50 th Birthday Intentions	
Fri 1 st May	09.30 am SP 09.30 am SFA	Marie-Clare Mathews, RIP Word & Communion	St. Joseph the Worker
Sat 2 nd May	09.30 am SFA 06.30 pm SP	Peter Simpson, RIP Tony & Pauline Gray, RIP	St. Athanasius
Sun 3 rd May	09.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 05.15 pm SFA	Bridget Hizij, RIP Ann D'Silva & Dominic Fernandes, RIP Trudi's parents' anniversary (deceased)	5 th Sunday of Easter
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 April

Mary Ellen Nugent (2000), John Sullivan (2000), Maddalena Ortone (2000), Michael McCarthy (2001), Ann Cassidy (2002), Michael Degning (2002), Michael Reilly (2002), Hyacinth Hughes (2003), Grace Emma Burn (2003) Baby Enya Grace Quirke (2003), Thelma Betty Dutchman (2004), Mary Golden (2005), Patrick McCartney (2005), Evan O'Sullivan (2005), John Edward Horner (2007), Elizabeth Green (2008), Winifred Richardson (2011), Mary Helen Mariorty (2012), Edmund Terence Reid (2012), Karl Zouhar (2013), Eileen Mannelly (2013), Thomas Irvine (2015), Alexander McNicholas (2016), Kitty Balfe (2020), Shirley Ann Gleeson (2021), Mary Baffoni (2021), Sally Ann Hearn (2024), Lucio Marabese (2025), Catherine Buckley (2025), Christopher Corcoran (2025), Rosario Di Marco (2025), Dr. Charles Enzo Oduu Andi (2025)

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

PARISH NOTICES

Fr. Prasad's 50th Birthday

Fr. Prasad celebrates his 50th Birthday on 30th April this year. We, as the parish community, will celebrate his gift of life on **Monday 4th May**, early Spring bank holiday. Mass will be at 10am at St. Peter's. After the Mass there will be tea, coffee and cake to celebrate Father Prasad's 50th birthday. All are welcome. Please come along and celebrate with us. (Deacon John Lang)

Youth Mass on 10th May at St. Francis

We invite all the youth from both of our parishes to be part of our Youth Mass which will be celebrated at St. Francis Church, Shefford on 10th May at 5.15pm.

Need for a Fire Officer (St. Peter's)

St Peter's are looking for a Fire Officer. The Fire Officer will be in charge of fire proofing our church and presbytery, and also ensuring we are complying with the law and the regulations of the diocese. Hopefully within our large pool of talent and talented people we have someone who can provide some time in this vital and crucial role.

Celebrate: Support for parents

Celebrate - a ministry that produces resources and runs courses to inspire and equip parents, grandparents, catechists and carers to help their children grow in their relationship with Jesus - have announced two upcoming webinars.

The first – Confident Parenting in a World of Screens – is on Wednesday 29th April at 8pm.

Kate Duroux, of national charity 'Care for the Family', will consider how best to support teenagers through the challenges of the digital world, supported by practical advice and principles to apply within families.

There is a non-refundable registration fee of £5 to cover expenses and places can be booked [through the Celebrate website](#).

Life in the Spirit Seminar

The 'Life in the Spirit' seminars are returning in April, with sessions being held online to allow as many people as possible from the diocese to attend. The online sessions will be on 28th April, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th of May, and 2nd June. There will be an in-person Baptism in The Holy Spirit retreat day, which will be held at Our Lady, Help of Christians, in Chapel Langley, Luton on 23rd May.

The God Who Speaks – Our Liturgy of the Word

Join us for a series of online Zoom sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary readings and the seasons of the Liturgical Year.

Future 2026 Dates:

- 8th July – Summer Ordinary Time
- 9th September – Autumn Ordinary Time
- 11th November – Advent & Christmas (Year B)

All sessions run **7:30–8:30pm** and include prayer, input, and time for comments and questions.

Cost: Free, with an option to make a donation.

Please register in advance to secure a place by emailing deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly.

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: "So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."

Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan

Called & Equipped 2026-27

Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? Our year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community. This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry. Find out more here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/> or sign up to one of our introductory webinars on <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese>

Help Needed

Café Mocha is a small, but very friendly, café in Biggleswade. However, the current workforce is ageing and so to be able to continue, they are looking for volunteers for all aspects of running a café. Full training would be given. For more information, email Helen on Helen.horner@outlook.com

Social Club Subscriptions (St. Peter's)

It's that time of year again, when we are collecting subscriptions for the social club to enable us to renew our bar licence. There will be a member of the social club at the back of the church after Masses, this weekend and if necessary, next weekend. The cost is £2 per person for the year and if you have any questions or would like to join please talk to us after Masses.

Dates for your diaries:

The social club AGM will be held on the 21st May and we invite you to join us.

QUIZ NIGHT (St. Peter's)

It will be held on Friday 19th June, tickets cost £10 to include a fish, chicken or vegetarian supper. Tickets will be on sale mid May. So please watch this space. Thank you as always for your continued support. Your Social Club Committee

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Last week's Collections	£350.80	£264.95
Standing Orders	£130	£420

Second Collection
This Week: Diocesan Priests Training Fund