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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9th August 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
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 Lynette Haywood, RIP Deceased members of the Pedlar family	Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon 10 th Aug	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	St Lawrence
Tues 11 th Aug	12.00 pm SFA	Fr Bennie Noonan's 80th Birthday Intentions Fr Prasad's 23 rd Ordination Anniversary	St Clare
Wed 12 th Aug	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	St Jane Frances de Chantal
Thu 13 th Aug	9.30 am SFA	Wendy Pritchard intentions for good health	
Fri 14 th Aug	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	St Maximillian Kolbe
Sat 15 th Aug	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Word & Communion William Doherty, RIP	
Sun 16 th Aug	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	John Stirling for good health Edris Angoy, RIP Rev. Deacon Michael Phelan, RIP	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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)



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

Thank you very much for all your generous donations towards the 80th birthday celebrations of Fr. Bennie Noonan. On the day, the Holy Mass is at 12noon at St. Francis, Shefford, followed by the get-together at Henlow Pavilion. Looking forward to seeing you all.

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.

Stand up for Human Dignity

Join the fightback today and join the annual March for Life on Saturday 5th September 2026. Our Christian faith and the Roman Catholic Church encourages us to protect the dignity of life and 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 believe passionately that we need to recognise and protect the value of every person's life from conception to natural death, please consider joining the march. Please pray for the march receiving publicity about our cause, it's important for the public to see our opposition to abortions.

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/> If you want to travel together on the train please contact Julie Macdonald on 07530 292006.

(Julie Macdonald)

Quiz Night 11th September

Tickets are available after Masses and will cost £10 to include a fish, chicken or vegetarian option supper. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm, please complete the form with your choice of supper - money must be paid on receipt of tickets.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Social Club Committee

Exploring Silence

Churches Together in Biggleswade will be holding another "Exploring Silence" session at 7:45pm on Thursday 20th August 2026 at St. Peter's. All are welcome to come along to this free session and there is no need to book or register. These sessions are about going into silence by settling your body; accepting your surroundings; quietening your thoughts, which you can experience in your own way but

also with others. This is about "exploring", not "teaching" – your own, possibly very different, experience of silence, here or elsewhere, is equally valid. These sessions are not overtly religious, but you may or may not find a spiritual meaning. If you come to these sessions, we hope you will find this an interesting and enjoyable experience.

Archbishop welcomes call for better palliative care

Archbishop John Sherrington has welcomed the Prime Minister's call for properly funded palliative and social care ahead of Parliament's debate on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on 11th September. The Archbishop said people nearing the end of life deserve compassionate care, spiritual accompaniment and dignity, not assisted suicide. The Catholic Church continues to oppose the Bill, calling instead for greater investment in palliative care and support for hospices and care homes.

Diocesan Safeguarding Conference

Join us on Saturday 3rd October at the St Thomas Centre in Northampton, as we strengthen our shared commitment to safeguarding, healing and hope. Visit our diocesan website for more information. [Email Laura to book your place](#)

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.

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	£377.80	£354.35
Standing Orders	£130	£420