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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

16th August 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
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
Mon 17 th Aug	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	
Tues 18 th Aug	9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion	
Wed 19 th Aug	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Joseph McCarthy, RIP Word & Communion	
Thu 20 th Aug	9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion	St Bernard
Fri 21 st Aug	9.30 am SFA 11.00 am SP	Word & Communion Funeral Mass	St Pius X
Sat 22 nd Aug	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Word & Communion Bridget Edwards intentions	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 23 rd Aug	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Harry Hayes, RIP People of the parishes Thomas Percival Veitch, RIP	Twenty First 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)



Requiescat in pace

Mrs. Maria Caccavale, whose funeral service will be on Tuesday 25th August, 2026 at 11am at St Francis, Shefford followed by interment in the Mausoleum in Wilburt Hills Cemetery.

Jubilee Pilgrimages to St. Francis of Assisi, Shefford

As we are in the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, all the parishes in our Bedfordshire Deanery are making a pilgrimage to our parish of St. Francis in Shefford. The details of the pilgrimages of the parishes are as follows:

5th September: Holy Cross and St. Philip & St James

26th September: St. Joseph's & Our Lady's, Christ the King

4th October: St. Francis and St. Peter's Biggleswade
(Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)

17th October: Sacred Heart at Flitwick & Leighton Buzzard

We will have 9 days of Novena prayers in preparation for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi at Shefford.

25th September: 1st day Novena Mass at Shefford at 9.30am

26 – 30 September: Novena prayers after the Masses

1–3 October: Triduum Masses at St. Francis, Shefford at 7pm

We extend a warm and hearty welcome to all the pilgrims from different parishes of our Bedfordshire Deanery.

Exploring Silence – 20th August

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.

Stand up for Human Dignity - 5th September 2026

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.

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

BEDS & HERTS BIKE & HIKE 2026

Saturday 12th September 2026

If anyone would like to take part this year, for the Sponsor Forms, please contact Carmel 07913 800261 or juddc81@gmail.com (St. Francis, Shefford) and Anne Hampshire (St. Peter's, Biggleswade).

Also on the day we will be needing volunteers to greet any visitors to our church, serve drinks, biscuits and record their visit on the day. If you could help please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

Vocations Update

Eighteen men from across the Diocese gathered at St Augustine's, Milton Keynes, for a Vocations Discernment Day organised by Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pius Amoako. Let us keep them in our prayers as they discern.

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](#)

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 Civic Year, Mayor's Charities are 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)

**HAIL HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary**

**Pray for us Most Holy Mother of God
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Last week's Collections	£312	£254.10
Standing Orders	£130	£420