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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th May 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 16 th May	9.30 am SFA 3.00 pm SP 6.30 pm SP	Deceased Members of the Lacey family (FM) Mass for the Sick and the Housebound Richard Garney Intentions	
Sun 17 th May	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 1.00 pm SP 5.15 pm SFA	Anne Veronica Veitch, RIP Beatrice and Matthew Allberrey Intentions First Holy Communion Mass Anthony & Brigid McErlean, RIP	7th Sunday of Easter First Holy Communion at St. Peter's
Mon 18 th May	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Frett, RIP (FM) Word & Communion	
Tues 19 th May	9.30 am SFA	Roger Robbins Intentions (good health)	
Wed 20 th May	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Anne Beale Intentions Word & Communion	
Thu 21 st May	9.30 am SFA	Nancy Harvey & Family Intentions	
Fri 22 nd May	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Sr Sandhya's Birthday Intentions Word & Communion	
Sat 23 rd May	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Steven and Gerrard Cremin, RIP Bianca Zonta Intentions	
Sun 24 th May	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	People of the Parishes Richard Garney Intentions Don Worts & Kenneth Milne, RIP	PENTECOST
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 May

James Aloysius Kiernan (1971), Fredrick Byrne (2000), Wolfgang Eckert (2001), Arthur Cahill (2001), John Patrick Gaffney (2001), Gaban Tembo (2001), Angela Brooks (2001), Ann Cassidy (2002), Margaret Organ (2003), Frederick Charles Humbley (2004), Albert Keegan (2005), Ernest Tuck (2005), Dennis Palin (2006), Agnes Henrietta Clements (2007), Richard Smith-Ruddick (2007), Edward Douglas Seymour Smith (2009), Pamela Wale (2009), Francis Vowles (2010), John Vincent Kelly (2011), James Anthony O'Shea (2011), James Cameron (2012), Yvonne Yolande Davies (2013), Laura Grant (2013), Matthew Marchant (2013), Anthony Barker (2014), James Anthony Duggar (2019), Derek Reed (2025), Frances Stevens (2025)

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

PARISH NOTICES

Requiescat in pace

Mrs. Mary Lopez, whose funeral service will be on Monday 1st June, 2026 at 1pm at North Herts Memorial Park and Crematorium.

Mr Patrick Heffernan, whose funeral service will be on Thursday, 4th June, 2026 at 11.30am, at St. Peter's, Biggleswade.

Mass for the Sick and the Housebound on 16th May at St. Peter's, Biggleswade

Father Prasad, in association with the SVP, will hold a Mass for the Sick and Housebound at 3pm on Saturday 16th May at St. Peter's Church. If you know anyone who is sick or ill that would like to attend, please let them know that this special Mass is taking place with the Anointment of the Sick. All are welcome. If they need transport, please let us know either via email PresidentE140104@svp.org.uk or telephone Noreen on 07526 753986.

Tea and cake will be provided after Mass for all who attend.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham (SVP) on 5th July

Save the date Sunday 5th July for the Walsingham Pilgrimage organised by the SVP, coach to collect from St Francis & St Peter's, for further details contact Noreen on 07526 753986 or email Catherine at PresidentE140104@svp.org.uk

Canon Bennie 80th Birthday on 11th August

We are looking for volunteers to help organise Canon Bennie's celebration. It is on 11th August 2026. If you can help in any way please contact Michael Galvin on 07833 900814 or michael.galvin7@btinternet.com. We will be holding a meeting on 28th May at 19:00 (7pm) to get a plan together.

LITURGY COMMISSION - Liturgical Formation

The annual SUNDAY of the EUCHARIST will be celebrated on 14th June in the Cathedral at 3pm, which is a service for all who exercise lay ministry of the Eucharist. Everyone is welcome in person or to join with the Cathedral livestream. It includes an opportunity to renew the formal commitment for lay ministers.

Free of Charge Safeguarding Session - Hosted by CSAN's Domestic Abuse Alliance and Safe In Faith

'Violence against Women and the Bible' is an online Zoom session on May 26th 10am -12pm and you can register yourself by clicking this

link: <https://csan.charitysuite.com/events/w8agsksi>

Open Call: Art Submissions for the Becket Festival

Inspired by St Thomas Becket and the theme of Holy Courage, artists are invited to submit faith-inspired work for an exhibition accompanying the **Becket Festival**.

Artists can ask and explore what an everyday Holy Courage, that gives radiance to faith, looks like? With their unique role they can communicate spiritual truths in ways that cannot be revealed otherwise. Inspired by St. Thomas, you are invited to be brave and submit your faith-inspired visual, written and audio works for a chance to show it at an exhibition accompanying the Becket Festival on 4th July 2026.

Submissions are invited from all creatives, eight years old and above. Please send your submission with photos and information about your work to

becket.festival.arts@gmail.com including the title, medium, year made, size in centimetres and if it is framed or not.

Written and 3D works are encouraged.

Deadline for submissions: **Monday 8th June 2026**

The exhibition will be open from Friday 3rd July to Sunday 5th July 2026 at the Cathedral in Northampton.

Celebrating Faith in Parenting

CELEBRATE believes that children need to be given the opportunity to learn at a young age about their faith in a relevant and accessible way. We produce resources and run courses to inspire and equip parents, grandparents, catechists, and carers to help their children grow in their relationship with Jesus. They are running a webinar on Tuesday 8th June at 8pm about **Raising teenagers in a Catholic family** which will be led by Mike and Alicia Hernon, Messy Family Project (a Catholic family ministry from the USA). To book please [click here](#)

A Million Acts of Hope

Charities, communities and faith groups are uniting to celebrate great work around the country and thank the people who choose hope and hard work over hate. A Million Acts of Hope runs from 13th to 20th May, and each act of service and support for communities is being captured on a "Hope Map". Individuals are able to sign up as Hope Makers, while churches and Churches Together groups are also invited to share their acts of hope. You can sign up at www.millionactsofhope.org to receive more information and be part of a fantastic initiative that highlights the positive and loving actions taking place within our communities.

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 generous and talented people we have someone who can provide some time in this vital and crucial role.

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Last week's Collections	£383.30	£289.93
Standing Orders	£130	£420
Second Collection	£70.35	£122.17

Second Collections
This Week: Catholic Communications Network