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3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) Psalter week 3 Sunday 25th January 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 24 th Jan	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Word & Communion Mick Finlay RIP Kathleen Martin RIP	St Francis de Sales
Sun 25 th Jan	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Margaret Rees RIP Gurney family intentions Noreen and Ian Cousins intentions	Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon 26 th Jan	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	St Timothy and St Titus
Tues 27 th Jan	9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion	St Angela Merici
Wed 28 th Jan	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	St Thomas Aquinas
Thu 29 th Jan	9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion	
Fri 30 th Jan	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	
Sat 31 st Jan	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Word & Communion Mass	St John Bosco
Sun 1 st Feb	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Peter and Jenny Hyde intentions Brian Dyer RIP Walter Reuter RIP	Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Confessions	Saturdays: 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 January

Edith Flynn (2000), Patricia Dilley (2000), Igmacy Sabilik (2001), Valerie Claudia Duggan (2001), Ronald Arthur Shepherd (2002), Angelina Iosue (2003), Arthur George Victor Wright (2003), Anne Young (2004), Brenda Murphy (2004), Nicholas Robert Collins (2005), Thomas Wynne (2005), Arthur Harvey (2007), Peter Eugene Wilson (2007), Eric Vernon Scott (2007), James Carroll (2007), Maurice Gomes (2007), Sean Maloney (2007), Catherina Whiteway Wilkinson (2008), Ann Messenger (2008), Josephine McCormick (2008), Gerald Hill (2009), Christopher George Hill (2011), Patrick Purcell (2011), John James Doherty (2012), Iris Elizabeth Murray (2012), Charles Eric Sells (2012), Mary Patricia Sutton (2013), Irene Francis (2014), Alojzy Oprzadek (2014), Josephine Rumming (2015), Joseph Michael Rainbow (2019), Pasquale Maio (2025) Fr George McCann (PP of Shefford) 2015

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

PARISH NOTICES

St Peter's Hymn Books

Thanks to all the parishioners for their generosity and thanks to the Social Committee for a handsome cheque towards the project. The hymn books are now covered and the remaining money will be spent on new ones as necessary, but this will wait until Fr Prasad returns. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

Calling All Youth!!!

All youth (aged 13+) are warmly invited to our next Youth Gathering! Join us for a time of prayer, fellowship, and fun as we grow together in faith. We look forward to seeing you there.

Date: Tuesday, 27th Jan 2026

Time: 7.45pm to 9.00pm

Venue: Church of St. Peter's, Biggleswade

For further information, contact us on faith@st-peters.uk

This Sunday of The Word of God – 25th January

Theme: “*The word of Christ dwells among you*” (Col 3:16)

Celebrating: Liturgy at the Cathedral 3pm including reflections by Fr Jerome Ituah OCD and the commissioning of readers.

This will be livestreamed with the service booklet available on the diocesan website.

Day of Reflection for Readers: Saturday 31st January 11am to 3pm at the Holy Ghost Centre, Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD. The day will offer an opportunity to pray, share and explore the Word of God together. Refreshments will be provided. To attend, please email deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org

Encounter Ministry Healing Service

Friday 28 February 2026

Encounter Ministry is hosting a special Healing Service at Northampton Cathedral on Friday 28 February at 7.30pm, and all are warmly invited to attend.

This event is free, with no sign-up required. It forms part of a wider healing school taking place on Friday and Saturday, welcoming over 100 participants from across the UK who will serve as prayer ministers on Saturday evening.

Love & Beauty in St John's Spiritual Canticle

20–22 February 2026

2026 marks 100 years since St John of the Cross was declared a Doctor of the Church. To celebrate this anniversary, Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will lead a reflective weekend exploring the themes of love and beauty in the saint's most celebrated poetry. From 20–22 February, participants will be invited to delve into the spiritual richness of *The Spiritual Canticle* and deepen their appreciation of St John's timeless insights into God's love.

[Further information and booking details can be found via the Christian Heritage Centre.](#)

Meet and Chat at St. Peter's

St Peter's Parish Hall is open to everyone from 10-12pm each Monday until the end of March. We invite everyone to join us, we are not calling this venture “Warm Spaces,” but a chance to come in for a chat and a hot drink. Looking forward to meeting you.

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Collections of 20/21 Dec	£310.60	£355.17
Standing Orders	£130	£420
Second collection SPUC	£177.19	£187.23

Come and See – Discernment Day for Men

Saturday 28th March 2026

Men who are wondering whether God may be calling them to the priesthood are warmly invited to a “Come and See” Discernment Day. The day will include prayer, reflection, input on priestly vocation and an open Q&A, offering a relaxed and supportive space to explore God's call and learn more about priestly life. It is open to men who are exploring, questioning or actively discerning a vocation.

To register your interest or for further information, please contact Fr Pius Amoako vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org or 01753 523147

Journey with Jesus through Lent

During Lent, the Pastoral Development Vicariate is offering the opportunity for online small group sessions once a week for 6 weeks beginning w.c. 16th February.

During each weekly small group session, facilitators will be using St Beuno's Outreach Prego resources, allowing you to pray and reflect on Scripture for the coming Sunday. Within the session, there will also be time for silent reflection and sharing what spoke to you from the readings. Sessions will be available on multiple days and at different times.

Sign-up to our introductory webinar on Tuesday 27th January from 7:30pm on the link <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1963574> You can also find out more on the diocesan website: <https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>

Benefactors of St Francis Boys Home

This is another photograph from the reredos (ornamental screen) in the sacristy of St Francis – and is a further list of more of the benefactors of St Francis Boys Home – please include them in your prayers.

