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**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

**Psalter week 4**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Word & Communion Mass	St John Bosco
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Rose Boulton RIP Brian Dyer RIP Walter Reuter RIP	<b>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Mass – for the people of the parish Word & Communion	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	9.30 am SFA	Mary Doherty RIP (Blessing of throats)	St Blaise
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Mass – private intention Word & Communion	St Werberga Daventry 700 AD
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am SFA	Colin Veitch intentions	St Agatha
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Mass – private intention Word & Communion	St Paul Miki & Company <i>Martyrs of Japan</i>
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	All forgotten souls RIP Mass	<i>Feria</i>
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Heather Manning RIP Gurney family intentions Rose Boulton RIP	<b>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Saturdays: 5.45 – 6.15 pm (SP)</b>		
<b>Adoration</b>	<b>Wednesdays: 7-7.30 pm (SFA) Fridays: 10-10.30am (SFA), 10-10.30am (SP), 7-8pm (SP)</b>		
<b>Rosary</b>	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](mailto:PresidentE140104@svp.org.uk)

### Anniversaries in February

Edith Moss (2000), Antonio Palmer (2001), Anne Murphy (2002), Annie Davey (2002), Margaret Kaveney (2003), Bridget Thrupp (2004), Beatrice Marjorie Perkes (2004), Anthony Francis Gannon (2004), Angelina Halt (2006), Anthony Smith (2007), Daphne Jackson (2007), Sarah Baker (2007), Frederick Henry (2007), Joseph Ross (2008), Hannah Margaret Harvey (2009), Edwin Coomber (2010), James Jackson (2010), William Kevin Tully (2010), Maria Carmela Cannella (2010), Audrey Gregory (2011), Michael Patrick Shapland (2012), Olivia Rose Hicks (2012), Daniel Carter (2013), Edith Schwark (2013), Thomas Greehy (2013), Alan A. Sellray (2013), Pamela Howard (2014), Ann Mary Papnorth (2014), Jim Walsh (2015), Rogelio Derilo (2015), Hilda Tuck (2016), Robert Kacska (2016), Ursula Gay (2016), Winifred Chamberlain (2016), Tina Ginn (2018)

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

## PARISH NOTICES

### **Walking in the Holy Spirit (Fanning into Flames)** The Northampton Charismatic Diocesan Services of **Communion (CDSC)**

...invite parishioners to take part in *Walking in the Holy Spirit (Fanning into Flames)* — a four-part monthly online series exploring how the Holy Spirit shapes, strengthens, and sends us out as disciples of Christ. Each Zoom session offers accessible teaching and practical encouragement to deepen our relationship with the Holy Spirit and grow in confidence in everyday Christian life. **Sessions run from 7.00–8.30pm on Tuesdays:**

- **17 February** – *Growth* – Fr Emmanuel Okami
- **17 March** – *Bonding* – Speaker to be confirmed
- **16 June** – *Empowerment* – Charles Whitehead
- **14 July** – *Mission* – Maria Heath

All are welcome. More information:  
<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/walking-in-the-holy-spirit/>

### **Catholic Young Artist and Young Writer Awards**

The Catholic Union Charitable Trust is delighted to announce the Catholic Young Artist Award, newly launched this year and open to primary school-aged children.

**Theme:** *Forgiveness*. **Judge:** Margaret Mizen, Founder of the Mizen Foundation. The winner will be announced before the end of the academic year and will receive a cash prize, with runners-up also recognised. This Award runs alongside the Catholic Young Writer Award, open to Catholic pupils of secondary school age, which invites young people to reflect on the question: “Why do we go to Confession?” More information:  
<https://catholicunion.org.uk/2026/01/young-catholic-artist-award-2026/>

### **Catechist Formation: Bishop’s Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1)**

Are you called to be a catechist? Do you want to grow in confidence and understanding as you accompany others on their faith journey? This online training course draws from Scripture, Church documents, and lived experience. It is ideal for both new and experienced catechists. Course Dates: 7 virtual sessions from 7.30–9.00pm; starts Friday 27 February 2026; subsequent sessions: 6, 13, 20, 27 March; 10, 17 April 2026 Includes Zoom links, course materials, and refreshments. No fixed fee – donations welcomed.

[Visit our diocesan website for further information](#)

**FERIA:** Slaves in Rome had a free day (feria) & feria in our Liturgical calendar means free of feasts/commemorations.

### **Come and See – Discernment Day for Men**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

	<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>St. Peter’s</b>
<b>Collections of 24/25 Jan</b>	£335.80	£322
<b>Standing Orders</b>	£130	£420
<b>SPUC</b>		£40

To register your interest please contact Fr Pius Amoako [vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org) or 01753 523147 and for more information visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/diocesan-discernment-processes/>

### **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 for a chance to come in for a chat and a hot drink.

### **Journey with Jesus through Lent**

During Lent, the Pastoral Development Vicariate is offering you the opportunity for weekly online small-group sessions (various days and times are available) to help individuals deepen their relationship with Jesus through Scripture. Using St Beuno’s Outreach Prego resources, each 45minute session invites you to pray and reflect on Scripture for the coming Sunday. The programme runs once a week for 6 weeks beginning the week of 16th February. Sign-up at: <https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>

### **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.](#)

### **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.

