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5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Psalter week 1

Sunday 8th February 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 7 th Feb	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	All forgotten souls RIP Thanksgiving by Jordy family	
Sun 8 th Feb	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Heather Manning RIP Gurney family intentions and Philip Sharpe Rose Boulton RIP	Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon 9 th Feb	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Mass intention for vocations to the Priesthood, Religious consecrated life and Marriage Word & Communion	
Tues 10 th Feb	9.30 am SFA	Kathleen Smillie - sick	St Scholastica
Wed 11 th Feb	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	For the people of the parish Word & Communion	Our Lady of Lourdes
Thu 12 th Feb	9.30 am SFA	Janet Manning (Sister Margaret) RIP	
Fri 13 th Feb	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Mass – private intention Word & Communion	
Sat 14 th Feb	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Douglas and Eileen Wills RIP Celestine Jakubcova intention	SS Cyril, Monk and Methodius
Sun 15 th Feb	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Bobby Britschgi RIP Claire Henderson RIP Lynne Stevens RIP FM	Sixth 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 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

A BIG THANKS TO FR CHRIS

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Rev Fr Chris Whitehouse for celebrating the Masses in both of our parishes during my absence.

Thank you very much dear Fr Chris! God bless you.

Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2026

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

National Marriage Week – 7 to 14 February 2026

National Marriage Week is an annual celebration that supports and promotes marriage and family life. This year, it runs from 7 to 14 February and invites us to reflect on the central role of marriage and family in our Church and society, as we prepare for the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* ("The Joy of Love") on 19 March 2026. To help in this reflection, three resources are available: [The Joy of Love](#), launched by the Bishops' Conference Committee for Marriage and Family Life, explores key themes of *Amoris Laetitia*, including Joy, Love, Mercy, Realities and Discernment, and Mission. The National Marriage Week Novena offers daily prayers based on the Sunday readings of the week.

We encourage all to read, share, and join in prayerful reflection during this special time.

National Marriage Week

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.

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita

This Sunday 8 February, we mark the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita and the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. This day is an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the conditions that make extreme exploitation endemic in our society, and the radical thinking and action demanded of us if we are to "break every yoke" of oppression (Isaiah 58:6). CSAN have produced homily notes and bidding prayers here: [Homily notes and bidding prayers](#)

CAFOD Lent Appeal

This Lent, as we reflect on Jesus' call to "love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark 12:31), we are invited to support families facing hunger caused by floods and droughts.

Through CAFOD, your generosity helps communities like Rejoice's in South Sudan, who, after fleeing conflict and losing her home to floods, was able to grow food on floating gardens, and families like Shorai and Hamunyare in Zimbabwe, who now cultivate drought-resistant eco-gardens thanks to solar-powered water pumps.

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Collections of 1st Feb	£310.80	£395.45
Standing Orders	£130	£420

By fasting and giving this Lent, you can be a good neighbour, helping families put food on the table. Donate online at cafod.org.uk or call 0303 303 3030.

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/>

ADORE Spiritual Mini-Retreat – 28 February

10.00 am – 1.00 pm on Zoom:

"JESUS – NO GREATER LOVE"

What is our relationship with Jesus, the source of eternal love? Mini retreat morning including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and an inspiring talk from guest speaker Charles Whitehead KSG, celebrated international renewal leader, speaker, and author. Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREFEB2026
More information at www.altonrenewal.com

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/>

Catechist Formation: Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis(Level1)

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](#)