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1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 22nd February 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 21 st Feb	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Nuala McDonnell Intentions (for good health) The Ministry of Fr Prasad	
Sun 22 nd Feb	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Ann Cardan RIP Clare Neville 90 th Birthday Louis Fernandes, RIP People of the Parish	First Sunday of Lent (Rite of Election, Cathedral at 3pm)
Mon 23 rd Feb	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Sheila Morrissey, RIP Word & Communion	
Tues 24 th Feb	9.30 am SFA	Word & Communion	Clergy Reflection day
Wed 25 th Feb	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Anne Beale Intentions Word & Communion	
Thu 26 th Feb	9.30 am SFA	Sheila Doherty intention (recovery from an accident)	
Fri 27 th Feb	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Lynne Stevens, RIP (FM) Word & Communion	
Sat 28 th Feb	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Jane Earring Intentions sick Eileen Roughneen, RIP	
Sun 1 st Mar	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Joanne & Gordon Grove Family intentions John & Sue Lang 40 th Wedding Anniversary Frank & Bridget Intentions Margaret Rees, RIP	Second Sunday of Lent
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

Requiescat in pace

Mrs. Maria Amelia McNab, whose Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 10th March, 2026 at 11am, at St. Peter's, Biggleswade.

Mrs. Rose Boulton, whose Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 13th March, 2026 at 12.30pm, at St. Francis, Shefford.

Thanks from Peter White

Peter White would like to express his gratitude to the Social club members and all the parishioners for the bouquet of flowers received for Alexis on Friday morning. He thanks all for the prayers and wishes.

CAFOD FAST DAY

CAFOD Fast Day is on Friday, 27th February 2026. Hence we will have the second collection next weekend. Please collect the CAFOD envelopes to give your contributions.

YOUTH GATHERING - JOURNEY TO THE CROSS on Friday, 27th February at St. Peter's

As we walk with Christ in this Lent to remain in His presence and to reflect on His sacrifice. we will have the Youth 'Adoration & Way of the Cross' on Friday, 27th February 2026 at 7pm.

- Way of the Cross
 - Eucharistic Adoration
 - Fellowship & Gathering afterwards (till 8.45pm)
- All youth from both of our parishes are warmly invited.

Pope Leo XIV – Message for Lent 2026

In his Message for Lent 2026, Pope Leo XIV presents Lent as a renewed time of conversion centred on listening and fasting. He calls the Church to deeper attentiveness to the Word of God and to the cry of the poor, reminding us that true listening forms compassionate and discerning hearts. Of particular pastoral relevance is his invitation to fast from words that wound, urging us to “disarm our language” and foster speech that builds communion. Lent, the Holy Father concludes, is a shared ecclesial journey in which renewed

listening and fasting can transform our relationships and communities as we move towards Easter.

Read the message here:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/02/13/260213d.html>

Open the Book

Would you like to spread the 'good news' to local children? Are you free for an hour on Wednesday mornings in term time? Then why not join your local "Open the Book" team.

Open the Book is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable.

To find out more visit:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/>
OR talk to Fiona Day or email fionaday@ntlworld.com

Safeguarding Training

We are pleased to invite those involved in parish ministries to an in-person safeguarding training day on Saturday 14 March, 10.00am–1.00pm, at the St Thomas Centre, 1 Semilong Road, Semilong, Northampton, NN2 6AG. Please bring a packed lunch if you would like to stay. Places are limited, so please sign up using the link below to secure your place:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/2056353>

Friday - Frugal Lent Lunches

CTISB will again offer **Free** frugal lunches every Friday during Lent from **Noon until 1:30pm at the Sandy Baptist Church**. It is St Peter's turn to serve on the CAFOD family fast day 27th February.

Churches together Lent Lunch in Shefford at Methodist Church on Saturday, 28th March.

World Day of Prayer (WDP): Friday 6th March

CTI - Sandy & Beeston at 2pm in the Sandy Methodist Church (Opposite, Engayne Ave, St Neots Rd, Sandy SG19 1BP)
CTI Shefford at 2pm in St Michaels Anglican Church
CTI Biggleswade - Pentecostal Church, Crab Lane, SG180LN at 7.30pm. Free parking off Chestnut Avenue.

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Collections of 14/15 Feb	£302.60	£396.75
Standing Orders	£130	£420

<u>Second Collection</u>
Next Week: CAFOD FAST DAY

Our Youth at NYMO Youth Gathering

