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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 1st March 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
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
Mon 2 nd Mar	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Barry Butler Birthday Intentions (RIP) Word & Communion	
Tues 3 rd Mar	9.30 am SFA	William and Una Dune	
Wed 4 th Mar	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Robinson RIP (FM) Word & Communion	St Casimir
Thu 5 th Mar	9.30 am SFA 2.00 pm SP	Word & Communion Wedding of Kelly and Bill	
Fri 6 th Mar	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Intentions of Fr Anand Prakash MSFS Word & Communion	St Perpetua and St Felicity
Sat 7 th Mar	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Brian and Sam Weeks Jo Hardy Intentions Philip McGahern RIP (1 st Anniversary)	
Sun 8 th Mar	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Bridget Moore RIP Marianne Wasser RIP Shaun Smith RIP	Third 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 March

William Arrowsmith, Nellie Jenkins (2000), Gerard Francis (2000), Beatrice Eileen le Page (2002), Steven Gerard William Cremin (2002), Ellen Sarah Dorkings (2003), Kathleen Murid Johnson (2005), Demytro Sagalewytsh (2005), Simone Martin (2006), Addolorata Crouch (2006), Ivor Paul Mansfield (2006), John Antony Flanagan (2006), Simone Josephine Euphrasie (2006), Eaton Law (2007), Emma Louise Mary Murphy (2007), Kathleen Rice (2010), Anthony Murphy (2010), Bernard Butler (2010), Francisco Rodrigues (2013), Christine Robb (2013), Elizabeth McIntosh (2013), George Devine (2013), Colin Nugent (2013), Juna Gardiner (2014), Frederick Sydney Hayes (2014), Cyril Minney (2015), Eleanor Wood (2015), Maria Duxbury (2016), John Dolan (2021), Mary Agnes Makin (2024), Phillip McGahern (2025)

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.

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

Mrs. Patricia Auchterlounie, whose Requiem Mass will be on Monday 16th March, 2026 at 12pm, at St. Peter's, Biggleswade.

Mr. Chris Parker, whose funeral service will be on Saturday 7th March, 2026 at 3pm, at St. Andrew's Church, Shortmead, Biggleswade.

YOUTH MASS on Sunday 8th March at 1pm at St. Peter's

This is a special time of worship and reflection for the Youth as we journey through the season of Lent.

All youth from both of our parishes are warmly invited.

All our parishioners, too, are most welcome.

Mission Appeal

The Annual Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Northampton has been assigned, by the Catholic Missionary Union, to the Xaverian Missionaries. We are delighted to be able to invite them into the diocese to raise awareness of Mission, both overseas and closer to home. They will be with us in our parishes on 14th and 15th March 2026.

Hearty welcome to them.

Knock Pilgrimages

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 26th April 2026. £999.00 pps. Price includes flight from Heathrow or Luton, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Cooking demonstration. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Vacancies

We are currently recruiting three Property Area Coordinators, each responsible for the maintenance, compliance, and performance of a defined portfolio of properties within an allocated geographic area of the Diocese. The role ensures that buildings are safe, legally compliant, well maintained, and fit for mission and ministry, while providing support to parishes, clergy, and diocesan stakeholders. This is a full-time, 12-month fixed-term contract, with the possibility of extension or becoming permanent. As each role covers a different part of the Diocese, three area-specific job descriptions are available, and candidates should review the one relevant to their preferred location.

The closing date for applications is Friday 7th March 2026.

Full information for the position and an application form can

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Collections of 14/15 Feb	£244.10	£421.93
Standing Orders	£130	£420

be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs> All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

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.**

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.

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 14th

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>



Second Collection

This Week: CAFOD