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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

27th September 2026

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 26 th Sept	10.00 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Pilgrimage of St. Joseph's & Christ the King parishes to St. Francis, Shefford Mary Mahady intentions	Mass is at 11am (Confessions at St. Francis from 9.30 – 10am)
Sun 27 th Sept	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	People of our Parishes Brigitte McMahon, RIP Billy Birdie Doherty family intentions	Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon 28 th Sept	9.30 am SP 11.00 am SFA	Daniel Brudney, RIP Requiem Mass for Denis Coleman	
Tues 29 th Sept	9.30 am SFA	For intentions of all the members of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales	Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Wed 30 th Sept	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Word & Communion Word & Communion	St Jerome
Thu 1 st Oct	7.30 pm SFA	Lynne Stevens, RIP (FM)	7 th day of Novena Mass St Theresa of Child Jesus
Fri 2 nd Oct	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	NO MASS Private Intention	8 th day of Novena Mass Holy Guardian Angels
Sat 3 rd Oct	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Margaret Reece, RIP Tony and Eileen Ball, RIP	9 th day of Novena Mass
Sun 4 th Oct	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SFA 5.15 pm SFA	People of our Parishes Jan O'Sullivan and family intentions Private Intention	Feast of St Francis of Assisi Jubilee Mass
Confessions	Saturdays: 10.00-10.30am (SFA), 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 October

John O'Neill (2000), Daniel James Clarke (2001), Peter Corbett Forth (2001), Emanuele Urtone (2001), Amy Winifred Gardner (2002), Monica Patricia Louise Stanbridge (2002), John Michael Clement (2003), Patricia Rousa (2003), Millie Mitchell (2003), Frank Grant (2003), Grace Jeeves (2003), Cecilia Kathleen Waters (2004), Kevin James Prout (2005), Anna Clarke (2006), Raffaele Rucgiero (2008), Alice Theophila Cole (2008), Frederick Joseph Chapman (2010), James Gaye (2010), Pasquale De Benedictus (2011), Joyce Olive Hawkins (2011), Phillip Noel Lyth Dutchman (2011), Maureen Canella (2013), William Alfred Flowers (2013), Roy Watts (2014), Russell Hutton (2015), Patricia Clarke (2015), Nora Forshaw (2015), Milan Pavlovic (2015), Winifred Bates (2015), Peter Reid (2015), Angela Rose Mansfield (2016), John Joseph Comerford (2025), Genowefa Oprzadek (2025)

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

PARISH NOTICES

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi: 4th October

3rd October (Saturday): Vigil Mass at St. Peter's at 6.30pm

4th October (Sunday):

All Masses are at St. Francis, Shefford at 9am, 11am and 5.15pm

(Please note there is no 11am Mass at St. Peter's, Biggleswade)

4pm: Blessing of the Pets

Jubilee Pilgrimages to St. Francis of Assisi, Shefford

As we are in the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, all the parishes in our Bedfordshire Deanery are making a pilgrimage to our parish of St. Francis in Shefford. The details of the pilgrimages of the parishes are as follows:

26th September: St. Joseph's & Our Lady's, Christ the King

4th October: St. Francis and St. Peter's Biggleswade
(Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)

17th October: Sacred Heart at Flitwick & Leighton Buzzard

26th October: St. Bernardine of Siena, Buckingham

26th –30th September: Novena prayers after the Masses

1st –3rd October: Tridium Masses at St. Francis, Shefford

The Annual Blessing of our Pets on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi at Shefford - 4th October at 4pm in the car park

Please bring your pets to this service. A Service of the blessing of pets is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gift of animals, and for us to ask God's blessing on all that he has made. A blessing involves praise of God; the wish that spiritual good fortune will go with what is blessed and dedicates someone or something for a sacred purpose. A blessing also reminds us that all good gifts are gifts from God.

Requiescat in pace

Mr. Denis Coleman, whose funeral service will be on Monday 28th September, 2026 at 11am at St Francis, Shefford.

OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the liturgical and pastoral process by which adults become Catholic. **The OCIA programme will be starting on the evening of the 30th September at 8pm (after Word and Communion Service) at St. Francis, Shefford.**

This programme will be completed at Easter 2027 where participants will be accepted into full communion in the Church.

Anyone who would like to make enquiries please speak to Fr. Prasad Kasireddy MSFS 07495422777 or Rev. Deacon

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Last week's Collections	£316.90	£357.72
Standing Orders	£130	£420
Second Collection	£108.47	£102.07

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Confirmation 2027

We would like to invite young people (in year 7 or above) who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to register their interest by completing a form, available in the porch at Biggleswade or from Jay Bridge at Shefford.

We expect the preparation programme to begin after Easter with the Confirmation Mass taking place in June/July 2027. Any adults who wish to be confirmed can also complete a form and appropriate support will be arranged.

First Holy Communion – St. Francis, Shefford

St Francis - Registration is now open for children who wish to make their First Holy Communion in 2027. Please sign up using the QR code or link below. There will be a meeting for parents after Sunday morning Mass on 25th October. This is for children who will be 8 years old by 31st August, 2027.



CASPAR

You can sign up to our First Holy Communion programme from our Parish Census. Simply follow the link or scan the QR Code on your phone. You can also sign up to receive the parish newsletter by email or phone.

www.caspar.church/me?ID=56078



First Holy Communion – St. Peter's Biggleswade

Registration is now open for children who wish to make their First Holy Communion in 2027 at St. Peter's. More details to follow. Meanwhile, please sign up using the email below: child-faith@st-peters.uk

SVP Memorial Mass at St Peter's: 7th November, 3.00pm

Together with Fr Prasad the SVP is arranging a Mass to remember and celebrate the lives of all the people we know who have died since 1st November, 2025.

People who have attended St Peter's memorial services previously commented how lovely these services were and how they helped their families. We invite those who would wish to remember and celebrate the life of a loved one who has died since the 1st November, 2025 to complete the on-line registration form

<https://forms.gle/PbAcYEwiUbodb62V8>.

If you don't have internet access then call 07526 753986 and one of the SVP members will do this for you.

October: The Month of the Holy Rosary

October is designated as the Month of the Holy Rosary primarily because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on October 7th. Historical Origins of this feast goes back to the Battle of Lepanto (1571). Pope St. Pius V established the feast (originally called Our Lady of Victory) to thank the Blessed Virgin Mary for the miraculous victory of Christian naval forces over the Ottoman Empire on 7th October, 1571. The victory was widely attributed to the faithful praying the Rosary for intercession. In the late 19th century, Pope Leo XIII strongly promoted the devotion, issuing numerous encyclicals and officially dedicating the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary to pray for peace and the protection of the Church.

Let's pray the Holy Rosary in our families.