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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
15th NOVEMBER

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 14th Nov	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Rev Deacon Rory Stewart, RIP Joseph McDonald, RIP	
Sun 15th Nov	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Philip Armstrong intentions John Peters, RIP Margaret Reece, RIP	**Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Mon 16th Nov	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	
Tues 17th Nov	9.30 am SFA	Deacon Peter Hyde's good health	
Wed 18th Nov	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	
Thu 19th Nov	9.30 am SFA	Holy Souls	
Fri 20th Nov	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	
Sat 21st Nov	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Holy Souls For the people of our parishes	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 22nd Nov	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	David Howe, RIP Cyril D'Silva, RIP Rose Boulton, RIP	**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
Confessions	**Saturdays**: 10.00-10.30am (SFA), 5.45 – 6.15 pm (SP)		
Adoration	**Wednesdays**: 7-7.30pm (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 November

Anne Reilly (2000), Mary Ann Rainbow (2001), Anthony Sapiano (2001), Andrew Taylor (2001), Denis Thatcher (2001), Grace Beegan (2001), Charlotte Reeves (2002), Henry Craig (2002), Rudolph Ulfein (2002), Rose Grant (2003), Allan Mark Sinfield (2003), Peter John Palumbo (2003), Michael Kernicki (2003), Linda Mary Lilley (2003), Anna Kitchener (2003), John McNichols (2003), Roderick Brim (2003), Margaret Irvine (2004), John James Doyle (2004), Nora Quinn (2006), William Hogan (2006), Annetta Rook (2007), Thomas McDonald (2008), Eileen Betty Wilson (2009), Johanna Marian Quinn (2009), Michael McLaughlan (2010), Mart Winifred Booth (2010), Eileen Collins (2010), Mary Francis (2010), Frederick Borg (2011), Margaret Willisher (2011), John Maurice Patrick (2013), Janice Ann Gander (2013), Bridget Mary Rushbridge (2014), Mary Luby (2014), Basil Dodman (2015), Michael Hogan (2015), Canon Michael Griffiths (2017), Teagan Rose Blake (2022), Fr Richard Moroney (2023), Elizabeth Mary Freeman (2024), Ellen Gavillet (2024), Pamela Allam (2025), Peter Michael Arrowsmith (2025), Kevin John McKenna (2025)

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

PARISH NOTICES

Youth Mass on 15th November
The next parish youth mass is on 15th November at St. Francis of Assisi, Shefford, at 5.15pm.
I exhort all the youth to partake in this Mass.

Tenth World Day of the Poor
The Church will celebrate the tenth World Day of the Poor on Sunday 15th November. This year's theme, *"The Lord is the refuge of the poor"* (Psalm 14:6), comes from Pope Leo XIV's message, in which he calls the Church to become a place of welcome, dignity and hope for those experiencing poverty.
Marking the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, Pope Leo recalls the saint's compassion for those who were poor, encouraging us to stand alongside others rather than simply speak about them.

Christmas Bazaar at St. Peter's on Saturday 21st Nov
It's now only two weeks until the big event. Thank you to all who have returned their raffle tickets and handed in goods and bottles for the bazaar. We still need your help to make this bazaar a success. If you can help with any unwanted gifts, good quality toys and of course some nice wine, it would really be appreciated. We can't sell clothes or any electrical goods as they require a PAT testing certificate.
Thank you for your continued support.
Your Social Club Committee

Bike and Hike
A big thanks from Ann Hampshire - we raised £738 of which 50% comes back to our church. I would like to thank all those who participated especially our children. Without sponsors we couldn't do this so once again our parishioners did us proud. A big thanks to all those who helped man the porch to welcome those taking part and offer refreshments. Thanks everyone.

Xmas tree
Phil Graves and John Hampshire have gladly taken this task on for the past 20 years - they have now "retired" so we offer thanks for their support. Many thanks to Gerry and family for taking over, no doubt it will be more impressive than ever.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY – Sunday 22nd November 2026
For young people, aged 11–35, at Northampton Cathedral and St Thomas' Centre.
Join young people from across the Diocese of Northampton for a special celebration of World Youth Sunday! The afternoon will begin with Youth Mass at Northampton Cathedral at 3pm, bringing young people together in faith and prayer as one diocesan community.
After Mass, join us for the World Youth Sunday PARTY! – a concert celebrating the gifts and talents of young people from across our Diocese. Would you like to perform at the concert? We'd love to hear from you! Contact nymo.admin@northamptondiocese.org for more information.
Find out more and register at nymo.org/world-youth-sunday.

Advent Online Retreat
Walking with St Francis through Advent: online retreat
Thursday evenings from 26th November at 7.30pm
Four Advent talks exploring different aspects of the life, spirituality and legacy of St Francis of Assisi, as we mark the 800th anniversary of his death. Together, we will discover how the example of St Francis can inspire and guide us on our own journey through Advent.
Live on YouTube on Thursday evenings, and at any time afterwards via the link. To register, sign up here:
https://northamptondiocese.org/advent-retreat-2026/

Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Journey to South America
Pope Leo XIV departed Rome on 6th November for a 12-day Apostolic Journey to Uruguay, Argentina and Peru, his sixth international visit since the beginning of his pontificate.
Across the three countries, the Holy Father will visit ten cities, meeting civil and political leaders, bishops, clergy, religious, young people and local communities.
The journey has particular significance in Peru, where Pope Leo served as an Augustinian missionary and later as Bishop of Chiclayo, before his election as Pope. His return offers an opportunity to reconnect with communities among whom he ministered for many years.
In Argentina, the visit will be the first papal journey since St John Paul II visited in 1987, and carries added significance as the homeland of Pope Francis.
The Holy Father brings a message of faith, peace, fraternity and hope. We are invited to accompany him and the people of these three nations in our prayers.

2027 Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela
2027 is a Jacobean Jubilee Year and the Bedfordshire Pastoral Area is proposing to run a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Sept/Oct. Any parishioners interested in joining the pilgrimage should contact Deacon Crispin (deaconcrispin.walklinglea@northamptondiocese.org) for more information. Pilgrims will need to be independent and capable of walking 115km over six days, carrying their own pack. The estimated cost of the pilgrimage is £550/person.

Second Collection

This week: Missionaries of St Francis de Sales

Next Week: National Youth Sunday

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Last week's Collections	£327.10	£281.01