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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
22nd NOVEMBER

Date	Time	Intentions	
Sat 21st Nov	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Holy Souls Nella Washington, RIP	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**
Mon 23rd Nov	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	For the people of our parishes Word & Communion	
Tues 24th Nov	9.30 am SFA	Deacon Peter Hyde intentions	St Andrew Dung-Lac and the Martyrs of Vietnam
Wed 25th Nov	9.30 am SP 7.30 pm SFA	Bobby Johnson, RIP Word & Communion	
Thu 26th Nov	9.30 am SFA	Holy Souls	
Fri 27th Nov	9.30 am SP 9.30 am SFA	Private Intention Word & Communion	
Sat 28th Nov	9.30 am SFA 6.30 pm SP	Holy Souls For the people of our parishes	
Sun 29th Nov	9.00 am SFA 11.00 am SP 5.15 pm SFA	Deceased members of the Willis family Fiona Eileen Powell intentions Janet Manning (Sister Margaret), RIP	**First Sunday of Advent**
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

BIG THANK YOU
I would like to thank each and every one of you for your generous donations towards the missions of our Congregation of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales (MSFS). May God bless you all.

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.
Contact nymo.admin@northamptondiocese.org for more information. Find out more and register at nymo.org/world-youth-sunday.

SVP Giving Trees at St Francis & St Peter's from this Weekend to Sunday 13/12/2026
If you want to buy a present for someone in need this Christmas, take an item listed on a post-it note, purchase the present and bring it back either wrapped or unwrapped with the post-it note stuck on it with sticky tape and SVP members will deliver in time for Christmas. The Giving Tree at St Peter's is supporting our local women's refuge, The Need Project and our beneficiaries who live locally and St Francis will be supporting Churches Together Shefford's initiative to provide a Christmas lunch celebration for families and anyone who is alone on Christmas Day. The SVP will be providing refreshments and selling Christmas cards (religious cards in packs of ten from £4.50 per pack) after Mass at St Peter's Church on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November. Please bring money on the day, phone tap payments hopefully will be available as well.

St Peter's Christmas dinner
If you would like to join other parishioners this Christmas, you are welcome to come to St Peter's for Christmas dinner on Christmas Day at 2.30pm. A £10 donation towards costs is required. The deadline to let us know is 6th December. Please contact Nick or Fiona Whitehead if you would like to attend. For more information email Nickbtwhitehead@gmail.com or leave a message on the parish mobile number 07495 422777.

Eucharistic Adoration – Feast of Christ The King on Saturday 21st November at Sacred Heart, Flitwick
We warmly invite you to join us for Eucharistic Adoration, with modern worship hymns led by our young people. Tea and coffee will be served at the back of the church after the 5.00pm Mass, with Adoration beginning at 6.15pm.

***'Walking with St Francis through Advent'*: online retreat, Thursdays from 7.30pm**
Join us for the first week of our diocesan online Advent retreat with speaker Brian Purfield to explore St Francis' early life and call. Available live via YouTube, or at any time after that suits you. For more information, or to register, visit: https://northamptondiocese.org/advent-retreat-2026/

Unwrap Advent with Radio Maria UK
Radio Maria UK is inviting listeners to prepare for Christmas through Unwrap Advent, a new initiative exploring the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. From Monday 23rd November, listeners can receive a personal Gift, wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety or fear of the Lord and discover how it can deepen their faith and enrich daily life. To take part, call Radio Maria UK on 0333 444 1211 during programmes between 23rd and 27th November, or register online at RadioMaria.uk Everyone who registers will receive a Bible passage linked to their Gift for prayer and reflection.

St. Peter's Basilica celebrates 400th Anniversary
18th November 2026, marked 400 years since the consecration of St Peter's Basilica in Rome. Consecrated by Pope Urban VIII in 1626, construction began in 1506 under Pope Julius II, with renowned artists and architects including Michelangelo, Bramante and Bernini contributing to its creation. Built over the traditional burial place of St Peter, the Basilica remains at the heart of Vatican City and a focal point for Catholics worldwide. A special Mass is being celebrated today to mark the anniversary and give thanks for this extraordinary landmark's enduring place in the life of the Church.

Columban Schools Competition 2027
Young people invited to make their mark
The Columban Schools Competition invites young people aged 13–18 to explore the impact of technology, particularly artificial intelligence, on our world, through the lens of faith and Catholic Social Teaching. Inspired by Pope Leo XIV's teaching on human dignity, individual rights and the common good of creation, this year's theme challenges young people to consider how we can respond to technological change while remaining faithful to the Gospel. Students in Britain can enter an original piece of writing or an image. Entries must be submitted by 9th February 2027. A wonderful opportunity for young people to share their creativity, ideas and hopes for a more just world.

	St. Francis	St. Peter's
Last week's Collections	£399.10	£254.50
Mission Appeal (MSFS)	£1249.41	£256.20

Second Collection

This week: National Youth Sunday