

Northampton Cathedral Hub serving the following Churches in our Diocese

Cathedral NN2 6AG | St Aidan's Kingsthorpe NN2 6QJ | SS Francis & Therese Hunsbury NN4 0RZ | St Thomas More Towcester NN12 6JX

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PARISH REPOSITORY/SHOP: ST THOMAS CENTRE
For Mass cards and religious items.
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu and Fri, 10am-1pm
The Parish Office is closed on Thursday afternoon.

4th May 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - (YEAR C)

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury		
Saturday	3rd May	9.30am	Christopher Stephenson RIP	FIRST SATURDAY	ADORATION AND CONFESSION
		6.00pm	The Hogan Family RIP		
Sunday	4th May	8.30am	FOR THE PARISH		
		11.00am	Sarah McTaggart RIP		
		1.00pm	NIGERIAN MASS		Refreshments in the St Thomas Centre after Mass
		5.15pm	Ruby Gaughan RIP		
Monday	5th May	10.00am	Chris Lally RIP		BANK HOLIDAY
		6.30pm	REHEARSAL FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		
Tuesday	6th May	9.30am	Glen Bowen Int		
Wednesday	7th May	9.30am	K P White Int		Tea & Coffee after Mass in the St Thomas Centre
Thursday	8th May	6.00pm	ADORATION		
		7.00pm	Michael Heaphy RIP		
Friday	9th May	12noon	Mary & Denis Spillane RIP	PILGRIMAGE MASS WITH CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION AFTER MASS	
		9.30am	Michael Heaphy RIP		ADORATION AND CONFESSION
Saturday	10th May	12noon	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		
		6.00pm	Peggy & Gerry Roan RIP		
		8.30am	Maureen Clarke RIP		
Sunday	11th May	11.00am	Michael Hughes RIP		
		5.15pm	FOR THE PARISH		

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	www.staidansnorthampton.org.uk
Sunday	4th May	9.45am	FOR THE PARISH	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Monday	5th May	6.30pm	REHEARSAL FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	
Thursday	8th May	9.30am	Mrs Varghese RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Sunday	11th May	9.45am	Joe Kelly Int	Tea/Coffee After Mass
			FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk
Sunday	4th May	9.30am	Barrett & Lavelle Family Int	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Monday	5 th May	6.30pm	REHEARSAL FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	
Tuesday	6th May	9.30am	William Lynch RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	8th May	9.30am	Tom Mullhall RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Saturday	10th May	12noon	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	
Sunday	11th May	9.30am	Michael Earley RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	St Thomas More, Towcester	www.stthomasmorerc.org
Saturday	3rd May	5.30pm	Brendan Kenny RIP	Adoration & Confession from 4.45 to 5.15pm
Sunday	4th May	11.00am	Richard Hardwick RIP	Tea/Coffee after Mass
Monday	5th May	9.30am	Special Intention	Adoration & Confession from 9.00am
Wednesday	7th May	9.30am	Alice Roddy Int	Adoration & Confession from 9.00am
Friday	9th May	9.30am	Betty Roddy Int	Adoration & Confession from 9.00am
Saturday	10th May	5.30pm	Kathleen Minett RIP	Adoration & Confession from 4.45 to 5.15pm
Sunday	11th May	11.00am	Hugh Roddy Int	

Response to the Psalm. **I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.**
Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia. **Christ is risen, who created all things and has**
shown compassion on the human race. Alleluia

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Peter and the apostles, with a confidence gained by the Resurrection, 'obey God rather than men'. They rejoice to suffer in his name and 'extol the Lord' because of the new life they have received. Like he did them, Jesus loves us to the end, wanting our return, asking only one question: 'Do you love me?'

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

The second Collection this weekend is for the Priests Training Fund

NEXT SUNDAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched Vocations Sunday, which we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday. This year it is on the 11 May 2025, which marks the 62nd Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

POPE FRANCIS died Monday 21st April 2025 May He Rest in Peace.

The Cathedral and the St Thomas Centre have books of Condolence if you would like to write your personal message. If you would like to leave a digital message on our diocesan book of condolence visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/book-of-condolence/>

Please pray for the Cardinals involved in the Conclave process and for their result which will bring us a successor to *Saint Peter*, not a successor to *Pope Francis*, as is often incorrectly reported.

THERE WILL BE A CONDOLENCE BOOK AT SS FRANCIS & THERESE CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

This is an opportunity for the parishioners to write their message.

NIGERIAN MASS Sunday 4th May at 1.00pm in the Cathedral

Do come along and join in this celebration Mass.

Refreshments will be served in the St Thomas Centre after the Mass

MONDAY 5TH MAY IS A BANK HOLIDAY

Mass will be celebrated at St Thomas More at 9.30am and Northampton Cathedral at 10.00am

RE:NEW Saturday 10th May 2025 at 10.30am in the St Thomas Cathedral Centre

An uplifting morning with worship, friendship and the usual pastries and coffee. Please feel free to invite your friends and family members especially those who may be interested in exploring faith or re-exploring faith. We also plan to have a separate session for children so feel free to come with and to invite families. Our speaker this month is Kate Houghton. Kate is a member of St Edmund Campion Catholic Church in Wellingborough. Kate is a self-employed Mental Health First Aid instructor, and also works for Public Health at West Northamptonshire Council co-ordinating mental health training.

National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 20th May 2025 – Theme: "The Empty Chair"

This day recognises the absence of those who cannot return to Church due to abuse. They may be survivors, family members, or others deeply affected. "The Empty Chair" represents their pain and presence.

COPIES OF THE CATHOLIC POST ARE AVAILABLE FEATURING A SOUVINOR EDITION OF POPE FRANCIS Cost 20p each

VISITATION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA and the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. **Saturday 21st June 2025** in the Cathedral

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS Thank you for your continued support

Cathedral	St Aidan
W/e 26th & 27th April £1668.81 plus S/O £989.50 approx Total £2658.31	W/e 26th & 27th April £578.42 plus S/O £291.00 approx Total £869.42
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 26th & 27th April £464.55 plus S/O £181.25 approx Total £645.80	St Thomas More W/e 26th & 27th April £632.91 plus S/O £242.25 approx Total £875.16

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently

Katherine Rose Tooley: Tuesday 13th May at 1.00pm (St Aidan's)

Bridget Cotterill: Tuesday 13th May at 10.15am
(Counties Crematorium)

Dr Louise Sheppard: Thursday 15th May at 1.30pm (Cathedral)

Linda 'Lyn' Brunero: Friday 16th May at 9.45am (Cathedral)

Frances Duffus: Monday 19th May at 2pm (Cathedral)

Louis Maestri: Friday 23rd May at 12.15pm (Counties Crematorium)
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

CATHEDRAL HUB GROUPS

Bereavement Group: Saturday 3rd May 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Cathedral & Sacristy

Scripture Reflection: Tuesday 6th May (St Felix Room)

Choir Practice: Thursday 8th May at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

Knight of St Columba: Friday 9th May at 7pm (St Felix Room)

Legion of Mary: Saturday 10th May at 4pm (St Felix Room)

Confirmation Session: Saturday 24th May from 2pm-6pm

ALL THESE EVENTS BELOW ARE IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE

Good Companions: Wednesday 7th May 12noon to 3pm

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 8th May from 11am to 12.30pm

SVP Meeting: Monday 12th May at 7.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Rehearsal on Monday 5th May at 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the church where your child is making their First Holy Communion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY Saturday 10th May at 12noon (Cathedral) & (Ss Francis & Therese). **Sunday 11th May** at 9.45am at St Aidan's

CONFIRMATION MASS – Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm

PARENTS EVENING FOR BAPTISM FAMILIES

Wednesday 28th May at 7pm in the St Thomas Centre

Parents wishing to have their child baptised need to come along to this meeting. This is a time to learn about your responsibilities as parents and those of the Godparents. At the end of the session, you will be able to book your child's baptism.

DIOCESAN JUNIOR CHOIR CONCERT – SATURDAY 7TH JUNE AT 3PM in the Cathedral. "Faith. Hope. Love. A Musical Journey."

The programme will feature songs centred around these themes, and we would love to connect it with the spirit of the **Jubilee Year**. In fact, we plan to include the official Jubilee Year Hymn, "*Pilgrims of Hope*." The concert will be **free to attend**, but we invite the audience to make a voluntary donation. Come and listen to these talented children.

THE DIOCESAN JUNIOR CHOIR Are looking for new members

For children aged 8 to 11years Wednesday Evening from 4.15pm to 5.15pm in the St Thomas Centre at the Cathedral.

Choir Leader: Marcela Campana

Contact choirs@northamptondiocese.org for more information.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS in the St Thomas Centre at 6.45pm

Tuesday 13th May God's Love with Charles Whitehead

Tuesday 20th May Salvation with Dr Maria Heath

Tuesday 27th May New Life in Christ with Abhy Thomas

Tuesday 3rd June Receive God's Gift with Dom McDermott

Saturday 7th June 1pm to 5.00pm Baptism in the Holy Spirit with Gary Stephens (New Dawn) in Luton at St John the Apostle

Tuesday 10th June Growth with Jenny Baker

Tuesday 17th June Transformation with Fr Simon Penhalagan

NYMO – D-Summer Weekend

Calling all young people of the Northampton Diocese! We'll be gathering young people from across the diocese for a residential weekend of games, discussions, activities, socialising, and prayer. Come meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and share in a mountaintop moment.

When: 11–13 July 2025 **Who:** Ages 11–18

Where: Sion Catholic Community, SENT, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX (Transport provided) **More info:** www.nymo.org/d-summer

Cost: £90 (£80 without transport)