

Northampton Cathedral Hub serving the following Churches in our Diocese

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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.

2nd August 2026 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A

Feast Days: Tuesday: St John Vianney, Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord, Saturday: St Dominic

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	1st August	9.30am	Mr & Mrs Mirawda RIP
		6.00pm	All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	2nd August	8.30am	FOR THE PARISH
		11.00am	Peggy & Mike McKay RIP
		1.00pm	Baptism of Michelle
		5.15pm	Bridget Coleman
Monday	3rd August	6.15pm	ROSARY LED BY THE LEGION ON MARY
Tuesday	4th August	7.00pm	Christopher Stephenson RIP
		9.30am	Ramona Singh RIP
Wednesday	5th August	9.30am	Margaret 'Peggy' Barrett RIP
Thursday	6th August		Tea and coffee after mass in the St Thomas Centre
		9.30am	FUNERAL MASS FOR JACKIE HOGAN RIP
		6.00pm	ADORATION
Friday	7th August	7.00pm	Margaret Bradbury Int
		12noon	Sr Morinna & Sr Maria Goretti RIP
Saturday	8th August		CONFESIONS AND ADORATION AFTER MASS
		9.30am	Michael Dooley RIP
		12.noon	BAPTISM of Aevin, Devin, Emma, Zoe & Kuri
Sunday	9th August	6.00pm	Joe and Sheila Loftus RIP
		8.30am	Maria Senatore RIP
		11.00am	FOR THE PARISH
		5.15pm	Teresa Nelligan RIP

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	www.staidansnorthampton.org
Sunday	2nd August	9.45am	Maureen McGragh Int	Tea & Coffee after Mass
		2.30pm	Come Rain – Come Shine Concert from Amicorum Singers	
Monday	3rd August	11.15am	FUNERAL MASS FOR ROBIN BURNES RIP	
Thursday	6th August	9.30am	Hugh & Tessie Bonner RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Sunday	9th August	9.45am	Ron Martin RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk
Sunday	2nd August	9.30am	John Mulgaghy Int	Tea & Coffee after Mass
Monday	3rd August	1.30pm	FUNERAL SERVICE OF ELIZABETH DEVINE RIP	
Tuesday	4th August	9.30am	George & Sadie Sweeney Int	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	6th August	9.30am	Adrian Neeson RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Sunday	9th August	9.30am	FOR THE PARISH	Tea & Coffee after Mass

Responsorial Psalm

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. One does not live on bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God Alleluia.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

All the reading today speak of how God loves us by giving us his Word; feeding us with compassion, as Christ feeds the crowd and heals them.

Nothing can separate us from this love of God in Christ – as St Paul makes clear – and indeed nothing could be more loving than Christ given us his very self in the Eucharist, of which the miracle of the loaves and fishes is a foretaste.

COME RAIN, COME SHINE

AT ST AIDAN'S CHURCH SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST AT 2.30PM

Amicorum Singers present an afternoon of music to raise funds to support our parish. There will be refreshments and a Raffle.

Do come along and join us – no need to book and free entry. There will be a retiring collection.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SWOP SHOP

SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST AFTER MASS IN ST AIDAN PARISH ROOM

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES

Saturday 5th Sept at 12noon

UPDATED INFORMATION

You can continue to register for this event on 5 September at 12:00 noon at the Cathedral. Registration is necessary only to book for refreshments, or to tell us about a milestone anniversary. Paper forms, available in the porch, must be submitted no later than 15 August (to allow for posting). Online registrations (at <https://bit.ly/43Qkt0u>) must be submitted by 22 August (allowing us to finalise arrangements for catering and printing).

COPIES OF THE FORM ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.

SAVE THE DATE – CATHEDRAL FAMILY FUN DAY!

Sunday 6th September 12-3pm

Fr Simon would like to invite you all to join him in an opportunity for the parish community to be together. Please come along to the lawn for food, games and entertainment following 11am mass. All are invited. Please contact a member of the Parish office to offer prizes for the raffle and tombola, as well as your help and support with activities. Look out for posters through the summer.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS – CAFÉ 1850

Café 1850 has additional play items for young children in the garden area as well as a children's lunch deal. On 4th August they are also hosting a Teddy Bear's Picnic. Please pop into the Café 1850 to find out more!

NIGERIAN MASS

Sunday 30th August at 1.00pm in the Cathedral

Do try and come along.

APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR

The Diocese of Northampton continues to be supported by Archbishop Richard Moth and he has celebrated Mass at the Cathedral as he takes on this role. *'This evening, I would like to say to you, the lay faithful of this diocese, and to you, brothers in priesthood and diaconate, that as the family of this diocese, as Christ's people here in this part of His world, this is a moment when we must focus our minds and our hearts ever more closely on Him.'*

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

A reminder that envelopes for other parishes that are put into the Cathedral collection remain as donations to the Cathedral. Gift Aid is still claimed by the other parishes.

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Cathedral	St Aidan
W/e 25th & 26th July £1567.47 plus S/O £715.41 Approx Total £2282.89	W/e 25th & 26th July £431.99 plus S/O £230.13 Approx Total £662.12
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 25th & 26th July £435.10 plus S/O £181.25 Approx Total £616.35	Thank you for your generosity

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently and have funerals arranged

Robin Burnes: Monday 3rd August at 11.15am (St Aidan's)

Elizabeth Devine: Monday 3rd August at 1.30pm (Ss Francis & Therese)

Enda Stocker: Wednesday 5th August at 12.30pm (Counties Crematorium)

Jackie Hogan: Thursday 6th August at 9.30am (Cathedral)

Carol Daly: Friday 14th August at 12noon (Cathedral)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

CATHEDRAL HUB GROUPS

Scripture Reflection: No meetings until the 1st September

Choir Practice: Thursdays at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

Legion of Mary: Wednesday at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

Scripture Study Group: Thursday evening at Ss Francis and Therese 7pm

Young Adults: Friday 7th August at 7.30pm

Altar Servers Group: Saturday 15th August 4pm to 5.30pm in the Sacristy

Bereavement Group: Saturday 15th August from 2.30 to 4.30pm (Cathedral)

Belong & Befed (Youth Ministry): Saturday 5th September 7.15pm to 9.00pm in the Sacristy

Cathedral & Ss Francis & Therese SVP – Meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 7pm in the St Thomas Centre

ALL THE EVENTS BELOW ARE IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE

Good Companions: No meetings now until September

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 10am to 11.30am

NOVENA FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Assumption is an important feast in the Church.

It instructs us on one of the important Marian Dogmas, and it is an important feast to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To prepare for the 15th of August, this novena starts on Thursday August 6th. Please pick up details in the church porches or participate via the online links. [Assumption Novena - Pray More Novenas - Novena Prayers & Catholic Devotion](#)

PARISH REPOSITORY

All three Cathedral Hub parishes have a repository available after Sunday morning masses (8.30am Cathedral). The St Thomas centre has further items and availability throughout the week.
Monday to Friday (10am-1pm).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME FOR 2026-27

For children in school year 3 and above from September, our programme for next year is now open for registration. All applications need to be registered via CASPAR. If you are new to CASPAR, you can sign up easily by following the link below. The closing date is 6th September 2026. Please see poster for details. The sessions will begin mid-September – details will be shared following registration.

www.caspar.church/me?ID=56060

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

St Gregory the Great church, Park Ave. North, 15th August 2026
Holy Mass at 10.30am followed by Eucharistic Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be a Rosary in the Parish garden at 12 noon.
Please join the community at St Gregory's for this special day.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

CAFOD Volunteers wish to express thanks to those 263 persons across the Cathedral Hub who added their signatures to CAFOD's Debt Justice Petition. You can still add your support to the petition before 1 September by visiting <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/the-global-debt-crisis>.

RIDE, STRIDE & DRIVE

Saturday 12th September

Annual fundraiser for Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust
Posters available in porches if you would like to get involved

OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO MEDJUGORJE

6th to 13th October trip to Medjugorje. Contact: Anne-Marie on 07833150126 for more information. The cost is 400 Euros plus flight sharing a room. 500 Euros for a single room plus flight.

LOST PROPERTY – CATHEDRAL

Items left in the church are behind the reception desk in the St Thomas centre. Please call the office or pop in to retrieve any lost items. Items include spectacles, prayer books, mobile phones and clothing 714556