

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.

1st December 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Feast Days: Tuesday: St Francis Xavier, Saturday: St Ambrose

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	30th November	9.30am	Michael & Mary Dooley Int CONFESIONS AFTER MASS
		1.00pm	Baptism of Maximilian, Adam, Julian & Funmilayo
		6.00pm	Grazia Pirisi RIP
Sunday	1st December	8.30am	Adrian & Colleen Leong Int
		11.00am	FOR THE PARISH
		5.15pm	Joseph Bailey RIP
Monday	2nd December	9.30am	Christopher Stephenson RIP
		6.00pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN – First Confession
Tuesday	3rd December	9.30am	Bill Ryan RIP
Wednesday	4th December	7.00am	'RORATE' - DAWN MASS BY CANDLELIGHT FOR ADVENT
		9.30am	Michael & Jaine Fernandes Int Tea & Coffee after Mass in the St Thomas Centre
		5.00pm	SCHOOLS ADVENT REFLECTION
Thursday	5th December	6.00pm	ADORATION & CONFESSION, prior to Mass at 7pm
		7.00pm	Gerry White Int
Friday	6th December	9.30am	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	7th December	9.30am	Patrick Flynn RIP CONFESIONS AFTER MASS
		12.30pm	CONVALIDATION OF CHUKWUEMEKA EDWARD NWAJOBI-EVA & CHIAMAKA EUPHEMIA OKEKE
		6.00pm	The Hogan Family RIP
Sunday	8th December	8.30am	John & Ann Ansell RIP
		11.00am	Jacqueline McWhinney RIP
		5.15pm	Maureen Clarke RIP

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	www.staidansnorthampton.org.uk
Sunday	1st December	9.45am	Patrick & Bridget Philbin	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Monday	2nd December	9.30am	K.P. White Int	Adoration and Confession before Mass
Thursday	5th December	9.30am	Eileen & Peggy Brosnan RIP	Adoration and Confession before Mass
Sunday	8th December	9.45am	Bernie Burbage RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk
Sunday	1st December	9.30am	Teresa, Michael & Denise Hennessy RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Monday	2nd December	11.45am	FUNERAL SERVICE/MASS OF ANDREW NARRAMORE RIP	
Tuesday	3rd December	9.30am	Tom Mullhall RIP	Adoration, Rosary & Confession before Mass
Thursday	5th December	9.30am	Lily Gilroy RIP	Adoration, Rosary & Confession before Mass
Sunday	8th December	9.30am	FOR THE PARISH	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	St Thomas More, Towcester	www.stthomasmore.org
Saturday	30th November	5.30pm	McQuillan Family	Adoration + Confession 4.45pm to 5.15pm
Sunday	1st December	11.00am	FOR THE PARISH	
Monday	2nd December	9.30am	Giada Sanna Int	
Wednesday	4th December	9.30am	Kathleen Murphy RIP	Tea/Coffee in the hall after Mass
Friday	6th December	9.30am	Joan McTaggart RIP	
Saturday	7th December	5.30pm	Tom Donnelly RIP	Adoration + Confession 4.45pm to 5.15pm
Sunday	8th December	11.00am	Patrick McGrath RIP	

Response to the Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. Show us of Lord, your mercy and grant us your salvation Alleluia!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As advent begins, Jesus commands us to 'watch', that is, to be alert, and to take care that we are not weighed down with cares of the world. This life is important and has to be lived, but only in the light of what the scriptures tell us: Behold, the days are coming.... The coming of the Lord is the good news that puts all earthly matters into true perspective.

WELCOME TO THE SPIRITANS (HOLY GHOST FATHERS)

We welcome Fr Martin Goba and Fr Jean Pascal Diame who will be preaching at all our Masses in the Hub over the weekend and telling us about their work they do.

There will be a second collection to support the work that they do.

SCHOOLS ADVENT REFLECTION IN THE CATHEDRAL ON WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER AT 5PM

Students from Thomas Becket Catholic School, together with the children from Good Shepherd, St Gregory's and St Mary's invite you to join them to listen to Scripture, beautiful music and a time to reflect. What a perfect way to begin the season of Advent. **All welcome.**

EARLY MORNING MASS ON WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER at 7.00am

'Rorate' Mass by Candlelight will be celebrated at 7.00am on Wednesday mornings throughout Advent, as part of our preparation for the Christmas Season. Please do try to come along for this Mass.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY ISLAND OF PATMOS

Monday 26th May to Monday 2nd June 2025 £1750.00 per person based on 2 sharing. + £235.00 for the single supplement.

Fr John Udris will lead this pilgrimage to this tiny island in the Greek Aegean sea is a unique blend of natural beauty and the hum of ancient piety. Voted by Forbes as 'Europe's most idyllic place to live', the story of Patmos will be brought to life by this pilgrimage.

Booking forms can be requested via the parish office.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR PILGRIM OF HOPE

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. There are some copies of the Jubilee Booklet available.

CARITAS NORTHAMPTON LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

You will have received information from regarding this year's 'Love Christmas' campaign. If you would like to get involved, please sign up on the website link.

<https://northamptondiocese.org/lovechristmas/> or contact the Caritas office on **01604 434362** or **07756 685220**

DIOCESAN PATRONAL FEAST OF THE IMMACULATION CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David in our Cathedral at **12noon on Monday 9th December.**

ADORATION BEFORE THURSDAY EVENING MASS IN ADVENT

We will have Adoration and confession prior to Thursday evening Mass from 6pm each week during Advent.

ADVENT READINGS & MUSIC AT ST AIDAN'S

Sunday 15th December at 3pm

Do come and join us for our parish preparation for Christmas. A selection of readings and music leading us into this very special season. The children from our Liturgy Group will be taking part.

Drinks and Mince Pies will be available afterwards.

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS THANK YOU

Thank you for your support.

Cathedral W/e 23rd & 24th November £1389.90 plus S/O £989.50 approx. Total £2379.40	St Aidan W/e 23rd & 24th November £308.22 plus S/O £291.00 approx. Total £599.22
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 23rd & 24th November £494.56 plus S/O £181.25 approx. Total £675.81	St Thomas More W/e 23rd & 24th November £350.70 plus S/O £242.25 approx. Total £592.95

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently

Andrew (Andy) Narramore: Monday 2nd December at 11.45am

(SS Francis & Therese)

Catherine (Kitty) McDermott: Tuesday 17th December at 12.30pm

(St Aidan's)

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

Parents of candidates for confirmation are now able to register for the programme on the Cathedral Hub website at;

<https://northamptoncathedral.org/sacraments/>

Sessions will start in January 2025 with a parents evening on

Monday 27th January at 7.30pm in the St Thomas Centre.

(Please note the corrected date above)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The next session for First Holy Communion programme will take place on Monday 2nd December at 6.00pm in the Cathedral. This is for the children's first Confession. Parents must attend this session.

The following session will take place on Monday 13th January from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the St Thomas Centre.

BAPTISM EVENING FOR PARENTS

The next parents evening for those wishing to have their children baptised will take place on Tuesday 14th January at 7pm in the St Thomas Centre.

At the end of the meeting, you will be able to book your child's baptism.

CATHEDRAL HUB GROUPS

Scripture Reflection: Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm (St Felix Room)

Choir Practice: Thursday 5th December at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

Legion of Mary: Saturday 7th December at 4pm (St Felix Room)

Bereavement Group: Saturday 14th December 2.30pm to 3.30pm

ALL THESE EVENTS BELOW ARE IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE

Good Companions: Wednesday 4th December 12-3pm

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 5th December from 11am to 12.30pm

FUNDRAISER FOR CATHEDRAL GOOD COMPANIONS & CARITAS

Monday 9th DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

Please come and support an evening of **50's & 60's music** performed by BLUD (Ukulele & Drum group) in the St Thomas Centre. Tickets cost £10

'HEAVENS ABOVE' SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 4PM

at Ss Francis & Therese Church

Our Family Advent Carol Service. With readings and traditional carols, we'll take a fresh look at the Advent Story. Everyone is welcome, especially families; if your children would like to take part, please see Mary Leeming after any 9.30 Sunday Mass. Refreshments afterwards.

ADVENT ON-LINE RETREAT:

On 4 Monday nights at 7:30 – 8:30pm, **Monday 2nd December**, Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent will be leading an on-line retreat called '**Doorways to Grace**'. We explore the 4 Holy Doors of Rome and the saints behind them. How we, like them, are being called into a grace filled encounter with Jesus in the coming Jubilee Year. To watch the trailer and to register for the retreat go to <https://northamptondiocese.org/doorways/>

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS

Our church repositories and the St Thomas Centre have religious Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and a range of gifts, so shop local and support your church.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Tree of Love Services organised by Cynthia Spencer on

Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th December at 7.00pm

NMPAT on Wednesday 11th December at 7.00pm

Rainbows Hospice on Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm

Book online at rainbows.co.uk/NorthamptonConcert

Enjoy a performance from local schools and choirs in support of Rainbows Hospice for Children.

Fiori Musicali – J S Bach Christmas Oratorio on

Friday 20th December at 6.00pm.

Gloriously uplifting and jubilant music to welcome the festive season. Book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/fiori using the code (OUR LADY)