

# 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.

## 8th December 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

**Feast Days: Monday:** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Friday:** St Lucy, **Saturday:** St John of the Cross

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	7th December	9.30am	Patrick Flynn RIP <span style="float:right">ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS</span>
		12.30pm	CONVALIDATION OF CHUKWUEMEKA EDWARD NWAJIOBI-EVA & CHIAMAKA EUPHEMIA OKEKE
Sunday	8th December	6.00pm	The Hogan Family RIP
		8.30am	John & Ann Ansell RIP
		11.00am	Jacqueline McWhinney RIP
Monday	9th December	5.15pm	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>
		12noon	<b>MASS FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY Celebrated by Bishop David</b>
Tuesday	10th December	7.00pm	Michael Dooley RIP
		9.30am	Marian Slota RIP
Wednesday	11th December	7.00pm	<b>CYNTHIA SPENCER TREE OF LOVE SERVICE</b>
		7.00am	<b>'RORATE' DAWN MASS BY CANDLELIGHT FOR ADVENT</b> Maureen Clarke RIP
		9.30am	Frances Roddy RIP <span style="float:right">Tea &amp; Coffee after Mass in the St Thomas Centre</span>
Thursday	12th December	7.00pm	<b>NMPAT Concert</b>
		9.30am	Jo Ben RIP
		12noon	<b>FUNERAL SERVICE FOR IRIS FOX RIP</b>
Friday	13th December	7.00pm	<b>CYNTHIA SPENCER TREE OF LOVE SERVICE</b>
		9.30am	Lily & Chris Butler RIP
Saturday	14th December	9.30am	June Newton RIP <span style="float:right">ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS</span>
		6.00pm	Gerry & Peggy Roan RIP
Sunday	15th December	8.30am	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>
		11.00am	Lynskey & Gaughan Family RIP
		5.15pm	Esther & Jim Cook RIP

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	<a href="http://www.staidansnorthampton.org.uk">www.staidansnorthampton.org.uk</a>
Sunday	7th December	9.45am	Bernie Burbage RIP	<span style="float:right">Tea/Coffee After Mass</span>
Monday	8th December	9.30am	Ann Buckley RIP	<span style="float:right">Adoration and Confession before Mass</span>
Thursday	12th December	9.30am	Rebecca Parry RIP	<span style="float:right">Adoration and Confession before Mass</span>
Sunday	15th December	9.45am	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>	<span style="float:right">Tea/Coffee After Mass</span>

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	<a href="http://www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk">www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk</a>
Sunday	8th December	9.30am	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>	<span style="float:right">Tea/Coffee After Mass</span>
Tuesday	10th December	9.30am	Eileen Ryng RIP	<span style="float:right">Adoration, Rosary &amp; Confession before Mass</span>
Thursday	12th December	9.30am	Monica Lowe Int	<span style="float:right">Adoration, Rosary &amp; Confession before Mass</span>
Sunday	15th December	9.30am	Michael Earley RIP	<span style="float:right">Tea/Coffee After Mass</span>

Day	Date	Time	St Thomas More, Towcester	<a href="http://www.stthomasmorerc.org">www.stthomasmorerc.org</a>
Saturday	7th December	2.00pm	<b>Baptism of Billie Ann</b>	
		5.30pm	Tom Donnelly RIP	<span style="float:right">Adoration + Confession 4.45pm to 5.15pm</span>
Sunday	8th December	11.00am	Patrick McGrath RIP	
Monday	9th December	9.30am	Richard Bledowski Int	
Wednesday	11th December	9.30am	Thomas Donnelly RIP	<span style="float:right">Tea/Coffee in the hall after Mass</span>
Friday	13th December	9.30am	Josef Aksamit RIP	
Saturday	14th December	5.30pm	Tedeus Aksamit RIP	<span style="float:right">Adoration + Confession 4.45pm to 5.15pm</span>
Sunday	15th December	11.00am	Michael Gallagher RIP	

**Response to the Psalm:** What good deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we are glad.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia. Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight;  
all flesh will see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; Isaiah urges Jerusalem to get ready for the joyful return of the exiles. If we desire the renewal of ourselves and a fresh start, the baptism of repentance shows us the way. We need to get ready for the Lord by casting off those things that block his coming, namely our sins.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

**EARLY MORNING MASS ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FUNDRAISER FOR CATHEDRAL GOOD COMPANIONS & CARITAS Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**CAFOD GIFTS** Please take a copy of the Books of Gifts

**CARITAS NORTHAMPTON LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN**

You will have received information from regarding this years ‘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**

**200 CLUB WINNERS** Congratulations to our Christmas Winners  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize No 27    2<sup>nd</sup> Prize No 46    3<sup>rd</sup> Prize No 129

**FOOD STORE APPEAL** - New gifts are needed for the families we support, Please donate this before the **16/12/24** to the Parish Office. Thank you.

**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.

**ADVENT SERVICE OF READINGS & CAROLS AT ST AIDAN’S Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm**

Do come and join us for our parish preparation for Christmas. A selection of readings and carols 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.

<p><b>Cathedral</b> W/e 30th Nov &amp; 1st Dec £1529.06 plus S/O £989.50 approx. Total £2518.56 Second Collection £769.75</p>	<p><b>St Aidan</b> W/e 30th Nov &amp; 1st Dec £282.04 plus S/O £291.00 approx. Total £573.04 Second Collection £285.05</p>
<p><b>Ss Francis and Therese</b> W/e 30th Nov &amp; 1st Dec £406.64 plus S/O £181.25 approx. Total £587.89 Second Collection £302.70</p>	<p><b>St Thomas More</b> W/e 30th Nov &amp; 1st Dec £405.28 plus S/O £242.25 approx. Total £647.53 Second Collection £392.47</p>

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for those who have died recently

**Iris Fox:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon (Cathedral)

**Catherine (Kitty) McDermott:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm (St Aidan)

**Patricia Geraghty:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm (Counties Crematorium)

**Dorothy Giancola:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10am (Cathedral)

**Catherine Lennon:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 12noon (Cathedral)

**Barry Hydes:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30pm (Cathedral)

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

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 7PM IN THE CATHEDRAL**

There will be a number of priest available to hear confessions

**CATHEDRAL HUB GROUPS**

**Scripture Reflection:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm (St Felix Room)

**Choir Practice:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

**Legion of Mary:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm (St Felix Room)

**Bereavement Group:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm to 3.30pm

**ALL THESE EVENTS BELOW ARE IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE**

**Good Companions:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 12-3pm

**Food Store Distribution:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 11am to 12.30pm

**SVP Meeting:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

**WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSTED SUICIDE.**

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages. Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading. **Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote) to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Cathedral** 6pm to 7pm Adoration and Confession.

Mass at 7.00pm

**St Aidan’s** – Mass at 9.30am

**St Thomas More** – Mass at 9.30am

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve)**

**Cathedral** 9.30am Mass

**Cathedral** 5.00pm Family Mass

**St Aidan’s** 5.00pm Family Mass

**Ss Francis & Therese** 5.00pm Family Mass

**St Thomas More** at 5.00pm Family Mass

& Nativity of the Lord at 8pm

Carols in the **Cathedral** at 11.30pm

Midnight Mass celebrated by Bishop David in the **Cathedral**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day)**

**Cathedral** Mass at 8.30am & 11.00am only

**St Aidan** Mass at 9.45am

**Ss Francis & Therese** Mass at 9.30am

**St Thomas More** Mass at 11.00am

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December Feast of St Stephen**

**Cathedral only** Mass at 10.00am

**CHRISTMAS CONCERTS IN THE CATHEDRAL**

**Tree of Love Services** organised by Cynthia Spencer on

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm

**NMPAT** on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm

**Rainbows Hospice** on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm

Book online at [rainbows.co.uk/NorthamptonConcert](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm.

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