

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.

15th December 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) GAUDETE

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	14th December	9.30am	June Newton RIP ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS
		6.00pm	Gerry & Peggy Roan RIP
Sunday	15th December	8.30am	FOR THE PARISH
		11.00am	Lynskey & Gaughan Family RIP
		5.15pm	Esther & Jim Cook RIP
Monday	16th December	9.30am	Beth O'Sullivan RIP
		7.00pm	PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Tuesday	17th December	9.30am	Sheila Loftus Int CONFESSION AFTER MASS
		7.00am	'RORATE' DAWN MASS BY CANDLELIGHT FOR ADVENT
Wednesday	18th December	9.30am	Aileen Holland RIP CONFESSION AFTER MASS Tea & Coffee after Mass in the St Thomas Centre
		7.00pm	RAINBOWS CONCERT FOR CHILDREN HOSPICE
		2.00pm	WEDDING OF CHRISTOPHER BIDDLE AND EILEEN CASH
Thursday	19th December	6.00pm	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
		7.00pm	Thanksgiving for the Priests of the Cathedral Hub
Friday	20th December	9.30am	MEMORIAL MASS FOR BRIDGITTE GANVILLE RIP CONFESSION AFTER MASS
		6.00pm	FIORI MUSICALI BACH CHRISTMAS ORATORIO
Saturday	21st December	9.30am	Nancy & Michael McGinnelly RIP ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS
		6.00pm	Canon Graham Adams RIP
Sunday	22nd December	8.30am	FOR THE PARISH
		11.00am	Michael & Lilian Barden RIP
		5.15pm	Catherine & James Myles RIP

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	www.staidansnorthampton.org.uk
Sunday	15th December	9.45am	FOR THE PARISH	Tea/Coffee After Mass
		3.00pm	ADVENT SERVICE OF READING AND CAROLS	
Monday	16th December	9.30am	The Roy Family Int	Adoration and Confession before Mass
Tuesday	17th December	12.30pm	FUNERAL MASS FOR CATHERINE 'KITTY' McDERMOTT RIP	
Thursday	19th December	9.30am	Agnes Carolan RIP	Adoration and Confession before Mass
Sunday	22nd December	9.45am	Margaret Reed RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk
Sunday	14th December	9.30am	Michael Earley RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Tuesday	17th December	9.30am	Mickey (Louis) Kerlin RIP	Adoration, Rosary & Confession before Mass Tea/Coffee After Mass
Thursday	19th December	9.30am	Bridie Kearney RIP	Adoration, Rosary & Confession before Mass
Sunday	22nd December	9.30am	Okoemu's Family Int	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	St Thomas More, Towcester	www.stthomasmore.org
Saturday	14th December	5.30pm	Tedeus Aksamit RIP	Adoration + Confession 4.45pm to 5.15pm
Sunday	15th December	11.00am	Michael Gallagher RIP	
Monday	16th December	9.30am	Francis Steele RIP	Adoration 9.00am to 9.30am
Wednesday	18th December	9.30am	Bronislawa & Ludwig Aksamit RIP	Adoration 9.00am to 9.30am Tea/Coffee in the hall after Mass
Friday	20th December	9.30am	Paula, Malcolm, Isabella & Ellie Int	Adoration 9.00am to 9.30am
Saturday	21st December	5.30pm	Ann Smith RIP	Adoration + Confession 4.45pm to 5.15pm
Sunday	22nd December	11.00am	FOR THE PARISH	

Response to the Psalm: Shout aloud and sing praise, for great is your midst in the Holy One of Israel

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia!

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

John tells people what they should be repenting from. People should share their property with those who have nothing; tax collectors should do their job according to the rules; soldiers should abandon extortion. It may not be our list, but it is a start. Why repent? As Zachariah says, the Lord is in our midst, and overcome with joy, we should cast off our mean habits.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE ON MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER AT 7PM IN THE CATHEDRAL

There will be a number of priest available to hear confessions

EARLY MORNING MASS ON WEDNESDAY 18TH 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.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY FOR 2025

Copies of the new 2025 directory is now available. Cost £7.50

ADVENT ON-LINE RETREAT:

On 4 Monday nights at 7:30 – 8:30pm, **Monday 16th 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

PONSITTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Please bring your donations of Poinsettias to decorate your church next weekend.

200 CLUB WINNERS Congratulations to our Christmas Winners
1st Prize No 27 2nd Prize No 46 3rd Prize No 129

YOUTH GROUP

The youth group will meet on Friday 20th December in the St Thomas Centre from 7pm to 8.30pm

FOOD STORE APPEAL & GIFT WRAPPING

New gifts are needed for the families we support. Please donate before the 16/12/24 to the Parish Office. The Christmas parcel packing will take place on Monday 16th at 6pm in the St Thomas Centre.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS FOR CHILDREN AT THE CATHEDRAL

There will be a **rehearsal** for those children involved in the Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday 21st December at 3.45pm Meet in the Cathedral.

ADVENT SERVICE OF READINGS & CAROLS AT ST AIDAN'S Sunday 15th December at 3pm

Do come and join us for our parish preparation for Christmas. The children from our Liturgy Group will be taking part.
Drinks and Mince Pies will be available afterwards.

UPRIGHT PIANO LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME

We have an upright piano that is good working order but surplus to our requirements and is open to a suitable donation. Call 01604 714556

SNPC (South Northamptonshire Partnership of Churches)

Please join with our Christian brothers and sisters of the other churches in our area, to witness and sing carols outside **Tesco Mereway on Monday 16th December 6pm-6.45pm.**

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS THANK YOU

Thank you for your support.

Cathedral W/e 14th & 15th December £1421.72 plus S/O £989.50 approx. Total £2411.22	St Aidan W/e 14th & 15th December £274.66 plus S/O £291.00 approx. Total £565.66
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 14th & 15th December £436.95 plus S/O £181.25 approx. Total £618.20	St Thomas More W/e 14th & 15th December £386.85 plus S/O £242.25 approx. Total £639.10

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently
Catherine (Kitty) McDermott: Tuesday 17th December at 12.30pm
(St Aidan)

Patricia Geraghty: Tuesday 17th December at 2.15pm
(Counties Crematorium)

Dorothy Giancola: Monday 23rd December at 10am (Cathedral)

Catherine Lennon: Thursday 2nd January at 12noon (Cathedral)

Barry Hydes: Monday 6th January at 11.30pm (Cathedral)

Annie Rooney: Tuesday 7th January at 10.30 (Cathedral)

Daniel Hanlon: Tuesday 7th January at 12noon (Nene Valley Crematorium)

Tong Quile: Wednesday 8th January at 10.00am (Cathedral)
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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CATHEDRAL HUB GROUPS

Scripture Reflection: Tuesday 17th December at 7pm (St Felix Room)

Choir Practice: Thursday 19th December at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

Legion of Mary: Saturday 21st December at 4pm (St Felix Room)

Bereavement Group: Saturday 11th January 2.30pm to 4.30pm

ALL THESE EVENTS BELOW ARE IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE

SVP Meeting: Monday 16th December at 7.30pm

Good Companions: No meeting this week

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 19th December from 11am to 12.30pm

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

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. Tickets £10.00

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) for a parishioner's discount

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday 23rd 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 24th 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 25th 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 26th December Feast of St Stephen

Cathedral only Mass at 10.00am

WE CAN STILL DEFEAT ASSSTED SUICIDE.

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. 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 to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.**