

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.

23rd March 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

Feast Days: Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	22nd March	9.30am	Arhi Int
		12.00noon	Baptism of Nola
		6.00pm	Helen & Ian Rathbourn Int
Sunday	23rd March	8.30am	K.P White Int
		11.00am	FOR THE PARISH
		5.15pm	Deceased Members of the Kealy Family RIP
Monday	24th March	4.00pm	RECEPTION INTO CHURCH OF DR MARY DOVESTON
		7.00pm	Michael Hanrahan RIP
Tuesday	25th March	10.30am	FUNERAL MASS OF DR MARY DOVESTON RIP
Wednesday	26th March	9.30am	K.J Joseph RIP
		5.00pm	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS LENTEN REFLECTION
Thursday	27th March	6.00pm	ADORATION
		7.00pm	Bridie Walsh Int
Friday	28th March	11.30am	Stations of the Cross – Led by the Priest
		12noon	Mike Roan Int
		7.00pm	PILGRIMAGE MASS AND CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION AFTER MASS TO 2.00PM
Saturday	29th March	9.30am	Greet & Harry McManamon Int
		2.00pm	Baptism of Monika
		6.00pm	Michelle & James Cook Int
Sunday	30th March	8.30am	FOR THE PARISH
		11.00am	Leny Teles & Family Thanksgiving
		5.15pm	Helen & Eammon Doyle Int

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	www.staidansnorthampton.org.uk
Sunday	23rd March	9.45am	Joseph Collins RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass
		3.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Monday	24th March	9.30am	Chris Chaston Int	Adoration and Confession before Mass
Thursday	27th March	9.30am	Lidia D'Eramo RIP	Adoration and Confession before Mass
Sunday	30th March	9.45am	FOR THE PARISH	Tea/Coffee After Mass
		3.00pm	Stations of the Cross	

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk
Sunday	23rd March	8.45am	Stations of the Cross	
		9.30am	Michael Earley RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Tuesday	25th March	9.30am	Fr Andrew Coy Int	Adoration and Confession before Mass
Friday	28th March	9.30am	Fr Andy Richardson Int	Adoration and Confession before Mass
Sunday	30th March	8.45am	Stations of the Cross	
		9.30am	Serenity & Trinity McAtamney-Greenwood RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	St Thomas More, Towcester	www.stthomasmorererc.org
Saturday	22nd March	5.30pm	Ann Smith RIP	Adoration + Confession 4.45pm to 5.15pm
Sunday	23rd March	11.00am	FOR THE PARISH	
Monday	24th March	9.30am	John Cullen RIP	
Wednesday	26th March	9.30am	Ann Smith RIP	Confession & Adoration 9.00am to 9.30am
Friday	28th March	9.30am	All Souls in Purgatory	Confession & Adoration 9.00am to 9.30am
Saturday	29th March	5.30pm	Mary Moll RIP	Adoration + Confession 4.45pm to 5.15pm
Sunday	30th March	11.00am	Harry Brophy RIP	

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

God reveals his glory on a mountain, and his compassion too, announcing that he has heard the cry of his people. The parable Jesus tell is a warning: we must be compassionate, produce the fruits of charity while we still have time; this Lent is the time we have been given for good works, for prayer, for almsgiving.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR JUBILEE YEAR SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

LENTEN TALKS Sunday 23rd March

11.00 am Holy Mass in the Cathedral

12.15pm Bring your own packed lunch in the St Thomas Centre

1.00pm Talk from **Rev Dr Richard Ounsworth OP**
'Building the Parish as the Family of God'

1.30pm Discussion

1.50pm Q & A Plenary

2.00pm Adoration

Sunday 6th April Dr Maria Heath

Sharing the love of God in the wider community.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will take place on **Wednesday 16th April at midday.**

CALL TO PRAYER IN LIGHT OF THE ASSISTED DYING BILL

As this moves toward its next reading on the 25th April we will dedicate our **Monday evening rosary and Thursday hour of adoration to intercession for this to be overturned.**

Please do find time to come along to these times of prayer.

There are copies of the prayers for you to take away.

CATHOLIC UNION

The next public event regarding the bill will be a special webinar on assisted dying, open to the whole Catholic community, on

Thursday 3 April. Chaired by Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union, it will give members and supporters the chance to unpick the Bill guided by three experts: Dr Matthew Doré; Dr Philip Howard and Professor Julian Hughes. Please register your attendance [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets-1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator&mc_cid=9e102293c6&mc_eid=](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets-1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator&mc_cid=9e102293c6&mc_eid=2e3f931cad)

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and the zoom link will be sent to you in due course.

RADIO MARIA

Are offering digital and FM radio's for free (optional donation is available). These radio's are proving to be very popular and could be great presents for Mothering Sunday!

More here <https://rmengland.civi-go.net/dab-radio>

WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL

Celebrate the Jubilee at We Believe, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ.

From 25th-28th July, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more.

Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webbelievFestival.com

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Cathedral W/e 15th & 16th March £1895.56 plus S/O £989.50 approx. Total £2885.06 Second Collection £731.42	St Aidan W/e 15th & 16th March £385.42 plus S/O £291.00 approx. Total £676.42 Second Collection £323.25
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 15th & 16th March £435.60 plus S/O £181.25 approx. Total £616.85 Second Collection £578.14	St Thomas More W/e 15th & 16th March £384.58 plus S/O £242.25 approx. Total £626.83 Second Collection £841.50

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently

Dr Mary Doveston: Tuesday 25th March at 10.30am (Cathedral)

Bernadette Kelley: Tuesday 1st April at 2pm (St Thomas More)

Patricia Percival: Friday 4th April at 10.30 (Cathedral)

Eddie Diggins: Friday 11th April at 10am (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: Tuesday 25th March at 7.00pm (St Felix Room)

Choir Practice: Thursday 27th March at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

Legion of Mary: Saturday 28th March at 4pm (St Felix Room)

Confirmation: Saturday 28th March from 2pm-6pm

Bereavement Group: Saturday 5th April 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Cathedral & Sacristy

ALL THESE EVENTS BELOW ARE IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE

Good Companions: Wednesday 26th 12noon to 3pm

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 27th March from 11am to 12.30pm

First Holy Communion: Monday 7th April 6.30 to 7.30pm

SVP Meeting: Monday 7th April at 7.45pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Schools Lenten Reflection – Wednesday 26th March at 5pm (Cathedral)

Youth Group - Friday 4th April 7.00pm to 8.30pm

CONFIRMATION EVENING – Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm

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

Monday 14th April – Penitential Service at 7pm

NORTHAMPTON CONCERT ORCHESTRA – Friday 28th March at 7.30pm in the St Thomas Centre. Music from 'Fantastic Tales' Tickets on the door £10.00 for adults and children under 16 free.

ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT

Bishop David warmly invites all Altar Servers and their families to the annual Northampton Diocese Altar Servers Mass. This special celebration will take place at the Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury in Northampton on Saturday, 28th June 2025, at 11:00 am. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre.

For further information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Deacon Peter Griffin at pgriffin@hotmail.co.uk.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2025 Starting 06/05/25

We are pleased to announce the commencement of the Life in the Spirit Seminars for 2025. These seminars offer participants an opportunity to deepen their faith and experience the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. **Seminar Structure:**

- **Duration:** Five weekday evenings complemented by a day retreat.
- **Content:** Each session includes talks and discussions, supported by short daily reflections.

These seminars are part of the diocese's mission to foster a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit, recognizing its vital role in evangelisation and personal spiritual growth. For more details, please visit

<https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2025/>

South Northamptonshire Partnership of Churches - Lent Course

26th March at St Benedict's **2nd April** at SS Francis and Therese

16th April at Towcester Road Methodist Church

Lent Course will include a talk, discussion, prayer and hymns.

Tea and coffee from 7.00pm. Start 7.30pm Finish 9.00pm

Good Friday Walk of Witness and Hunger Lunch

Meet at St Benedict's, West Hunsbury 10.30am, walk to Abbey Centre and finish at Towcester Road Methodist Church around 11.30am with lunch supporting Christian Aid.

PARENTS BAPTISM EVENING – MONDAY 24TH MARCH at 7pm

Please come to the Hall at the St Thomas Centre. Parents wishing to have their child baptised need to attend this meeting. At the end of the evening, you can book a baptism date.

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH – 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

The Pope has requested that we give some time to prayer and adoration. Please do try and join some of the extended Adoration opportunities. There are some sheets to assist with this, outside the Sacristy.