

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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For Mass cards and religious items.
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu and Fri, 10am-1pm
The Parish Office is closed on Thursday afternoon.

20th April 2025 EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR C)

| Day | Date | Time | Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury |
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| Saturday | 19th April | 9.30am | Office of Readings & Morning Prayer |
| | | 8.00pm | EASTER VIGIL |
| Sunday | Easter Sunday 20th April | 8.30am | Maureen Leong RIP |
| | | 11.00am | Ron Martin RIP |
| | | 5.15pm | NO MASS at 5.15 |
| Monday | 21st April | 10.00am | Patsy Walshe RIP |
| Tuesday | 22nd April | 9.30am | Rose O'Brien Int |
| Wednesday | 23rd April | 9.30am | Maria Rosa Martins RIP |
| Thursday | 24th April | 6.00pm | ADORATION |
| | | 7.00pm | Mary Joseph RIP |
| Friday | 25th April | 10.00am | FUNERAL MASS FOR MARY BRENNAN RIP |
| | | 12noon | Francis Fernandes RIP |
| Saturday | 26th April | 9.30am | PILGRIMAGE MASS WITH CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION AFTER MASS |
| | | 12noon | ADORATION AND CONFESSION |
| | | 6.00pm | BAPTISM OF THOMAS, ADEA, ADIS & ANNABELLE |
| Sunday | 27th April | 8.30am | Mary Taylor RIP |
| | | 11.00am | Michael & Jaine Int |
| | | 3.00pm | FOR THE PARISH |
| | | 5.15pm | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ADORATION AND CHAPLET |

| Day | Date | Time | St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe | www.staidansnorthampton.org.uk |
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| Saturday | 19th April | 8.00pm | EASTER VIGIL | |
| Sunday | Easter Sunday 20th April | 9.45am | John Durkan RIP | Tea/Coffee After Mass |
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| Thursday | 24th April | 9.30am | Michael Heaphy RIP | ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS |
| Saturday | 26th April | 3.00pm | BAPTISM OF HENRY | |
| Sunday | 27th April | 9.45am | Kitty Longland RIP | Tea/Coffee After Mass |

| Day | Date | Time | Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury | www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk |
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| Saturday | 19th April | 8.00pm | EASTER VIGIL | |
| Sunday | Easter Sunday 20th April | 9.30am | Michael Earley RIP | Tea/Coffee After Mass |
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| Tuesday | 22nd April | 9.30am | John Lavelle RIP | ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS |
| Thursday | 24th April | 9.30am | Barrett & Lavelle Families Int | ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS |
| Saturday | 26th April | 2.00pm | BAPTISM OF LEON & ANITA | Tea/Coffee After Mass |
| Sunday | 27th April | 9.30am | Rosemary & Patrick Carey RIP | |

| Day | Date | Time | St Thomas More, Towcester | www.stthomasmorercc.org |
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| Saturday | 19th April | 8.30pm | EASTER VIGIL | |
| Sunday | Easter Sunday 20th April | 11.00am | Special Intention | Tea/Coffee after Mass |
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| Monday | 21st April | 10.00am | Pope Francis Int | Adoration & Confession from 9.30am |
| Wednesday | 23rd April | 9.30am | John Gallagher RIP | Adoration & Confession from 9.00am |
| Friday | 25th April | 9.30am | Benjamin Iwuoha RIP | Adoration & Confession from 9.00am |
| Saturday | 26th April | 5.30pm | Ann Smith RIP | Adoration & Confession from 4.45 to 5.15pm |
| Sunday | 27th April | 11.00am | FOR THE PARISH | |

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN

EASTER SUNDAY

Christ our hope is risen!

Christ dies to rise again so that his Father will be glorified. We too are brought back to life in Christ. If we die with him, we will rise with him and be living witnesses to the power of the Resurrection.

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Today we celebrate the feast of Easter Sunday, the conclusion of Holy week. We welcome you, your families, and those who are visiting our churches as we come together to celebrate the joy of the Risen Lord.

On Holy Saturday evening a number of adults were received into the faith at the Easter Vigil, and we wish them well as they continue their journey as full members of the church. Please do continue to keep them in your prayers.

EASTER OFFERING TO THE PRIESTS

The parish collections during the Easter Sunday services will be your offering to the Priests of the Cathedral Hub in appreciation for the service they do. You can use the envelopes, the pay station or the link on the website for direct payment.

PLANNING YOUR PARISH GIVING

NEW planned giving envelopes are available at your church. **Please do collect yours or register as a new user.** If you are new to the parish or are not yet involved with planned giving this is your opportunity to start.

You can either, use the weekly envelopes and place them in the collection basket or you can complete one of the Standing Order Forms and your payment will be taken monthly from the bank. Please do remember that you can gift aid this money as it really helps the church with no extra cost to yourself. You must be a taxpayer to use the gift aid contribution. We thank all those who give support to their parish it is very much appreciated. **Planned giving envelopes are available.**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

We wish to thank all those who have contributed to making our churches look so special for the Easter Season. To the welcome teams, our cleaners, the flower arrangers, the readers and eucharistic ministers, the altar servers, those who clean our altar linen, the musicians, the sacristans, and those who do all those little jobs that make all the difference. Thank you all so much.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE LOVELY EASTER EGGS

The Food Store were overwhelmed by the response to the appeal for Easter Eggs, your generosity was much appreciated by the families. Thank you very much.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**, also called the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**, is a Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy, based on the Christological apparitions of Jesus Christ reported by Faustina Kowalska (1905–1938), known as "the Apostle of Mercy". She was a Polish religious sister of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and was canonized as a Catholic saint in 2000 by Pope John Paul II

1st SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday 3rd May after the 9.30am Mass

DEVOTION IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Adoration, Confession, meditation on one of the Mysteries of the Rosary, recitation of the Rosary, Benediction.

For the salvation of souls and peace in the world

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your continued support

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| Cathedral W/e 12th & 13th April £2114.48 plus S/O £989.50 approx. Total £3103.98 | St Aidan W/e 12th & 13th April £393.19 plus S/O £291.00 approx. Total £684.19 |
| Ss Francis and Therese W/e 12th & 13th April £512.97 plus S/O £181.25 approx. Total £694.22 | St Thomas More W/e 12th & 13th April £640.59 plus S/O £242.25 approx. Total £882.84 |

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently

Mary Brennan: Friday 25th 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: Next Meeting Tuesday 29th April (St Felix Room)

Choir Practice: Thursday 24th April at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

Legion of Mary: Saturday 26th April at 4pm (St Felix Room)

Confirmation Session: Saturday 26th April from 2pm-6pm

Knight of St Columba: Friday 2nd May at 7pm (St Felix Room)

Bereavement Group: Saturday 3rd May 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Cathedral & Sacristy

ALL THESE EVENTS BELOW ARE IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE

Good Companions: No Meeting Wednesday 23rd April - Outing

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 24th April from 11am to 12.30pm

SVP Meeting: Monday 12th May at 7.45pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Youth Group - Friday 2nd May 7.00pm to 8.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 10th May at 12noon (Cathedral) & (Ss Francis & Therese).

Sunday 11th May at 9.45am at St Aidan's

CONFIRMATION MASS – Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm

50th ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday 19th July at 12 noon in the Cathedral.

2025 marks 50 yrs since the sad closure of the school and the departure of The Sisters of Notre Dame who arrived in Northampton in the mid 1800's to provide an education to Catholic schoolgirls.

The Mass will be followed by a Reception for former pupils in the St Thomas Centre. If 'Old Girls' would like to attend to catch up and reminisce, please leave your details and a message on

Tel 07802 913124

CHURCH CLEANING

Our churches welcome people who are able to offer two hours to help keep your church clean and tidy? If you can help, then please call the office or speak to someone at your church.

NIGERIAN MASS **Sunday 4th May at 1.00pm in the Cathedral**

Do come along and join in this celebration Mass

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE – SATURDAY 14TH JUNE

If you would like to join the Walsingham Pilgrimage leaving from the Cathedral at 8am on the 14th June can you please let the office know asap
Tel 01604 714556 The cost is £22.00 per person.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Rehearsal

Monday 5th May at 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the church where your child is making their First Holy Communion.

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

Friday 25th April from 7.30 to 9pm in Cathedral House

YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting will be on Friday 2nd May from 7.00pm to 8.30pm in the St Thomas Centre

PRISON CHAPLAINCY OPPORTUNITY

Have you ever thought how you could play a crucial role in the rehabilitation of prisoners, to look for the good in someone and encourage its nurture and growth? HMP Grendon & Springhill are looking to contract a chaplain for 20 hours per week. While this could be someone ordained, it is also very much open to the laity to apply. Lay applicants should have a proven caring manner, good communication skills, and a Certificate in Catholic Education or something equivalent. Even if you do not have this last qualification, candidates who display a desire to obtain one in the near future will also be considered. Ordained applicants will need to have Bishop David's permission to apply.

For further details and to apply, please

visit <https://jobs.justice.gov.uk/careers/JobDetail/4221-HMP-Grendon-Springhill-RC-Chaplain-Part-Time-20-hrs/4221>

Please note that the deadline for applications is Friday, 25th April.