

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.

14th September 2025 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Feast days: Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows, Tuesday: Ss Cornelius, Saturday: St Andrew Kim Tae-gon and the Martyrs of Korea

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	13th September	9.30am	Angela Tidbury RIP
		12noon	Baptisms of Somtochukwu and Sean
		6.00pm	All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	14th September	8.30am	Luke Fagan RIP
		11.00am	Ivy Bowen RIP
		5.15pm	FOR THE PARISH
Monday	15th September	6.15pm	ROSARY LED BY THE LEGION OF MARY
Tuesday	16th September	7.00pm	Odhran O'Donnell RIP
Tuesday	16th September	9.30am	Maureen Clarke RIP
Wednesday	17th September	9.30am	John Lavelle RIP
Thursday	18th September		Tea & Coffee after in the St Thomas Centre
		6.00pm	ADORATION
		1.00pm	WEDDING OF ELICIA AND MICHAEL
Friday	19th September	7.00pm	Hubert O'Neill RIP
		12noon	Hubert O'Neill RIP
			PILGRIMAGE MASS FOLLOWED BY ADORATION AND CONFESSION
Saturday	20th September		ADORATION AND CONFESSION
		9.30am	Lionel Gallagher
		6.00pm	Baby Roan RIP
Sunday	21st September	8.30am	FOR THE PARISH
		11.00am	Mary Penhalagan RIP
		5.15pm	Paddy Dunne RIP

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	www.staidansnorthampton.org.uk
Sunday	14th September	9.45am	Jose Pedro RIP	No Tea/Coffee After Mass today
Monday	15th September	11.00am	FUNERAL MASS FOR BRIDGET O'CONNOR RIP	
Thursday	18th September	9.30am	Iredi Cerbelli Int	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Saturday	20th September	12noon	Baptism of Finley, Harley, Avery and Lilly	
Sunday	21st September	9.45am	Cora Donnelly RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk
Sunday	14th September	9.30am	Maureen Clarke RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Tuesday	16th September	9.30am	Fr Simon Penhalagan Int	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	18th September	9.30am	Rose & Edward Kerns RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Sunday	21st September	9.30am	FOR THE PARISH	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	St Thomas More, Towcester	www.stthomasmorerc.org
Saturday	13th September	5.30pm	In thanksgiving	Adoration & Confession from 4.45 to 5.15pm
Sunday	14th September	11.00am	FOR THE PARISH	Light refreshments after Mass
Monday	15th September	9.30am	Margaret Fortescue Int	Adoration & Confession from 9.00am
Wednesday	17th September	9.30am	Fr Daniel & Fr Ditto Int	Adoration & Confession from 9.00am
Friday	19th September	9.30am	Betty Darwin RIP	
Saturday	20th September	2.00pm	Baptism of Florence & Mabel	
		5.30pm	Care of Creation	Adoration & Confession from 4.45 to 5.15pm
Sunday	21st September	11.00am	Peace on Earth	Light refreshments after Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Alleluia, Alleluia

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross
you have redeemed the world.** Alleluia

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Cross is the central icon of Christian faith because it represents Jesus’ definitive victory of life and love over death and sin. It is not an object about which we can ever remain neutral: on it hung the suffering, bloodied body of Christ, but three days later it came to symbolize the salvation of the world, which is why this day is always marked by a triumphant liturgy, celebrating the instrument of our redemption and salvation.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY

WE WELCOME FR JITHU TO THE CATHEDRAL HUB TEAM

Please introduce yourself to Fr Jithu as he gets to know the congregations at our churches.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY 21 September 2025

Formerly *Home Mission Sunday*, this celebration takes its name from Pope Francis’ *The Joy of the Gospel*. Theme: “*I believe...*” (marking 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea. Abbot Hugh Allan O’Praem reminds us: “*When we say, ‘I believe,’ we also say, ‘I belong.’*” There will be a Second collection: to support the Church’s mission for England & Wales.

BISHOP DAVID’S NORTHAMPTON PARISH VISITATIONS

- Sunday 14th September** – Visitation to the Cathedral, 8.30am, 11.00am & 5.15pm
- Sunday 28th September** – Visitation to St Aidan’s Church, 9.45am Mass
- Sunday 5th October** – Visitation to Ss Francis & Therese 9.30am
- Saturday 25th October** – Visit to St Thomas More Church 5.30pm
- Sunday 26th October** – Visit to St Thomas More Church at 11am
- Tuesday 16th December** – Meeting to conclude the Parish Visitations at 7pm in the St Thomas Centre

PARISH PASTORAL STATISTICS (Mass Count)

Week 1	20th/21st September	Week 3	4th/5th October
Week 2	27th/28th September	Week 4	11th/12th October

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

1st Prize No 38 2nd Prize No 114 3rd Prize No 137

Congratulations to our winners.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATHEDRAL HUB 2025/26

There will be a new program starting in October in the Cathedral hub for school children in Yr3. This year a Parent / Guardian will have to accompany their child through this program.

If you wish your child to attend there will be a meeting after Mass for further information and to register your child at any of the churches at

Ss Francis & Therese Sunday 28 September after 9.30am Mass

St Aidan’s Sunday 28 September after the 9.45am Mass

Northampton Cathedral Sunday 5th October after the 5.15pm Mass

ETHICS UNPLUGGED – A Catholic Response to Key Issues

A four-part online Zoom series exploring contemporary ethical challenges through a Catholic lens:

2nd Oct – Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery (Miriam Cakebread)

16th Oct – Gender Identification (Bishop David Oakley)

30th Oct – Artificial Intelligence (Aidan Cottrell-Boyce)

13th Nov – Ageing, Life & Death (Dr David Jones)

Thursdays, 7.30–9.00pm

Hosted by Caritas, Mission Northampton & Northampton Cathedral.

Free to attend; donations welcome. Zoom link sent before the first session.

Ethics Unplugged: A Catholic Response to Key Issues – Zoom Meetings
2nd Oct, 16th Oct, 30th Oct, 13th Nov 2025 | Northampton Diocese

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your generosity.

Cathedral W/e 6th & 7th September £1730.60 plus S/O £715.41 approx Total £2446.01	St Aidan W/e 6th & 7th September £323.31 plus S/O £230.13 approx Total £553.34
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 6th & 7th September £407.32 plus S/O £181.25 approx Total £588.57	St Thomas More W/e 6th & 7th September £571.01 plus S/O £212.62 approx Total £783.63

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently.

Bridget O’Connor; Monday 15th September at 11am (St Aidan’s)

Paul Barber; Wednesday 17th September at 11.15am

(Counties Crematorium)

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 16th September (St Felix Room)

Choir Practice: Thursday 18th September at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

Knights of St Columba: Friday 3rd October at 7pm (St Felix Room)

Legion of Mary: Saturday 20th September at 4pm (St Felix Room)

Bereavement Group: Saturday 4th October 2.30 to 4.30pm in the Cathedral.

Scripture Study Group: Every Wednesday evening 7.00 pm–8.30pm at Ss Francis and Therese

ALL THE EVENTS BELOW ARE IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE

Good Companions: Wednesday 17th September 12noon to 3pm

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 18th September 10am to 11.30am

DIOCESAN CHILDREN CHOIR

Children are invited to join the choir which meets on Wednesdays from 4.15pm to 5.45pm in the St Thomas Centre. See posters

Email choirs@northamptondiocese.org

OPEN EVENING AT ST THOMAS BECKET SCHOOL FOR 2026 ENTRY

Thursday 18th September Headteacher Talks at 5.30pm & 6.30pm
 Becket Way, Northampton NN3 6HT

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE led by Bishop David

<https://northamptondiocese.org/home-page/burgundy/>

The Diocese of Northampton is delighted to announce a special pilgrimage to France, led by Bishop David Oakley, taking place from **Sunday 19th to Friday 24th October 2025**. The pilgrimage marks the **350th anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St Margaret Mary Alacoque in Paray-le-Monial between 1673 and 1675.**

Would you be interested in helping to develop and lead a wellbeing gardening group in our diocesan Healing Garden?

Studies have shown that engagement with nature, including gardening, can lead to improved physical health, reduced stress and enhance mental wellbeing.

The purpose of the wellbeing gardening group is to provide an opportunity for time to be spent in the fresh air, building friendships and a sense of community, as well as supporting the work of the gardener in helping to maintain the Healing Garden through tasks such as tidying, watering, weeding.

Our aim is to establish the wellbeing group as a 2026 volunteer project. Please get in contact with the Chair of the Healing Garden working group using

remembrancewall@northamptondiocese.org/safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org if you would like to express an interest or find out more.

40 HOUR ADORATION 26th & 27th September

Please sign up for sessions that you or a group that you are a member of can cover. Sign-up sheets are where you collect your newsletter.

Ss FRANCIS & THERESE

Feast of St. Francis, Saturday 4th October

12hour Adoration starting at 9.30am and finishing at 9.30pm

Times of music, rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet.

RADIO MARIA – Youth Competitions

Radio Maria is launching two exciting competitions for young people:

1. **Young Presenter Competition** – schools and students can apply to host a monthly show on Radio Maria England.
2. **Poetry / Song / Spoken Word Competition** – theme: “*A Prayer for Christian Unity*” (John 17:1–26). Winners will perform at a live showcase and receive the *Young Herald’s Trophy*.

Deadline: 30th September (Feast of St Jerome). Entry is free.

More information: <https://radiomariaengland.uk/competitions-for-young-people/>

PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THE NEW MISSIO MAGAZINE