

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.

21st September 2025 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Feast days: Tuesday: St Pius of Pietrelcina, Wednesday: Our Lady of Walsingham, Saturday: St Vincent de Paul

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	20th September	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
Monday	22nd September	6.15pm	ROSARY LED BY THE LEGION OF MARY
		7.00pm	John Lavelle RIP
Tuesday	23rd September	9.30am	Dolores Ducker RIP
		6.00pm	MASS FOR DIRECTORS, HEAD TEACHERS AND CLERKS OF GOVERNORS FOR MK SCHOOLS Bishop David
Wednesday	24th September	9.30am	John Lavelle RIP Tea & Coffee after in the St Thomas Centre
Thursday	25th September	6.00pm	ADORATION
		7.00pm	John Lavelle RIP
Friday	26th September	7.00am	MASS FOR THE START OF THE 40 HOURS OF ADORATION
		12noon	Fr Jim Reynolds RIP PILGRIMAGE MASS FOLLOWED BY ADORATION AND CONFESSION
Saturday	27th September	9.30am	Thanksgiving O'Malley Family ADORATION AND CONFESSION
		3.00pm	MASS CELEBRATED BY THE CARMELITES
		6.00pm	Thomas O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	28th September	11.00pm	CONCLUSION OF THE 40 HOURS OF ADORATION
		8.30am	Agatha Registe RIP
		11.00am	Kevin Grey RIP
		5.15pm	FOR THE PARISH

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	www.staidansnorthampton.org.uk
Saturday	20th September	12noon	Baptism of Finley, Harley, Avery, Lilly & Obremping	
Sunday	21st September	9.45am	Cora Donnelly RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass today
Monday	22nd September	9.30am	Mary Penhalagan RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	25th September	9.30am	Mary, John & Bernadette Brennan RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Sunday	28th September	9.45am	FOR THE PARISH Visitation by Bishop David	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk
Sunday	21st September	9.30am	FOR THE PARISH	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Tuesday	23rd September	9.30am	Vailanka Fernandes Int	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	25th September	9.30am	May, Joe & Eamonn Kerns RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Saturday	27th September	12noon	Baptism of Alesia	
Sunday	28th September	9.30am	Michael Earley RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	St Thomas More, Towcester	www.stthomasmorercc.org
Saturday	20th September	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
Monday	22nd September	9.30am	Churches Together in Towcester	Adoration & Confession from 9.00am
Wednesday	24th September	9.30am	Fr Jithu & Fr Alessandro	Adoration & Confession from 9.00am
Friday	26th September	2.00pm	Towcester SVP	Annual Mass and Social
		2.00pm	Baptism of Florence & Mabel	
Saturday	27th September	5.30pm	Thanksgiving	Adoration & Confession from 4.45 to 5.15pm
		11.00am	FOR THE PARISH	Light refreshments after Mass

Responsorial Psalm
Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.
Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Today the church offers a brilliant – if rather stark – illustration of a key principle of Catholic Social Teaching, the Preferential Option for the Poor'. Amos – a champion of the poor – castigates those who 'trample on the needy' and 'buy the poor for silver'. The Psalm response is clear: 'Praise the Lord, who raises the poor. The Gospel distils it into a simple choice for each one of us: 'You cannot serve God and money'.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR CAFOD FAST DAY

Please take an envelope and try to gift aid your offering. Thank you.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal – Friday 3rd October

This Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to stand in solidarity with families affected by climate change and conflict. In Ethiopia, with CAFOD's support, communities now have safe water close to home. Across the world, including in Gaza, Ukraine, and Sudan, CAFOD's partners bring food, water, shelter, and medical care to those most in need. Please support this life-saving work through your prayers and generosity.

Donate at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

BISHOP DAVID'S NORTHAMPTON PARISH VISITATIONS

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)

REMEMBER THE PARISH COUNT STARTS THIS WEEKEND

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

40 HOUR ADORATION 26th & 27th September

Thank you to those who have already agreed to cover a session as a group or individual. An updated copy of pledged sessions is now available from where you collect your newsletter. There is still time to sign up or you can attend where possible throughout the 40 hours.

We would welcome donations of roses to decorate the Sanctuary area.

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

CHRISTMAS ITEMS CAN BE BOUGHT AT YOUR REPOSITORY

Please support your church when buying your Christmas cards and gifts.

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your generosity.

Cathedral W/e 13th & 14th September £1663.79 plus S/O £715.41 approx Total £2379.20 Second Collection £314.55	St Aidan W/e 13th & 14th September £231.53 plus S/O £230.13 approx Total £461.66 Second Collection £0.00
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 13th & 14th September £405.61 plus S/O £181.25 approx Total £586.86 Second Collection £63.00	St Thomas More W/e 13th & 14th September £571.01 plus S/O £212.62 approx Total £783.63 Second Collection £165.06

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently.

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 23rd September (St Felix Room)

Choir Practice: Thursday 25th September at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

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

Legion of Mary: Saturday 27th September at 4pm (St Felix Room)

Bereavement Group: Saturday 4th October 2.30 to 4.30pm (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 24th September 12noon to 3pm

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 25th September 10am to 11.30am

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.

ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH?

There will be an RCIA group starting soon which will enable adults wanting to know more about the faith to attend some sessions. The programme will include Baptism, Communion and Confirmation with options for full reception into the church taking place at the Easter Vigil on 4th April 2026

Contact the parish office on 01604 714556 or email

parish.cathedralhub@northamptondiocese.org

CATHOLIC HERALD (September Edition) available at £5.00.

You can reserve a copy or purchase one from the reception at the St Thomas Centre.

EXHIBITION OF 50 FACES OF THE HOLY LAND 13th to 25th October

The Cathedral will host an exhibition of the 50 faces of the Holy Land which will be open daily for visitors to view. There will be an Ecumenical Service in the Cathedral on Thursday 16th October at 3pm and Bishop David will be the main celebrant.

RADIO MARIA – Youth Competitions

Radio Maria is launching two exciting competitions for young people:

- Young Presenter Competition** – schools and students can apply to host a monthly show on Radio Maria England.
- 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/>

CATECHIST FORMATION – Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1)

Do you feel called to share the gift of faith? The Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1) offers formation for new and experienced catechists through a blend of online and in-person sessions.

Dates: 14th, 21st October; 4th, 11th, 18th November (Zoom evenings) In-person session: Saturday 22nd November, St Francis & St Therese RC Church, Northampton Cost: No fixed fee (donations welcome)

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