

# Northampton Cathedral Hub serving the following Churches in our Diocese

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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 NOVEMBER 2025 CHRIST THE KING

Feast days: Monday: St Andrew Dung-Lac

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	22nd November	9.30am	Joe Baily RIP <span style="float:right">ADORATION AND CONFESSION</span>
		6.00pm	Teresa, Michael & Denise Hennessy RIP
Sunday	23rd November	8.30am	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>
		11.00am	Edmond Augustine RIP
		3.00pm	<b>MASS FOR NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY</b>
		5.15pm	Frank Standring & Family Int
Monday	24th November	6.15pm	<b>ROSARY LED BY THE LEGION OF MARY</b>
		7.00pm	Maureen McHale RIP
Tuesday	25th November	9.30am	Patsy Walsh RIP
Wednesday	26th November	9.30am	Caroline Richards Int <span style="float:right">Tea &amp; Coffee after in the St Thomas Centre</span>
Thursday	27th November	9.30am	Sheila & Joe Loftus RIP
		7.00pm	<b>Annual Bereavement Mass</b>
Friday	28th November	12noon	Gabriel & Molly Fowley RIP <span style="float:right">PILGRIMAGE MASS FOLLOWED BY ADORATION AND CONFESSION</span>
Saturday	29th November	9.30am	Annie Bailly Int <span style="float:right">ADORATION AND CONFESSION</span>
		12noon	<b>Wedding of Hannah Needs and Antony Chung</b>
		6.00pm	Margaret Bodkin RIP
Sunday	30th November	8.30am	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>
		11.00am	Nicola Fleming Int
		5.15pm	Michael Daly

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	<a href="http://www.staidansnorthampton.org">www.staidansnorthampton.org</a>
Sunday	23rd November	9.45am	T George RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Monday	24th November	9.30am	Patrick & Mary O'Rourke RIP	<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</b>
Thursday	27th November	9.30am	Clancy Family RIP	<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</b>
Sunday	30th November	9.45am	Mary Brennan RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	<a href="http://www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk">www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk</a>
Saturday	22nd November	11.00am	Baptism of Aiofe	
		12noon	Baptism of Chidi and Sienna	
Sunday	23rd November	9.30am	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Tuesday	25th November	9.30am	Teresa Redmond RIP	<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</b>
Thursday	27th November	9.30am	Tony Mulcock RIP	<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</b>
Sunday	30th November	9.30am	Heather Lee RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Responsorial Psalm **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Alleluia, Alleluia **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of the father David!**

Alleluia

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**THERE ARE SOME FREE COPIES OF:  
MISSIO - MISSION TODAY  
MISSIO – MISSION CALENDAR FOR 2026  
WALK WITH ME – A journey of Prayer for the Advent Jubilee 2025**

### CHRIST THE KING

Jesus is the Servant King: on this World Youth Sunday the image of servant leadership is a beautiful focus to help form our young people deeply. Key elements of such leadership and humility, sacrifice, forgiveness and generosity of heart. Today, celebrate and honour the gifts of young people in your parish. Pray for them. As Pope St John Paul II said to them: 'In the church of today, you are the hope of tomorrow.'

### SECOND COLLECTION TODAY WILL BE FOR THE CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King with special thoughts of our young people as the future of the Catholic Church. This second collection supports programmes and events for their development.

### NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY Celebrating the Gift of Young People

Today we celebrate National Youth Sunday 2025, a special moment in the Church's year to recognise and give thanks for the vital contribution young people make to the life and mission of our communities. In our own diocese, NYMO will host a World Youth Day Concert at **Northampton Cathedral on Sunday 23rd November at 3pm**, bringing together young people and parish communities for an afternoon of faith, music, and celebration. After the Mass, the young people will meet in the St Thomas Centre for refreshments and a Youth Concert which will start at 5pm

### ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT: MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 7.30pm

*Disrupted by Grace*, week 1, with Dr Jessie Rogers and Dr Avril Baigent. This Advent, we will explore the theme "*Disrupted by Grace*" by delving into the stories of some of Jesus' more disreputable ancestors in Matthew 1. We begin on Monday 24th November by unpacking the story of Tamar and exploring the presence of grace in our lives. Find out more and register here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/>

### BOOK NOW FOR BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Café1850 invite you to join them for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday 13 December at 9.30am.

Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast, plenty of festive cheer, fun and games with 'Rockin' Ryan The Elf' and a visit from Santa himself. All children will receive a quality gift as Santa visits at each table. This event sold out in 2024, so don't miss the chance to book via the below link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/96204>

### ADVENT NOVENA

We are pleased to share the *Crown of Advent Novena*, a beautiful reflection based on the O Antiphons, created by parishioners of Our Lady of Walsingham Parish in Corby. Individuals are warmly invited to sign up to receive the novena by email each day from 17 December through Christmas Day. This offers a simple yet profound way to prepare spiritually for the Nativity of the Lord. [www.northamptondiocese.org/advent-novena/](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/advent-novena/)

### NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We wish the Church a very Happy New Year as we go into Year A for the Sunday Readings. This is a time of preparation in the lead up to the Feast of Christmas

### CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your generosity. The Second Collection last weekend was for the Congregation of the sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

<b>Cathedral</b> W/e 15th & 16th November £1525.87plus S/O £715.41 approx Total £2241.28 Second Collection: £682.15	<b>St Aidan</b> W/e 15th & 16th November £319.11plus S/O £230.13 approx Total £549.24 Second Collection: £65.50
<b>Ss Francis and Therese</b> W/e 15th & 16th November £471.88 plus S/O £181.25 approx Total £653.13 Second Collection: £145.20	<b>CAFOD WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUE</b> Please take one. Christmas Gifts that bring us together.

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently.

**Beverley Underwood:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm

(Nene Valley Crematorium)

**Dr Peter Hart:** Monday 1st December at 2.00pm (Cathedral)

**Virginia Tyler:** Tuesday 16th December at 11am (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 November at 7pm (St Felix Room)

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

**Legion of Mary:** Saturday 29th November at 9.30am (St Felix Room)

**Bereavement Group:** Saturday 6th December 2.30 to 4.30pm (Cathedral)

**Scripture Study Group:** Wednesday evening 7pm-8.30pm at Ss Francis and Therese

**Altar Servers Group:** Saturday 20th December 4 to 5.30pm in the Sacristy

### ALL THE EVENTS BELOW ARE IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE

**Good Companions:** Wednesday 26th November 12noon to 3pm

**Food Store Distribution:** Thursday 27th November 10am to 11.30am

### JOB VACANCY Strategic Lead for Caritas Social Action

We're seeking a passionate individual to lead Caritas initiatives across the Diocese of Northampton. This part-time role (3 days per week) is based at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton. If you are committed to Catholic Social Teaching and have experience in project leadership and community outreach, we'd love to hear from you! Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>. All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

### Ss FRANCIS & THERESE

#### SNPC (South Northampton Partnership of Churches)

On Sunday the **30th November**, the First Sunday in Advent, at **6.30pm**, SS F&T will host a joint service with the other churches in our area. The service will take around 35 minutes followed by time to socialise and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and nibbles. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Further details speak to Mary Roach. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS, CHRISTMAS CRIBS & GIFTS

There is a wide range of religious Christmas cards, calendars, books for children and other gifts suitable for people of all ages, so please call in. **Sunday Missals in red or Blue at £18.99 each & The Parish Mass Book for Year A starting at 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent at £5.00 each**  
The St Thomas Centre is open from 10.00am to 1.00pm Monday to Friday

### LUX Youth Residential Weekend

Our diocesan residential weekend for young people in school years 7-13 will take place from 13-15 February at Kings Park Centre, Northampton. Packed with workshops, drama, music, worship, Mass, games, and time with friends, this year's theme is *Belong*. The cost is £110. For more information or to book, visit [nymo.org/lux-belong-2026](http://nymo.org/lux-belong-2026) or email [NYMO@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO@northamptondiocese.com).

### CONCERT FROM THE NORTHAMPTON CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Come and listen to 'A celebration of Christmas light Music', with audience carols, plus a concert performance of 'Scrooge'  
**Friday 5th December at 7.30pm in the St Thomas Centre.**  
Admission £10 at the door. Under 16's free

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES & MASSES

#### St Aidan's

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm Service of Reading and Carols**  
All Welcome

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm Family Christmas Mass**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am Christmas Day Mass**

#### Ss Francis & Therese

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4.15pm Service of Carols & Readings.**  
All Welcome

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm Christmas Family Mass**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am Christmas Day Mass**