

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.

30th NOVEMBER 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A

Feast days: Wednesday, St Francis Xavier

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	29th November	9.30am	Annie Bailey Int ADORATION AND CONFESSION
		12noon	Wedding of Hannah Needs and Antony Chung
		6.00pm	Margaret Bodkin RIP
Sunday	30th November	8.30am	FOR THE PARISH
		11.00am	Nicola Fleming Int
		5.15pm	Michael Dooley RIP
Monday	1st December	2.00pm	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR DR PETER HART RIP
		6.15pm	ROSARY LED BY THE LEGION OF MARY
		7.00pm	Adrian & Colleen Leong Int
Tuesday	2nd December	9.30am	Michael & Jaine Fernandes Int
Wednesday	3rd December	9.30am	Christopher Stephenson RIP Tea & Coffee after in the St Thomas Centre
		5.00pm	Schools Advent Reflection Service
Thursday	4th December	9.30am	Bridie Leonard RIP
Friday	5th December	12noon	Maureen Clarke RIP PILGRIMAGE MASS FOLLOWED BY ADORATION AND CONFESSION
Saturday	6th December	9.30am	Deceased Members of the Jenkins Family FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION AND CONFESSION
		12noon	Baptisms of Tadhg, Jaxon & Maria
		6.00pm	Bridie Leonard RIP
Sunday	7th December	8.30am	FOR THE PARISH
		11.00am	Rose Hughes Int
		5.15pm	Margaret & Peter Sweeney RIP

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	www.staidansnorthampton.org
Sunday	30th November	9.45am	Mary Brennan RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Monday	1st December	9.30am	Lily & Chris Butler RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	4th December	9.30am	Georgina Donaghue RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Sunday	7th December	9.45am	Bernie Burbage RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk
Sunday	30th November	9.30am	Heather Lee RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Tuesday	2nd December	9.30am	Maureen Clarke RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	4th December	9.30am	Tom Mullhall RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Sunday	7th December	9.30am	Maria Azedo Int	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

At The start of Advent, when we mark the beginning of the new liturgical year, the reading invite us to 'stay awake' and 'be ready' for the coming of the Lord. We are reminded that our lives are short and that we must not fritter them away and abandon God's law: we must seek the prize of eternal Redemption, a gift offered to us by Christ whose coming we anticipate.

SCHOOLS ADVENT REFLECTION

Wednesday 3rd December at 5.00pm in the Cathedral

Come and join our Northampton Catholic Schools as they share with us their preparations for Advent with readings and music.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday 8th December at 12noon in the Cathedral. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

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

NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Trust)

Wednesday 10th December at 7pm in the Cathedral

The Choirs will perform a 'Ceremony of Carols' by Benjamin Britten.

CATHEDRAL CHILDREN CHOIR

Saturday 13th December at 2.30pm in the Cathedral

A selection of Readings and Music

FIORI MUSICALI Tuesday 23rd December at 6pm in the Cathedral

Performing Handel Messiah

CHRISTMAS SERVICES & MASSES

Northampton Cathedral

Monday 15th December at 7pm Penitential Service

Wednesday 24th December Mass at 9.30am followed by Confessions

5pm Family Mass with Children's Nativity

11.30pm Readings and Carols till Midnight

12.00 Midnight First Mass of Christmas Day

Thursday 25th Christmas Day Morning Mass 8.30am & 11am (No evening Mass)

St Aidan's

Sunday 14th December at 3pm Service of Reading and Carols All Welcome

Wednesday 24th December at 5pm Family Christmas Mass

Thursday 25th December at 9.45am Christmas Day Mass

Ss Francis & Therese

Wednesday 24th December at 4.15pm Service of Carols & Readings. All Welcome

Wednesday 24th December 5.00pm Christmas Family Mass

Thursday 25th December at 9.30am Christmas Day Mass

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your generosity. Second Collection for Youth Services

Cathedral W/e 22nd & 23rd November £1830.93plus S/O £715.41 approx Total £2546.34 Second Collection: £299.47	St Aidan W/e 22nd & 23rd November £396.23plus S/O £230.13 approx Total £626.36 Second Collection: £93.25
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 22nd & 23rd November £471.88 plus S/O £181.25 approx Total £653.13 Second Collection: £145.20	CAFOD WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUE Please take one. Christmas Gifts that bring us together.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently.

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

Peter Seamark: Thursday 11th December at 1.15pm (Counties Crematorium)

Anna Brown: Monday 15th December at 10.30am (Cathedral)

Virginia Tyler: Tuesday 16th December at 11am (Cathedral)

Andree Shergold: Wednesday 17th December at 10.00am (Ss Francis & Therese)

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 2nd December at 7pm (St Felix Room)

Choir Practice: Thursday 4th December at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

Legion of Mary: Saturday 6th December 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 3rd December 12noon to 3pm

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 4th December 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

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.

SVP CHRISTMAS PARCELS at the Cathedral

If you are able to donate any new Christmas gifts it would be appreciated. Items for children and adults are welcomed. Deliver to the Parish Office.

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 1st 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 or email NYMO@northamptondiocese.com.

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/

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>