

# 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.

## 7th DECEMBER 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A

Feast days: Saturday: St Lucy

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	6th December	9.30am	Deceased Members of the Jenkins Family <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> <b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION</b>
		12noon	<b>Baptisms of Tadhg, Jaxon &amp; Maria</b>
		6.00pm	Bridie Leonard RIP
Sunday	7th December	8.30am	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>
		11.00am	Rose Hughes Int
		5.15pm	Margaret & Peter Sweeney RIP
Monday	8th December	12.00noon	<b>MASS FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
		6.15pm	<b>ROSARY LED BY THE LEGION OF MARY</b>
		7.00pm	Noreen & Colin Waite Int
Tuesday	9th December	9.30am	Mona Grey RIP
Wednesday	10th December	9.30am	Marian Slota RIP
		7.00pm	<b>NMPAT CHOIRS PERFORMING 'A CEREMONY OF CAROLS' BY BENJAMIN BRITTEN</b>
Thursday	11th December	7.00am	<b>RORATE MASS</b>
		7.00pm	Frances Roddy Int
Friday	12th December	12noon	All Souls in Purgatory <b>PILGRIMAGE MASS FOLLOWED BY ADORATION AND CONFESSION</b>
Saturday	13th December	9.30am	Michael Dooley RIP <b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION</b>
		2.30pm	<b>NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL JUNIOR CHOIR</b> Presents 'Carols of Hope' A Service of Lessons & Carols
		6.00pm	The Hogan Family RIP
Sunday	14th December	8.30am	John & Margaret McGovern RIP <b>GAUDETE SUNDAY</b>
		11.00am	Jacqueline McWhinney RIP
		5.15pm	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	<a href="http://www.staidansnorthampton.org">www.staidansnorthampton.org</a>
Sunday	7th December	9.45am	Bernie Burbage RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Monday	8th December	9.30am	Roshan & Family Int	<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</b>
Thursday	11th December	9.30am	Rebecca Parry RIP	<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</b>
Sunday	14th December	9.45am	Rita Bonner Int	Tea/Coffee After Mass
		3.00pm	<b>Advent Carols and Reading</b>	

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>
Sunday	7th December	9.30am	Maria Azedo Int	Tea/Coffee After Mass
Tuesday	9th December	9.30am	Mary & Patrick Walsh RIP	<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</b>
Thursday	11th December	9.30am	Noel Duffy RIP	<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</b>
Sunday	14th December	9.30am	Monica Lowe Int	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Responsorial Psalm

**In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever**

Alleluia, Alleluia

**Prepare a way of the Lord, make his paths straight:  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God**

Alleluia

THERE ARE SOME FREE COPIES OF:  
**THE CATHOLIC POST** - please take one  
**MISSIO - MISSION TODAY**  
**MISSIO – MISSION CALENDAR FOR 2026**

**WALK WITH ME – A journey of Prayer for the Advent Jubilee 2025**

We also have copies of the Catholic Herald at £5.00

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christ comes as a judge, a role foretold in ancient scripture as revealed in our first reading from Isaiah. As we anticipate Christ's coming at Christmas, we must, as John the Baptist puts it in today's Gospel, 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.' We are left in no doubt as to Christ's righteousness, but we also know that, with repentance, comes mercy and fullness of redemption.

### DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon in the Cathedral. All welcome.

#### RORATE MASS – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00am

This is a candlelit Mass celebrated in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditionally celebrated in the dark before sunrise, to symbolise the world's darkness before the coming of Christ. As the Mass progresses and the sun rises, the church becomes progressively brighter, representing the coming of the 'Light of the World'.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

#### NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Trust)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Cathedral

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

#### THE NORTHAMPTON JUNIOR CHILDREN CHOIR

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the Cathedral

A selection of Readings and Music

**FIORI MUSICALI** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm in the Cathedral

Performing Handel Messiah See poster in the Notice Board

#### CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS NATIVITY REHEARSAL

Children from the First Holy Communion groups are invited to be part of the Nativity on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm in the Cathedral. The rehearsal will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> from 12.30 to 1.30pm in the Cathedral. Parents are required to stay.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES & MASSES

#### Northampton Cathedral

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm Penitential Service

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Morning Mass 8.30am & 11am

(No evening Mass)

#### 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

### CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your generosity. Second Collection for Youth Services

Cathedral W/e 29th & 30th November £2763.21 plus S/O £715.41 approx Total £3478.35	St Aidan W/e 29th & 30th November £393.26 plus S/O £230.13 approx Total £623.39
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 29th & 30th November £540.89 plus S/O £181.25 approx Total £722.14	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.

**Peter Seamark:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm

(Counties Crematorium)

**Anna Brown:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am (Cathedral)

**Virginia Tyler:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11am (Cathedral)

**Andree Shergold:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am

(Ss Francis & Therese)

**Barbara Brennan:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am (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 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm (St Felix Room)

**Choir Practice:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

**Legion of Mary:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am (St Felix Room)

**Bereavement Group:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2.30 to 4.30pm (Cathedral)

**Scripture Study Group:** Wednesday evening 7pm-8.30pm at

Ss Francis and Therese

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

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

**Good Companions:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 12noon to 3pm

**Food Store Distribution:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10am to 11.30am

### 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 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).

### 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/)

### DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

These are now available in your parish and cost £7.50 each. A good read about our churches, our priests and the organisations in our Diocese.

Available from St Thomas Centre Repository

**ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm

Disrupted by Grace, week 3, Dr Avril Baigent will be joined by Fr Matt Blake who will continue exploring Jesus' more disreputable ancestors. Fr Matt Blake, a Discalced Carmelite priest, will be unpacking the story of Ruth for us whilst exploring the presence of grace in our lives. Find out more information and register here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/>

### YOUTH GROUP CONSULTATION

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm to 7pm in the St Thomas Centre.** Any young people in years 7 to 12 who attended the recent youth Mass are invited to a chat about the future of the youth group in the parish, as was mentioned at the social event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Fr Simon looks forward to seeing you there.'

### TODAY'S SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Our second purple candle is lit today to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.