

# 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 |

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**Mother Church of the Diocese**

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## PARISH TEAM

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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.

## 4th JANUARY 2026 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY Year A

Feast Days: Tuesday: The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday: Baptism of the Lord

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury		
Saturday	3rd January	9.30am	Brendan Moran RIP	<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>	<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION</b>
		12noon	<b>Baptism of Ifeanyichukwu</b>		
		6.00pm	Christopher Stephenson RIP		
Sunday	4th January	8.30am	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>		
		11.00am	James Carroll RIP		
		5.15pm	April Beeton - Thanksgiving		
Monday	5th January	6.15pm	<b>ROSARY LED BY THE LEGION OF MARY</b>		
		7.00pm	Margaret A Reilly		
Tuesday	6th January	9.30am	John Byrne RIP		
Wednesday	7th January	7.00pm	Peggy Roan RIP		
		9.30am	Sheila Loftus RIP		<b>Tea and Coffee after Mass in the St Thomas Centre</b>
Thursday	8th January	5.00pm	<b>RECEPTION OF THE BODY OF VITO LA PORTA RIP</b>		
		7.00pm	Mary Spillane RIP		
Friday	9th January	10.30am	<b>FUNERAL MASS FOR VITO LA PORTA RIP</b>		
		12.00noon	Teresa Nelligan RIP		<b>MASS FOLLOWED BY ADORATION AND CONFESSION</b>
Saturday	10th January	9.30am	Joe Loftus RIP		<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION</b>
		6.00pm	Nora Scott Int		
Sunday	11th January	8.30am	Kazimiera Bledowski RIP		
		11.00am	Thomas & Mary Finnegan 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	4th January	9.45am	David & Joan Angier RIP	<b>Tea/Coffee After Mass</b>
Monday	5th January	9.30am	Bridget O'Connor RIP	<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</b>
Thursday	8th January	9.30am	Myra McCafferty RIP	<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</b>
Sunday	11th January	9.45am	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee After Mass</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	4th January	9.30am	Maria Senatore RIP	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee After Mass</b>
Tuesday	6th January	9.30am	Annie Kinsella Int	<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</b>
Thursday	8th January	9.30am	Mairead Friary Int	<b>ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</b>
Sunday	11th January	9.30am	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee After Mass</b>

Responsorial Psalm

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us**

Alleluia, Alleluia

**Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations.**

**Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world. Alleluia**

**THE PRIESTS AND STAFF OF THE CATHEDRAL HUB WOULD LIKE TO WISH  
YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR  
THE CONCLUSION TO THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS IS ON SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Christ is a 'pharos' – a beacon of hope in our tumultuous lives. As St John says in the Gospel, 'the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'. There is a light in the world that will never be extinguished, however wild the waves or black the clouds. Let us commit to follow this light as we approach the end of the Christmas season.

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Although little is known about the Three Wise Men, tradition provides us with their names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The Epiphany celebrates the moment Christ, the ultimate gift, was made known to the Three Wise Men and thus the Gentiles. Their journey is central to the Feast of the Three Kings 2026, highlighting the global acknowledgment of Jesus as the Messiah.

## 'THANK YOU' FROM THE PRIESTS OF THE CATHEDRAL HUB

The priests and all the team at the Cathedral Hub would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers in all the churches who helped to make Christmas such a well organised and fitting tribute to the birth of our Lord Jesus. We express our thanks to all those who did so much to ensure that our churches are clean and tidy, that our Altar laundry is clean, that there is a warm welcome as you entered the church, and beautiful flower arrangements that decorate our churches. We thank those who help with the liturgy, served on the Altar, provided the music and for our readers and Eucharistic ministers.

## THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

Fr Simon, Fr Jithu, and Fr Stanley would like to thank you for your generosity in the Christmas Collection and for all the cards and gifts they have received, your kindness means so much.

**Thank you all so very much.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN HOSPITAL

Please keep those in hospital in your prayers at this time. If you have a family member or friend who is in Northampton General Hospital and needs to be seen by a Catholic Priest, then please let the staff on the ward know.

## NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If you would like to learn to serve on the Altar in your parish then please let your Priest know so that training can be arranged. You need to have made your first communion and be keen to want to grow in your faith and understanding the process of the Mass.

## CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME FOR 2026

Parents are invited to come along to a meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January after the 7pm Mass in the Cathedral. The programme and the process for registration will be explained at this meeting.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January** - PAX Sunday

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January** – Baptism of the Lord

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January** – Word of God Service at 3pm in the Cathedral

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** – Ash Wednesday

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Rite of Election at 3pm in the Cathedral

**Chrism Mass** – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 12noon in the Cathedral

## CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your generosity to our Priests in the Christmas Collection

<b>Cathedral</b> W/e 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> December £1850.64 plus S/O £715.41 approx Total £2566.05	<b>St Aidan</b> W/e 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> December £382.94 plus S/O £230.13 approx Total £613.07
<b>Ss Francis and Therese</b> W/e 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> December £485.74 plus S/O £181.25 approx Total £666.99	<b>Thank you.</b>

## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently.

**Vito La Porta:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am (Cathedral)

**Anthony Fitzsimons:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am (Cathedral)

**Villadora Andreoli:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon  
(Ss Francis & Therese)

**Thomas Currid:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 11.00am (Cathedral)

**Bridget Walsh:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 10.00am (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 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm (St Felix Room)

**Choir Practice:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

**Legion of Mary:** Saturday at 4.00pm (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 17<sup>th</sup> January 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 8<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am to 11.30am

## PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR 2026

"Heavenly Father, as we step into the New Year 2026, we thank You for Your faithfulness in the years past. We commit this year into Your hands...". "Thank you for every lesson, every blessing, and every challenge that strengthened us". "Guide our paths, order our steps, grant us wisdom in decisions, peace in uncertainty, and strength for whatever comes". "Bless our families, our work, and our plans. Heal what needs healing, restore what is lost. Protect us from harm and strengthen our bonds". "Help us walk in faith, love, and gratitude. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we may walk in love, joy, peace, and faithfulness". "May this year be filled with hope, purpose, and joy, and may Your presence go with us every day. In Jesus Name, Amen."

## ROLE VACANCY: CHAIR OF THE SAFEGUARDING ADVISORY BOARD

The Safeguarding Advisory Board (SAB) continues its search for a new Chair to lead the work of the Board. The SAB meets quarterly (three meetings online) and oversees the work of the Safeguarding Office, including new and ongoing reports of allegations and concerns.

The Chair is appointed for an initial term of three years. A brief role description and specification are available. This is a rewarding opportunity to support the Diocese in building upon its recent audit and further improving safeguarding standards. Please contact 01604 723514 to discuss the role for consider approaching individuals within your parish or networks who may be suitable or interested.

## ANOINTING MASS AT ST AIDAN'S

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon**

All are welcome to come and join us for this important Sacrament. If you need transport then please call Tel 07513367148  
Refreshments will be served after the Mass

## SVP 'THANK YOU VERY MUCH'

The SVP would like to offer a BIG THANK YOU for the support they have received from you the people of our parishes throughout this year. It has been another difficult year for so many people, but the volunteer teams have been working to help the housebound, the sick, and those in need. They have provided befriending services, help with household items and food parcels.

Christmas parcels of food and gifts were distributed in our community, and were gratefully received.

If you know anyone who is in need and would appreciate some support, then please do call; Cathedral SVP 07591060335 or  
St Aidan SVP 07513367148

If you would like to join the SVP or find out more about this work, then please contact us.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Group 1 Session will start again on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm in the St Thomas Centre