

# 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.

## 11th JANUARY 2026 BAPTISM OF THE LORD Year A

Feast Days: Saturday: St Anthony of Egypt

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	10th January	9.30am	Joe Loftus RIP <span style="float:right">ADORATION AND CONFESSION</span>
		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>
Monday	12th January	6.15pm	<b>ROSARY LED BY THE LEGION OF MARY</b>
		7.00pm	Sheila & Joe Loftus RIP
Tuesday	13th January	9.30am	Margaret Quinn Int
Wednesday	14th January	9.30am	Sheila Loftus RIP <span style="float:right">Tea and Coffee after Mass in the St Thomas Centre</span>
Thursday	15th January	6.15pm	<b>ADORATION</b>
		7.00pm	Maureen Clarke RIP <span style="float:right">PARENTS EVENING FOR CONFIRMATION IN CATHEDRAL AFTER MASS</span>
Friday	16th January	10.00am	<b>FUNERAL MASS FOR ANTHONY FITZSIMONS RIP</b>
		12.00noon	Kevin McCabe RIP <span style="float:right">MASS FOLLOWED BY ADORATION AND CONFESSION</span>
Saturday	17th January	9.30am	Christie Donnelly RIP <span style="float:right">ADORATION AND CONFESSION</span>
		12noon	<b>Baptism of Rosie and Anthena</b>
		6.00pm	Vilman Chan RIP
Sunday	18th January	8.30am	John Donaghue RIP
		11.00am	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>
		5.15pm	Mary McHugh RIP

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	<a href="http://www.staidansnorthampton.org">www.staidansnorthampton.org</a>
Sunday	11th January	9.45am	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>	<span style="float:right">Tea/Coffee After Mass</span>
Monday	12th January	9.30am	Kathleen Enright Int	<span style="float:right">ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</span>
Thursday	15th January	9.30am	Margaret Fortescue RIP	<span style="float:right">ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</span>
Sunday	18th January	9.45am	Rosemary Slack RIP	<span style="float:right">Tea/Coffee After Mass</span>

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	11th January	9.30am	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>	<span style="float:right">Tea &amp; Coffee After Mass</span>
Tuesday	13th January	9.30am	Liam & Sarah Donaghue Int	<span style="float:right">ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</span>
Thursday	15th January	9.30am	Nora Healey RIP	<span style="float:right">ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS</span>
Sunday	18th January	9.30am	Michael Earley RIP	<span style="float:right">Tea &amp; Coffee After Mass</span>

Responsorial Psalm **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Alleluia, Alleluia **The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:  
'This is the beloved Son'; listen to him.** Alleluia

## Baptism, the first Sacrament

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

God the Father announces his filial relationship with Jesus saying, 'listen to him.' In reading the Gospels we are listening to what God, incarnate in Jesus Christ, is saying. God's word is active and alive, and every encounter we have with Our Lord in the scriptures can change us and those around us for the better. Our listening becomes the means. It is an essential element in our path to holiness.

### PAX SUNDAY

Peace Sunday 2026 will take place on **Sunday 18th January 2026**. Pope Leo has announced the theme – 'Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming peace' – Pope Leo has continued the exhortation of Pope Francis that the call to live nonviolent 'disarmed' lives is core to Catholic Social Teaching and the key to peace in a world scarred by violent conflict.

#### Prayer.

We ask God's blessing on all who work for peace and justice, on all who will not be silent in the face of injustice or human hurt; on all who take risks for peace. We ask God's blessing today especially on the work of the international Catholic Peace Movement, Pax Christi.

### 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.

### BAPTISM EVENING FOR PARENTS WISHING TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN BAPTISED – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the St Thomas Centre (Car Park NN2 6DF)

Parents wishing to have their child baptised need to come along to this meeting. This is a time to learn about your responsibilities as parents and those of the Godparents.

At the end of the session, you will be able to book your child's baptism at the Cathedral, St Aidan's or Ss Francis & Therese.

### 200 CLUB WINNERS FOR JANUARY Congratulations to our winners

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** No 38    **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** No 156    **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** No 127  
Thank you to all who support this fundraising.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Monday 12th January at 6pm  
Group 2 Session will be on Monday in St Thomas Centre.

### CAN YOU HELP THE FOOD STORE?

The Food store is in need of donations of breakfast cereals, sugar, long life milk and tuna. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### 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 11th January – Baptism of the Lord**

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

**Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday**

**Sunday 22nd February – Rite of Election at 3pm in the Cathedral**

**Chrism Mass – Wednesday 1st April at 12noon in the Cathedral**

### CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

<b>Cathedral</b> W/e 3rd & 4th January £1905.72 plus S/O £715.41 approx Total £2621.13	<b>St Aidan</b> W/e 3rd & 4th January £310.49 plus S/O £230.13 approx Total £540.62
<b>Ss Francis and Therese</b> W/e 3rd & 4th January £475.12 plus S/O £181.25 approx Total £656.37	<b>Thank you for your generosity.</b>

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently.

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

**Shaji Joseph:** Monday 19th January at 11am (Cathedral)

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

**Thomas Currid:** Wednesday 21st January at 11.00am (Cathedral)

**Bridget Walsh:** Friday 23rd January at 10.00am (Cathedral)

**Frank Moran:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am (Counties Crematorium)  
*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 13th January at 7pm (St Felix Room)

**Choir Practice:** Thursday 15th January at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

**Legion of Mary:** Saturday 17th at 4.00pm (St Felix Room)

**Bereavement Group:** Saturday 10th January 2.30 to 4.30pm (Cathedral)

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

**Altar Servers Group:** Saturday 17th January 4 to 5.30pm in the Sacristy

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

**Good Companions:** Wednesday 14th January 12noon to 3pm

**Food Store Distribution:** Thursday 15th January 10.00am to 11.30am

### WORLD LEPROSY DAY Sunday 25 January 2026

The 25th January will mark **World Leprosy Day**, a time to pray for and stand in solidarity with people affected by leprosy around the world.

We remember the work of the John Bradburne Memorial Society, inspired by John Bradburne, who devoted his life to caring for those with leprosy at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe.

Please keep the people of Mutemwa in your prayers and consider supporting this vital work through prayer, awareness, or donation.  
[www.johnbradburne.com](http://www.johnbradburne.com), Tel: 07979 187498, Post: JBMS, PO Box 32, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0YB, Email: [info@johnbradburne.com](mailto:info@johnbradburne.com)

### ANointing OF THE SICK 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

### TAIZE IN THE CATHEDRAL - SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY AT 7.15pm

A time to pray in chant, in reflection, in stillness, lead by a parish group that have come together to share this unique style of sung prayer and praise. Do come along.

### SING THE SEASON LENT 2026

The latest event in the Northampton Diocese Music Liturgy series, offering new and seasonal music alongside fresh ideas for the Lenten season. Designed for cantors, choir leaders, singers, and musicians.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, 24 January 2026, 11am – 4pm

**Location:** St Aidan's Catholic Church, Finch Lane, Little Chalfont, Amersham (HP7 9NE)

**What to bring:** Packed lunch, voice, and instruments (tea and coffee Provided).

**Cost:** Free (suggested donation £5 to support future events)

**Further details :** <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/sing-the-season-lent-2026/>

### THE LIFE OF CHRIST AT WINTERSHALL Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June

#### The Story of Jesus, brought to Life.

Discover the wonder of Jesus' life with an unforgettable event of all the family. The Life of Christ is a play like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate for this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Watch the wedding in Cana, the feeding of the 5000 and the Last Supper unfold before your eyes.

**Cost will be available next week so register your interest with the parish office.**