

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.

22nd March 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year A

Feast Days: Wednesday, The Annunciation of the Lord, Sunday: Palm Sunday

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	21st March	9.30am	Brett Purcell RIP ADORATION AND CONFESSION
		6.00pm	Deceased Members of the Kealy Family
		7.15pm	TAIZE MUSIC & PRAYER
Sunday	22nd March	8.30am	Elsie Conway RIP
		11.00am	FOR THE PARISH
		5.15pm	Erhi Iweh Int
Monday	23rd March	10.30am	FUNERAL MASS/SERVICE OF EILEEN TOBIN RIP
		6.00pm	ROSARY LED BY THE LEGION OF MARY
		7.00pm	Assucena Victoria Miguel RIP
Tuesday	24th March	9.30am	Helen & Noel Sullivan Int
		10.00am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Wednesday	25th March	9.30am	Rosemary & Mike O'Connor Int Tea and Coffee after Mass in the St Thomas Centre
		6.00pm	PERFORMANCE OF 'BORN FOR THIS' from Weston Favell Academy students OPEN TO ALL
Thursday	26th March	10.30am	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR EILEEN DILLON RIP
		6.00pm	ADORATION
		7.00pm	David Hammond RIP
Friday	27th March	10.00am	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MAUREEN STEWART RIP
		12noon	Mary Joseph RIP MASS FOLLOWED BY ADORATION AND CONFESSION
		7.00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS – LED BY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP
Saturday	28th March	9.30am	Noel & Helen O'Sullivan Int ADORATION AND CONFESSION
		12noon	BAPTISM OF Chukwumeremueze,
		6.00pm	Mary John RIP
Sunday	29th March	8.30am	Lily & Chris Butler RIP PALM SUNDAY
		11.00am	Mike Roan Int
		5.15pm	FOR THE PARISH

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	www.staidansnorthampton.org
Saturday	21st March	12noon	Baptism of Freddie MacDonald	
Sunday	22nd March	9.45am	Kitty Longland RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass
		3.00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Monday	23rd March	9.30am	Margaret Doherty RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Tuesday	24th March	11.00am	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MARY BRIDGET GREEN RIP	
Thursday	26th March	9.30am	The Smith Family Int	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Sunday	29th March	9.45am	FOR THE PARISH	Tea/Coffee After Mass
		3.00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	PALM SUNDAY

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk
Sunday	22nd March	8.45am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
		9.30am	FOR THE PARISH	Tea & Coffee After Mass
Tuesday	24th March	9.30am	Michael Moore RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	26th March	9.30am	Andrew Robinson RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
		7.00pm	LENTEN REFLECTION in Readings and Music	
Sunday	29th March	8.45am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	PALM SUNDAY
		9.30am	Erhi Iweh Int	Tea & Coffee After Mass

Responsorial Psalm : **With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.**

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the Living God. **I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die.** Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the Living God.

The new security gates at the front of the Cathedral are now operational.

The exit gate will open on your approach to the closed gate.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Our psalm is known as the De profundis, and is often prayed for the Holy Souls in purgatory, as it speaks of the soul's longing for the Lord. The Liturgy reminds us, once again, of what we are approaching as Lent ends. Yet, in the raising of Lazarus we are also told that all things happen in accord with God's providence, and that even in sorrow there is hope.

SECOND COLLECTION & APPEAL THIS WEEKEND IS FOR THE CATHEDRAL CHURCHES SVP'S (Cathedral & Ss Francis) & (St Aidan's)

SUNDAY 29th MARCH IS PALM SUNDAY AND THE START OF HOLY WEEK.

The procession at the Cathedral will start in the Cathedral Garden.

CATHEDRAL REPOSITORY IS OPEN THIS SUNDAY

Thanks to our volunteers, the Cathedral Repository is open on Sundays in the Sacristy after the 8.30am Mass for those who wish to purchase items. **Cash transactions only. We are looking for additional volunteers to support any of the Masses**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At the Cathedral on Tuesday morning after Mass and on Friday evening at 7pm

At St Aidan's on Sunday at 3pm

At Ss Francis & Therese on Sunday at 8.45am

EXTREME WAY OF THE CROSS Friday 27th March to Saturday 28th March

Can you walk at night from the Cathedral for 40km in silence joining together with some Polish Catholics to achieve this. The evening will start at 6.15pm in the Cathedral with Mass. The Pilgrims will then leave. **Jesus Youth (Awakening Eucharistic Adoration)** will then join others in Stations of the Cross and Adoration until 7am when the pilgrims will return and Mass will be celebrated in Thanksgiving. Contact the office if you are interested in this Extreme Way of the Cross.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN – STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

Children are invited to come along for a rehearsal on Monday 30th March at 4.45pm to 6pm in the Cathedral in preparation for Stations of the Children Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12noon.

A SERVICE OF REFLECTION FOR LENT on THURS 26th MARCH AT 7PM

at Ss Francis & Therese Church. Readings, Reflection & Music.

'BORN FOR THIS' (written by Jo Boyce) Wednesday 25th March at 6pm in the Cathedral

You are invited to come to the Cathedral to watch a moving and powerful depiction of the stations of the cross in words and music. This will be performed by students from Weston Favell Academy. Entrance is free but donations are welcome.

KINGSTHORPE CHURCHES TOGETHER GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

Starting at 10am at St Aidan Church with an ecumenical service. The cross will then be carried from St Aidan's along Welford Road, past Waitrose and into Kingsthorpe Community Church for the final blessing and refreshments.

PLEASE DO COME ALONG AND JOIN US

"COME & SEE" SATURDAY 28th MARCH FROM 11am to 4pm

Men aged 18 and over who are wondering whether God may be calling them to the priesthood are warmly invited by our Vocations Director, Fr Pius Amoako, to a "Come and See" Discernment Day on Saturday 28th March 2026 at Our Lady Help of Christians and St Lawrence, Olney. The discernment day starts at 11am and finishes at 4pm.

"There is no pressure to sign up or commit to anything," Fr Pius explains. "This is simply an opportunity to come and see, to ask questions, to seek clarification, and to talk honestly about anything that may be confusing or weighing on your heart when it comes to the priesthood."

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Cathedral	St Aidan
W/e 14th & 15th March £1652.40 plus S/O £715.41 approx Total £2780.12	W/e 14th & 15th March £292.06 S/O £230.13 approx Total £522.19
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 14th & 15th March £593.80 S/O £181.25 approx Total £775.05	Thank you for your generosity.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently.

Eileen Tobin: Monday 23rd March at 10.30am (Cathedral)

Mary Green: Tuesday 24th March at 11am (St Aidan's)

Eileen Dillon: Thursday 26th March at 10.30am (Cathedral)

Maureen Stewart: Friday 27th March at 10am (Cathedral)

James Curran: Thursday 2nd April at 12noon (St Aidan's)

Mary 'Maureen' Gill: Thursday 9th April at 12noon (Cathedral)

Pauline McDonnell: Friday 10th April at 10.30am (St Aidan's)

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 24th March at 7pm (St Felix Room)

Choir Practice: Thursday 26th at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

Legion of Mary: Saturday 28th March at 4.00pm (St Felix Room)

Bereavement Group: Saturday 11th April from 2.30 to 4.30pm (Cathedral)

Belong & Befed (Youth Ministry): Saturday 28th March 7.15pm to 9.00pm in the Sacristy

Scripture Study Group: Thursday evening at Ss Francis and Therese

Altar Servers Group: Saturday 21st March 4 to 5.30pm in the Sacristy

ALL THE EVENTS BELOW ARE IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE

Good Companions: Wednesday 25th March 12noon to 2.30pm

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 26th March 10.00am to 11.30am

NORTHAMPTON CONCERT ORCHESTRA 'SPRING CONCERT'

Friday 27th March at 7.30pm in the St Thomas Centre.

We welcome a guest soloist Holly-Alice Morton playing the harp.

Admission Adults £10.00 Under 16's free

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PALM SUNDAY on 29th March at all churches

PENITENTIAL SERVICE on Monday 30th March at 7pm in the Cathedral

DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS on Wednesday 1st April at 12noon (Cathedral)

MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS 7.30pm in all our churches (watching Afterwards)

ECUMENICAL SERVICE AND WALK OF WITNESS on Friday 3rd April at

St Aidan's Church and walking to Kingsthorpe Community Church.

GOOD FRIDAY on 3rd April

Children's Stations at 12noon (Cathedral only)

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3pm (all churches)

Sorrowful Mother Rosary at 7pm (Cathedral only)

EASTER VIGIL on 4th April at 8pm in all the churches

EASTER SUNDAY – 8.30am & 11am in the Cathedral and

9.30am at Ss Francis and Therese and 9.45 at St Aidan's

EASTER EGG HUNT ON EASTER SUNDAY at Ss Francis & Therese

Martin, Sarah and Luke will be happy to receive donations of Easter Eggs for the traditional **Easter Egg Hunt** at Ss F&T on Easter Sunday. Please leave your eggs (any size or flavour) in the box provided at the church.

ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL ARE RECRUITING FOR A CLASS TEACHER

Permanent, Part-time, 3 days per week

www.stgregoryscatholicprimaryschool.uk, applications can be made via

the MyNewTerm portal on our website or on the Trust website

www.olicatschools.org. **Closing date Sunday 12th April 2026**

Interview Date: Friday 17th April 2026

SNPC LENTEN SERVICE ON THE THEME OF PEACE. Tuesday 24th March.

at Towcester Road Methodist Church at 7.00pm and led by St Benedict's Team. Theme Peace in the Church.

SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PARTNERSHIP OF CHURCHES (SNPC)

The **Walk of Witness** will leave **St Benedict's Church** at 10.30am on **Good Friday** carrying a wooden cross. It will proceed to **SS Francis & Therese** for a comfort break and prayer and where others can join the walk. From there it will proceed to the **Abbey Centre Baptist Church**. Finally, the walkers will be welcomed at **Towcester Road Methodist Church** to share an austerity lunch with donations to Christian Aid. All are very welcome to join at any stage of the journey.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST AT WINTERSHALL Saturday 20th June

The Sory of Jesus brought to Life.

www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/

Cost is £62.00 (Coach & Entry Fee) and you can now book your place.