

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.

19th April 2026 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Year A

Feast Days: Thursday: St George, Saturday: St Mark

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	18th April	9.30am	Fr Alexander RIP
		12noon	ADORATION & CONFESSION AFTER MASS
		3.00pm	Wedding of Anton and Louise
		6.00pm	Wedding of Uloma & Gabriel
		7.15pm	Johnny Heaphy RIP
Sunday	19th April	8.30am	TAIZE MUSIC AND PRAYER
		11.00am	FOR THE PARISH
		12noon	Francisco Fernandes RIP
		5.15pm	HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE
Monday	20th April	6.15pm	Hilario Rebelo RIP
		7.00pm	ROSARY LED BY THE LEGION OF MARY
Tuesday	21st April	9.30am	Lee Hillery RIP
Wednesday	22nd April	9.30am	John & Mary Mannion RIP
		6.00pm	Tea/Coffee After Mass in the St Thomas Centre
Thursday	23rd April	7.00pm	ADORATION
		12noon	Sheila Lett RIP
Friday	24th April	12noon	Patrick Wilson RIP
Saturday	25th April	9.30am	CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION AFTER MASS
		6.00pm	Maria Rosa Martins RIP
		8.30am	Mary John RIP
Sunday	26th April	11.00am	Tom Kelly RIP
		5.15pm	FOR THE PARISH
			Joe & Sheila Loftus RIP

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	www.staidansnorthampton.org
Sunday	19th April	9.45am	Ron Martin RIP	(No refreshments after Mass)
		11.00am	HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE	
Monday	20th April	9.30am	John Durkin RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	23rd April	9.30am	Martin & John Durkin RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Sunday	26th April	9.45am	Kitty Longland RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk
Sunday	18th April	8.30am	HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE	
		9.30am	Mrs Bet Doherty RIP	Tea & Coffee After Mass
Tuesday	21st April	9.30am	Private Intention	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	23rd April	9.30am	Andrew Robinson RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Sunday	26th April	9.30am	Patrick & Rosemary Carey RIP	

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, Alleluia. **Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us: make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.** Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY HOUR IN EACH OF OUR CHURCHES ON SUNDAY 18TH APRIL

Join the Bishops of England and Wales to pray a Holy Hour for the dignity of all human life as peers in the House of Lords continue to debate whether to pass the Assisted Dying Bill into law.

Pro Life Chain – Saturday 2nd May 2026, St Peter's Way, Northampton, 10am to 12noon

An act of silent witness to convey to passing motorists and others the dignity of all human life from conception to natural end and the need for its protection. Everyone welcome. For information contact William on 07393965643 (phone or text) or wpcurrie@btinternet.com.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sometimes it takes time to understand what has happened, and we need someone to explain more clearly. We may see dimly, although a bright light is shining. Yet even when we are only on the very edge of seeing the truth, our hearts can burn within us and become ready to change. Somewhere deep inside of us we come to know the love of Christ.

HOLY HOUR ON SUNDAY 19th APRIL IN ALL OUR CHURCHES

After the 11am Mass in the Cathedral

After the 9.45am Mass at St Aidan's

Before Mass at 8.30am at Ss Francis & Therese.

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PLEASE DO SUPPORT THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND ACTION

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE DIOCESAN PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

PLANNING YOUR PARISH GIVING

NEW planned giving envelopes are available at your church. **Please do collect yours or register as a new user.** If you are new to the parish or are not yet involved with planned giving this is your opportunity to start.

You can either, use the weekly envelopes and place them in the collection basket or you can complete one of the Standing Order Forms and your payment will be taken monthly from the bank. Please do remember that you can gift aid this money as it really helps the church with no extra cost to yourself. You must be a taxpayer to use the gift aid contribution. We thank all those who give support to their parish it is very much appreciated. **Available THIS WEEKEND**

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

The life in the Spirit seminars will start in April, with sessions being held online to allow as many people as possible from the diocese to attend.

The online sessions will be on the 28th April, the 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th May and the 2nd June. There will be an in-person Baptism in the Holy Spirit retreat day, which will be held at Our Lady, Help of Christians, in Chapel Langley, Luton on the 23rd May.

PARENTS EVENING FOR BAPTISM FAMILIES

Tuesday 12th May at 7pm in the St Thomas Centre

All parents wishing to have their child/children baptised need to attend this meeting which will take approx. 1 hour. There is an opportunity to ask questions and find out about the responsibilities of the Parents and Godparents. At the end of the meeting, you will be able to book your baptism date.

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

Our churches welcome people who are able to offer two hours a week to help keep your church clean and tidy. If you can help then please call the office (01604 714556) or speak to the priest at your church.

COPIES OF THE SUPPLEMENT OF SAINTS AND BEATI ASSOCIATION WITH THE DIOCESE (Published for the 175 Anniversary of the Diocese)

Available from the repository in the St Thomas Centre at £7.50 each

A Talk about Personal Safety and Safety in your Home

Presentation from the police on Wednesday 29th April from 11am to 12noon in the St Thomas Centre.

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Cathedral W/e 11th & 12th April £1778.76 plus S/O £715.41 approx Total £2494.17 Second Collection for Aid to the Church in Need £602.08	St Aidan W/e 11th & 12th April £373.15 plus S/O £230.13 approx Total £603.28 Second Collection for Aid to the Church in Need £103.39
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 11th & 12th April £741.08 plus S/O £181.25 Total £922.33	Thank you for your generosity

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently.

Rita Hawthorn: Thursday 23rd April at 1pm
(Towcester Road Cemetery Chapel)

Susan Dix: Wednesday 29th April at 11am (St Aidan's)

Margaret Oakley: Thursday 30th April at 11am (Cathedral)

Noreen Clancy: Thursday 30th April at 12.30pm (St Aidan's)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Dr JUDITH CHAMP RIP

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Metropolitan Cathedral and Basilica of St Chad in Birmingham on Wednesday 6th May at 11.00am. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preside.

CATHEDRAL HUB GROUPS

Scripture Reflection: Tuesday 21st April at 7pm (St Felix Room)

Choir Practice: Thursday 23rd April at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

Legion of Mary: Saturday 25th April at 4.00pm (St Felix Room)

Bereavement Group: Saturday 9th May from 2.30 to 4.30pm (Cathedral)

Belong & Befed (Youth Ministry): Saturday 2nd May 7.15pm to 9.00pm in the Sacristy

Cathedral & Ss Francis & Therese SVP – Meeting on Wednesday 20th May at 7pm in the St Thomas Centre

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

Altar Servers Group: Saturday 18th April 4pm to 5.30pm in the Sacristy

ALL THE EVENTS BELOW ARE IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE

Good Companions: Wednesday 22nd April (Ticket only)

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 23rd April 10.00am to 11.30am

THE LIFE OF CHRIST AT WINTERSHALL Saturday 20th June

The Story 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 with the parish office. Those who have reserved a place now need to pay.

CALLED AND EQUIPPED 2026-27

Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? Our year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again

this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community. This course is for anyone

active in parish life or coming into ministry. Find out more

here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/> or sign up to one of our introductory webinars

on <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese>

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly.

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: *"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."* Donate at

cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nigerian Mass Sunday 26th April at 1.30pm in the Cathedral

Elevation & Induction of Officers for Knights of St Columba

Sunday 26th April at 5.15pm Mass

Cathedral Hub Volunteers Celebration

Tuesday 2nd June Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral and afterward in the St Thomas Centre for refreshments

Quiz Night in the St Thomas Centre. Annual fundraiser to sponsor a disabled person to go to Lourdes Wednesday 3rd June at 7pm

Contact Ann to book your team.

Healing Garden Open Day Tuesday 6th June 2pm to 4pm

YOUR FOREIGN COINS & NOTES

We are now collecting any unwanted foreign coins and notes which can be exchanged and used to support our parishes. If you have any that you would like to donate, please put them in a change bag (used by the banks) or in a sealed envelope and put them in the church collection. Thank you.