

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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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.

20th SEPTEMBER 2026 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Feast Days: Monday: St Matthew, Wednesday: St Pius of Pietrelcina, Thursday: Our Lady of Walsingham

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	19th September	9.30am	Gerry & Kathleen Boyd RIP
		1.00pm	WEDDING OF IMOGEN & KIRAN
		6.00pm	Baby Roan RIP
Sunday	20th September	8.30am	Agnes Carolin RIP
		11.00am	James Carroll RIP
		5.15pm	FOR THE PARISH
Monday	21st September	10.15am	FUNERAL MASS OF GINTARE SITAVICIUTE RIP
		6.15pm	ROSARY LED BY THE LEGION OF MARY
		7.00pm	Mary Cassidy RIP
Tuesday	22nd September	9.30am	Michelle & James Cook Int
Wednesday	23rd September	11.00am	FUNERAL MASS FOR MICHAEL DORRELL RIP
Thursday	24th September	6.00pm	ADORATION
		7.00pm	Breda Coleman RIP
Friday	25th September	12.00am	Rita Bonner Int MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION
Saturday	26th September	9.30am	Moya Payne RIP
		11.30am	SVP ANOINING MASS
		6.00pm	Caroline Loftus Int
Sunday	27th September	8.30am	Angela Lawlor Int
		11.00am	Bonaventura Cioffi RIP
		5.15pm	FOR THE PARISH

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	www.staidansnorthampton.org
Saturday	19th September	12noon	Baptism of Arlo	
Sunday	20th September	9.45am	Grace Porter RIP	Tea & Coffee after Mass
Monday	21st September	9.30am	Jan Hind Int	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	24th September	9.30am	Tess Gillham RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Sunday	27th September	9.45am	Sue Dix RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk
Sunday	13th September	9.30am	Michael Earley RIP	Tea & Coffee after Mass
Tuesday	15th September	9.30am	May & Joe Eamon Kearns RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	17th September	9.30am	Ted & Nancy Kearns RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Sunday	20th September	9.30am	Ken Watts RIP	Tea & Coffee after Mass

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

**THIS WEEKEND IS THE FIRST WEEKEND OF THE MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT
TAKEN AT ALL MASSES**

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

God is generous with his mercy, to lengths and depths beyond our imagination or comprehension. His saving grace is neither deserved nor earned. Jesus teaches that he chooses to love everyone with the same love, the same mercy, the same generosity: no matter when or how we turn up. Our calling is to share the kindness and compassion we have received, especially among those in most need.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR HOME MISSION SUNDAY

TODAY IS EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY

Known as **Home Mission Sunday**. The day we ask our parishes to pray for the work of evangelisation and to support this vital work.

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

The Cathedral parish has been reflecting on its purpose over the last couple of years and, in light of that, it seems like the right time to take a new step of faith. The parish is 1000+ strong and continues to thrive, welcoming a good number of adults into the Church in recent years, providing Sacramental programmes for all our children and young people, and offering a wide range of other activities. All this reflects our recognition that every parish exists to grow as the 'family' of God and to draw others into that family. With all this in mind, I ask that we enter a time of collective prayer, asking the Lord to strengthen our connectedness as a parish and enable us to continue to grow as a family of disciples, encountering Christ and sharing his love with all those we meet. The step of faith that I ask you to take is to pray our new parish prayer daily: this is available as a prayer card for everyone and on banners positioned around the Cathedral. This will unite us in prayer and purpose, enabling us to build community and strengthen our call to discipleship. I give thanks for your commitment to your own life of faith and the blessings that each of you are to this parish, and the promise that this holds for us together. May God bless us as we journey Forward.

PARISH PASTORAL STATISTICS (Mass Count at all Masses)

Week 1	19th & 20th September	Week 3	3rd & 4th October
Week 2	26th & 27th September	Week 4	10th & 11th October

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL – Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October

Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**.



BAPTISM EVENING FOR PARENTS

Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm in the St Thomas Centre. Parents wishing to have their child baptised need to attend this meeting.

At the end of the session, you can book your baptism date.

THE SEASON OF CREATION (Tuesday 1st September to Tuesday 6th October)

The Cathedral will dedicate Midday Mass on Friday 25th September to the Season of Creation.

SVP ANOINTING MASS Saturday 26th September at 11.30am

Mass with the blessing of the Sick will be followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre. Please register your attendance for catering purposes. **Ring the parish office on 01604 714556** if you would like to attend.

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Cathedral W/e 12th & 13th September £1696.70 plus S/O £771.46 Approx Total £2468.16 Second Collection £168.46	St Aidan W/e 12th & 13th September £313.32 plus S/O £269.53 Approx Total £592.85 Second Collection £84.26
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 12th & 13th September £459.85plus S/O £598.38 Approx Total £1058.23 Second Collection £51.15	Thank you for your generosity. The figures for Standing orders have been updated from August 2026 Second Collection was for Catholic Education Sunday

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died recently and have funerals arranged;

Gintare Sitaviciute: Monday 21st September at 10.15am (Cathedral)

Michael Dorrell: Wednesday 23rd September at 11.00am (Cathedral)

Edmund 'Ed' Corbett: Tuesday 29th September at 10.30am (Cathedral)

Elizabeth Murray: Wednesday 30th September at 12.30pm (Cathedral)

Veronica McEnroe: Thursday 1st October at 10.30am (Cathedral)

Geraldine Burbage: Friday 2nd October at 12noon (Cathedral)

Timothy Casey: Wednesday 7th October at 11.00am (Cathedral)

Joanne McConville: Thursday 8th October at 10.30am (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: Tuesdays at 7pm (St Felix Room)

Choir Practice: Thursdays at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

Legion of Mary: Wednesday at 6.30pm (St Felix Room)

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

Young Adults: Next meeting (date to be confirmed)

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

Bereavement Group: Saturday 3rd October from 2.30 to 4.30pm (Cathedral)

Belong & Befed (Youth Ministry): Saturday 3rd October 7.15pm to 9.00pm in the Sacristy

RCIA Programme : Wednesday 7.00pm to 8.30pm (Cathedral House)

Cathedral & Ss Francis & Therese SVP – Meeting on Wednesday 21st October at 7pm in the St Thomas Centre

ALL THE EVENTS BELOW ARE IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE

Good Companions: Wednesday 23rd September 12noon to 2.30pm

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 10am to 11.30am

BELOVED RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Taking place in Northampton Cathedral and at the St. Thomas Centre Friday 30th October - Sunday 1st November. Make time to come away and delve into the truth that 'I am my Beloved's and His desire is for me' (Song of Song 7:10).

They are also looking for some parishioners to volunteer to host team members for the weekend. For bookings and more information visit

www.sioncommunity.org.uk/#beloved

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC 2026 (40 hours of Adoration) in the Cathedral Friday 9th October from 6am and Saturday 10th October until 10pm

As the Church gathers for the Adoremus Congress, the Bishops of England and Wales warmly invite every parish to celebrate this special weekend through Eucharistic Adoration, catechetical initiatives, or Eucharistic Processions, fostering a renewed love for and deeper encounter with Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. **The Northampton Cathedral Hub Parishes will be organising a programme to cover the 40 hours and invite those interested in leading a session to speak to one of our Priests or contact the parish office.**

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE IN EACH PARISH

ST THOMAS BECKET YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING Thursday 24th September

Join us at St Thomas Becket Catholic School for our **YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING**.

Book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/117168>

SAFEGUARDING ENGAGEMENT WORKER

Fixed term contract for two years. 21 hours per week, worked over 3 days

We are seeking a proactive and engaging individual to support and strengthen safeguarding across the Diocese. Working closely with parishes, clergy, volunteers and Parish Safeguarding Representatives, you will provide guidance, support and monitoring to promote best practice, encourage compliance with safeguarding standards, and help embed a strong safeguarding culture across the Diocese. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting

<https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

Deputy Catering Manager

An exciting opportunity to support the Catering Manager in delivering high quality catering services across Café 1850 and the St Thomas Centre. This hands-on role involves overseeing daily operations, maintaining excellent customer service, food safety and cleanliness standards. The successful candidate will also deputise for the Catering Manager when required. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs> To apply, please complete a Diocesan Application Form and return it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

EIGHTH DAY 'JOY' Sunday 11th October in the St Thomas Centre 5 -7pm

Event for young adults 18years to 35years including praise and worship, creative activities, fellowship and opportunities to encounter God in a different way. **Do come along and find out more.**