

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.

16th August 2026 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast Days: Thursday: St Bernard, Friday St Pius, Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	15th August	9.30am	The McGowan Family RIP
		12noon	WEDDING OF ADELE & WAYNE
		6.00pm	The Roan & Heaphy Families RIP
Sunday	16th August	8.30am	Pat Condon RIP
		11.00am	Joseph Ben RIP
		5.15pm	FOR THE PARISH
Monday	17th August	6.15pm	ROSARY LED BY THE LEGION ON MARY
		7.00pm	Aileen Dillon RIP
Tuesday	18th August	9.30am	Sheila Borg RIP
Wednesday	19th August	9.30am	Maureen Clarke RIP
Thursday	20th August	6.00pm	ADORATION
		7.00pm	Aileen Dillon RIP
Friday	21st August	12noon	Aileen Dillon RIP
		7.00pm	Rosary with the Knights of St Columba
Saturday	22nd August	9.30am	John & Philomena Clancy RIP
		6.00pm	Aileen Holland RIP
Sunday	23rd August	8.30am	Robert Venes RIP
		11.00am	FOR THE PARISH
		5.15pm	Bonaventura Cioffi RIP

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe	www.staidansnorthampton.org
Sunday	16th August	9.45am	FOR THE PARISH	Tea & Coffee after Mass
Monday	17th August	9.30am	Hania Simons RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	20th August	9.30am	Agnes McLoughlin RIP	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Saturday	22nd August	12noon	BAPTISM of Omari, Liora, Zaiden, Rory and Vlad	
Sunday	23rd August	9.45am	Patrick & Mary O'Rourke RIP	Tea/Coffee After Mass

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury	www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk
Sunday	16th August	9.30am	Kevin & Mary Mullen Int	Tea & Coffee after Mass
Tuesday	18th August	9.30am	Philomena McKertish Int	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Thursday	20th August	9.30am	Maureen Salter Int	ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS
Sunday	23rd August	9.30am	Michael Earley RIP	Tea & Coffee after Mass

Responsorial Psalm

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Mary has been taken up into Heaven;
the host of angels rejoice.

Alleluia.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This feast was celebrated in the early church. Its doctrinal promulgation in 1950 affirmed the dignity and destiny of the human body after the horrors of war and Holocaust. A Jewish woman is Queen of Heaven. Like the Ark of the Covenant, Mary shelters God's Word. Assumed body and soul into heaven, Mary continues to extend her maternal love of her children in the Church through her powerful intercession.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES

Saturday 5th Sept at 12noon UPDATED INFORMATION

You can continue to register for this event on 5 September at 12:00 noon at the Cathedral. Registration is necessary only to book for refreshments, or to tell us about a milestone anniversary. Paper forms, available in the porch, must be submitted no later than 15 August (to allow for posting). Online registrations (at <https://bit.ly/43Qkt0u>) must be submitted by 22 August (allowing us to finalise arrangements for catering and printing).

COPIES OF THE FORM ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.

SAVE THE DATE – CATHEDRAL FAMILY FUN DAY!

Sunday 6th September 12-3pm

Fr Simon would like to invite you all to join him in an opportunity for the parish community to be together. Please come along to the garden for food, games and entertainment following the 11am mass. All are invited. Please contact a member of the Parish office to offer prizes for the raffle and tombola, as well as your help and support with activities. Look out for posters through the summer.

DIOCESAN MUSIC DAY

**Saturday 19th September from 9.30am to 4pm at Christ the King.
Milton Keynes MK7 6HD**

Everyone involved in parish music ministry is warmly invited to the Diocesan Music Day, a day of music, formation and fellowship. Open to musicians, choir members, singers, cantors, organists, music directors and clergy, the event offers an opportunity to develop musical and liturgical skills, share experiences, and meet others who enrich the Church's worship through music. Whether you have served for many years or are new to your ministry, the day promises inspiration, practical learning and encouragement. Come and celebrate the vital role of sacred music in our liturgy while building friendships across the Diocese of Northampton.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE 2026

Saturday 3rd October in the St Thomas Centre from 10am to 3.30pm

This conference is for Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Parish Volunteers, Clergy, Parish Secretaries & Parishioners. See poster on your notice board to book your place or contact laura.lester@northamptondiocese.org

Key Topics & Focus Areas

Understanding Adult Safeguarding. Survivors at the heart of the church Practices of Healing and reconciliation,

NORTHAMPTON VUE CINEMA

Are showing David (PG) a superb, animated film based on 1 Samuel from Friday 21st August daily at 12.45pm. Don't miss this outstanding film. You can watch the first ten minutes of **David** here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hqFphGIHk&list=PLMHTJB0PTFO-Nr-mMSsGFFUI7FTffBL9r6&index=16>

PETITIONS TO LOURDES

If you have any petitions to go to Lourdes they need to be delivered to the parish office by the end of Wednesday 19th August.

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Cathedral W/e 8th & 9th August £1545.05 plus S/O £715.41 Approx Total £2260.46	St Aidan W/e 8th & 9th August £311.69 plus S/O £230.13 Approx Total £541.82
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 8th & 9th August £413.86 plus S/O £181.25 Approx Total £595.11	Thank you for your generosity

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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

Nicolasa Smith: Wednesday 19th August at 2.30pm (Counties Crematorium)

Marianna Iwankiw: Monday 24th August at 1.00pm (Cathedral)

Tom Doveston: Friday 4th September at 10am (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: No meetings until the 1st September

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 in September

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

Bereavement Group: Saturday 5th September from 2.30 to 4.30pm (Cathedral)

Belong & Befed (Youth Ministry): Saturday 5th September 7.15pm to 9.00pm in the Sacristy

Cathedral & Ss Francis & Therese SVP – Meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 7pm in the St Thomas Centre

ALL THE EVENTS BELOW ARE IN THE ST THOMAS CENTRE

Good Companions: No meetings now until September

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 10am to 11.30am

THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY

24 HOUR ADORATION at Great Billing Parish. Monday-Tuesday 7th-8th September.

24 hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at 11am at Our Lady's Shrine, Great Billing on Monday 7th September, which will continue until the 9.30am Mass on the Tuesday. Sign-up sheets for the Exposition are available at the back of both churches.

PROPERTY CO-ORDINATOR VACANCY

We have an exciting opportunity for a Property Coordinator to join the Diocese on a permanent, full-time basis (35 hours per week, Monday to Friday). The role will support the effective management of the Diocese's property portfolio through the coordination of maintenance, compliance, property records and project activities. 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 **Closing Date:** Monday 31 August

Interviews: Date to be confirmed. **Start Date:** 1 October 2026

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME FOR 2026-27

For children in school year 3 and above from September, our programme for next year is now open for registration. All applications need to be registered via CASPAR. If you are new to CASPAR, you can sign up easily by following the link below. **The closing date is 6th September 2026.** Please see poster for details. The sessions will begin mid-September – details will be shared following registration.

www.caspar.church/me?ID=56060

NIGERIAN MASS

Sunday 30th August at 1.00pm in the Cathedral All welcome

RIDE, STRIDE & DRIVE Saturday 12th September

Annual fundraiser for Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust
Posters available in porches if you would like to get involved.

Pick up a sponsor form and visit as many churches as you can as this can raise funds for our Cathedral.

CATHEDRAL HUB FOODSTORE

The food store would appreciate your support as they are looking for donations of long-life milk, breakfast cereals, tinned tomatoes and sugar.

RCIA PROGRAMME FOR 2026-27

Are you wanting to know more about the Catholic faith? Are you wanting to be a member of Catholic Church?

Our RCIA programme will be starting in September so email parish.cathedralhub@northamptondiocese.org with your details.