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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.

4th OCTOBER 2026 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Feast Days: Wednesday: **Our Lady of the Rosary**, Friday; **St John Henry Newman**,

Day	Date	Time	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
Saturday	3rd October	9.30am	Christopher Stephenson RIP **FIRST SATURDAY** **CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION AFTER MASS**
		10.30pm	**PROCESSION OF OUR LADY FROM THE CATHEDRAL VIA THE GARDEN AND RETURN TO THE CATHEDRAL**
		6.00pm	Noreen Waite Int
		7.15pm	Belong & Befed (Youth Ministry)
Sunday	4th October	8.30am	**FOR THE PARISH**
		11.00am	John Lavelle RIP
		5.15pm	Ayden Teles Int
Monday	5th October	6.15pm	**ROSARY LED BY THE LEGION OF MARY**
		7.00pm	Sr Lydia Int
Tuesday	6th October	9.30am	David Matthews Int
Wednesday	7th October	9.30pm	Philomena Francis RIP
Thursday	8th October	10.30am	**FUNERAL MASS FOR JOANNA MCCONVILLE RIP**
		6.00pm	**ADORATION**
		7.00pm	Patrick Coleman RIP
Friday	**9th October** 40 hours of Adoration	6.00am	**MASS for the start of the 40 Hours of Adoration** Elsie Conway RIP
		12.00noon	**MASS** Dolores O'Malley RIP
			ADORATION THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT
Saturday	**10th October** 40 hours of Adoration	9.30am	John, Annie & Johnny Carrabine RIP **CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION AFTER MASS**
		6.00pm	Frank Keenan Int/RIP
		10.00pm	**Close of 40 Hours of Adoration**
Sunday	11th October	8.30am	Hugh & Agnes Carolin RIP/Int
		11.00am	**FOR THE PARISH**
		5.15pm	Alex Unsworth RIP

Day	Date	Time	St Aidan's, Kingsthorpe www.staidansnorthampton.org	
Sunday	4th October	9.45am	Patrick Enright RIP	**Tea & Coffee after Mass**
Monday	5th October	9.30am	Bridget & Michael Doherty RIP	**ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS**
Thursday	8th October	9.30am	Martin O'Toole RIP	**ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS**
Saturday	10th October	12noon	**Baptism of Julia**	
Sunday	11th October	9.45am	**FOR THE PARISH**	**Tea/Coffee After Mass**

Day	Date	Time	Ss Francis & Therese, Hunsbury www.ss-francis-and-therese.org.uk		
Sunday	4th October	9.30am	Rosaleen Carey RIP	**CELEBRATION MASS FOR ST FRANCIS**	**Tea & Coffee after Mass**
Tuesday	6th October	9.30am	Margaret Hall Int		**ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS**
Thursday	8th October	9.30am	Andrew Robinson RIP		**ADORATION AND CONFESSION BEFORE MASS**
Sunday	11th October	9.30am	**FOR THE PARISH**		**Tea & Coffee after Mass**

Responsorial Psalm

You are my inheritance, O Lord (Ss Francis & Therese only)
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (All other church)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. **I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, That you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.** Alleluia.

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

St Paul encourages the Philippians to cultivate not sour grapes, but grapes of truth, purity and decency, living in the faith he had taught them. The Vineyard has been entrusted to us, with all that we need to bear fruit; in the gospel parable, the master built a wall, dug a wine press and built a watchtower. They are the graces already given, and graces constantly being renewed to enable us to bear lasting fruit.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY IS FOR PRISONER'S SUNDAY

PARISH PASTORAL STATISTICS (Mass Count at all Masses)

Week 3 3rd & 4th October Week 4 10th & 11th October

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

Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection.
Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online
at **cafod.org.uk/envelope** or call **0303 303 3030**

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

O Most Holy Virgin Mary,
Mother of God and Queen of the Rosary,
I come before you with love and trust,
Gazing upon your gentle hands holding the sacred beads.
Lead me ever closer to Jesus through the mysteries of the Rosary.
Teach me to pray with faith, to hope with strength,
And to love with a heart like yours, pure, patient, and merciful.
Wrap me in your mantle of protection,
Guide me in moments of darkness,
And strengthen me when I feel weak or afraid.
May each prayer I offer rise like incense,
Drawing me nearer to your Immaculate Heart.
Intercede for me, dear Mother,
For peace in my soul, healing in my wounds,
And grace to follow your Son more faithfully each day.
Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us. Amen

At the Cathedral the First Saturday on the 3rd October. Mass will be at 9.30am followed by devotions, rosary, adoration and confessions.

On Mondays at 6.15pm we have Rosary led by the Legion of Mary in the Cathedral.

On Tuesday & Wednesday the Rosary will be said after Mass

Rosary at Ss Francis & Therese on Tuesday & Thursday at 9am.

Rosary at St Aidan's after Mass 9.30am on Monday and Thursday

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC 2026 (40 hours of Adoration)

in the Cathedral Friday 9th Oct from 6am to Saturday 10th Oct at 10pm

We require at least three people to be in the church during each of the 40 hours, so please sign up and pledge some time.

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE IN EACH PARISH

RE:NEW NORTHAMPTON

Come along on Saturday 10th October 2026 from 10.30am at the St Thomas Centre. As usual it will be an uplifting morning with worship, friendship and the usual pastries and coffee. Please feel free to invite your friends and family members. We also plan to have a separate session for children so feel free to come with and to invite families. We are delighted to announce our speaker who is Abi Elderfield. Abi is Head of Religious Studies and Chaplaincy at a school in Peckham, London. She currently works with The Redeemed UK which produces content for schools to use when evangelising to young people. Abi serves with The Ascent UK as a mentor and is enthusiastic about sharing God's love and humour by reflecting on the lives of the saints.

CATHEDRAL HUB PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Cathedral	**St Aidan**
W/e 26th & 27th September £1744.50 plus S/O £771.46 Approx Total £2515.96	W/e 26th & 27th September £435.59 plus S/O £269.53 Approx Total £705.12
Ss Francis and Therese W/e 26th & 27th September £520.16 S/O £598.38 Approx Total £1118.54	**Thank you for your generosity. The figures for Standing orders have been updated from August 2026**

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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

Joanne McConville: Thursday 8th October at 10.30am (Cathedral)

Neza Didas: Friday 9th October at 11.30am (Kingsthorpe Cemetery Chapel)

Anne Walker: Tuesday 13th October at 12noon (Cathedral)

Juvincia Barron: Wednesday 14th October at 11am (Cathedral)

Timothy Casey: Thursday 15th October at 11.00am (Cathedral)

John Daly: Friday 16th October at 11.30am (Cathedral)

Patricia McCormack: Monday 19th October at 10.30am (Cathedral)

Maureen Morrison: Tuesday 20th October at 1.30pm (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: 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: at Ss Francis and Therese at 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 17th October 2.30 to 4.30pm (Cathedral)

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

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

Good Companions: Wednesday 7th October 12noon to 2.30pm (St Thomas Centre)

Food Store Distribution: Thursday 10am to 11.30am (St Thomas Centre)

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

See Poster in your parish.

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE CATHEDRAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP?

Sunday at the 11am Mass

The current team is quite small and needs some additional support. If you are interested in helping, then please see Susan Carvell or one of the Priests. It is necessary that you undertake a DBS check and attend some safeguarding training.

SAFEGUARDING ENGAGEMENT WORKER

Fixed term contract for two years.

21 hours per week, worked over 3 days

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

PARISH REPOSITORIES

Diaries for 2027 are available at the St Thomas Centre at £4.50 each. Our repositories have a selection of gifts, cards and books for all occasions so please take a look and shop locally. **Christmas items are now in stock**.

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

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

AN AFTERNOON FOR MEN

An afternoon exploring Men's Ministry featuring various speakers and groups will take place at the St Thomas Centre from 2pm-4pm on Saturday 10th October 2026. No need to book just turn up. Refreshments will be provided. Come and explore how we can support men on their Christian journey with others and discover what is working well elsewhere. (as 40 Hours Eucharistic adoration is also taking place on that day in the Cathedral so you may wish to come early or stay later to spend some time in prayer)