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## MASSES AND INTENTIONS

26<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> April**

6pm Mass : *Izabella Gray (RIP)*

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:30am Latin Mass (1962 Missal): *Pro Populo*

10:30am Mass: *James O'Connor (RIP)*

5pm Kerala Mass:

**Tue 29<sup>th</sup> April Saint Catherine of Siena**

6:30pm Mass: *The deceased members of the O'Rourke family*

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> April**

10am Mass: *Guy Moliterno, anniv*

10:30am Rosary

**Thu 1<sup>st</sup> May**

9:30am Mass: *Requiem Mass*

*for Francis Ledwith (RIP)*

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

No Mass

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

6pm Mass: *TBA*

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> May 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:30am Latin Mass (1962 Missal): *TBA*

10:30am Mass: *TBA*

5pm Kerala Mass:

## SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give praise to the Lord for he is good,  
his mercy endures for ever.

We pray for the repose of soul of Pope Francis, remembering one of his last acts as Pontiff, at the beginning of the Holy Year, when he asked that Holy Doors be opened not just in great basilicas and venerable churches through the world, but also in prisons, that the incarcerated could also feel the invitation to begin anew and let God renew their lives.

We should also pray for the good of the whole Church at this time.

## ONLINE BOOK OF CONDOLENCE

As we unite as the Catholic community across our diocese in prayer for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father, Francis, each of us will have a unique memory of his impact on us personally or our world. If you would like to leave a digital message on our diocesan book of condolence visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/book-of-condolence/>

## PRAYERS CARDS

There are some prayer cards at the back of the church, "Prayers upon the Death of Pope Francis" please take one.

The past seven days have been a week like no other and now, with the celebration of the Resurrection, we want our profession of faith to transform the life of our parish and be the seed-bed of new life for many others. A blessed and joyous Easter to you and your family!

## CONDOLENCES

Please remember the repose of these souls and the comforting of their families:

**Vincenzo Fiore (RIP)**

**Francis Ledwith (RIP)**

**Alfred (Alan) Holohan (RIP)**



## WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome the neophytes, Rachael, Kelly and Brett, into the fellowship of the Church and congratulate them for the Christian Initiation they received at the Easter Vigil. First, by allowing God to pour his life into them, then by being sealed by the Holy Spirit, and finally by receiving the sacrament of that communion of life and love with him, that God calls us to.

We also welcome Elio and Oonagh who will be baptised this week.

We congratulate Edward and Evelyn who entered into marriage this weekend. May God abundantly bless their union.

## THE CHISEN FOUNDATION

CHISEN (Children with Special Educational Needs in Ghana) are having an appeal and retiring collection this week-end.

CHISEN is a local registered charity that many of you will be familiar with. We sincerely thank all of you who have supported us in the past.

With your continued help we will move forward to the completion of the House of Hope which will become an educational centre offering care and support to children and their families with special needs and disabilities in a country where any help is sadly lacking.

## CHURCH PASSAGE WAYS

Please remember to keep the entrance passage way clear.

Sometimes the Food Bank basket is placed in the doorway with a piece of furniture.

We are required to keep the entrance, fire exit, and side aisles free of any obstacles.

If you see anything in these areas, please move them well aside.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Good Friday Holy Places - £294.90

Standing Orders - £132.50



## Prayer for Francis

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



## **Why Life in the Spirit?**

Life in the Spirit Seminars are designed to take the basic message of Christianity and to proclaim it anew so that those who hear it can make a renewed commitment to the Lord in a way which will allow them to receive a fuller experience of the work of the Spirit in their lives.

The Second Vatican Council called for the renewal of the spiritual life of the Catholic people. It is hoped that the Life in the Spirit Seminars can be an instrument for that spiritual renewal and for the answering of the prayer which Pope John asked us to pray for the Council: “Renew in our day, O Lord, your wonders as in a new Pentecost.”

The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a seven-session course that has been given to many thousands of people since the late 1960s. It has introduced these people to a new life in the Holy Spirit—a life that is filled with openness to the work of the Holy Spirit, a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, and to a growing dedication to God.

The expectation for the seminars is not just about receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit; it is about building a life committed to God the Father, through His Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Through the Life in the Spirit Seminars, we are invited to grow in the love of the Lord, welcome the Spirit into our life afresh and pray for the renewal of our diocese.

The Seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity for you to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with Our Lord.

They include the opportunity for you to be prayed with, for a fuller release of the Holy Spirit to live a deeper Christian life. That’s referred to as being “Baptised in the Spirit”. This is not a sacrament, we have already received The Holy Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation, but it helps us to focus on, and use the gifts that we’ve already been given. We’ll explain all about this as the Seminars proceed. It’s nothing to be afraid of – quite the contrary!

Life in the Spirit Seminars are a chance for Christians who have found a fuller life in the Holy Spirit to come together with people who want to know more about that life, to share with them, and to help them take the first steps of a new life themselves.

In 2019, Pope Francis asked CHARIS International – the newly established Catholic body serving the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal – to make the Baptism in the Spirit available to everyone in the Church. At an International gathering in Rome Pope Francis urged CHARIS to make this a particular priority, so why not take up Pope Francis’ invitation and be filled with the Holy Spirit by taking part in the seminars?

The Diocese is once again offering Life in the Spirit Seminars starting on 13th May 2025.

This year the Bedford hub will be in the hall at the Holy Cross in Goldington Road starting at 6:45pm.

Here is a link to Northampton Diocese webpage which gives full details and registration link.

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/northampton-diocese-life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2025/>