

St. Edward's, Kettering St. Bernadette's, Rothwell

ST. EDWARD'S PARISH



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, year B 25th August 2024

MASS TIMES AT ST. EDWARD'S, KETTERING

- Tuesday and Wednesday 10.00 am
- Thursday and Friday 7.00 pm (Thursday evening Mass is with music on screen)
- Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30 pm (After Mass confession on request)
- Sunday Early Mass 8.30 am / Sunday Family Mass 10.30 am

MASS TIMES AT BURTON LATIMER

The 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month - 9.00 am

MASS TIMES AT DESBOROUGH

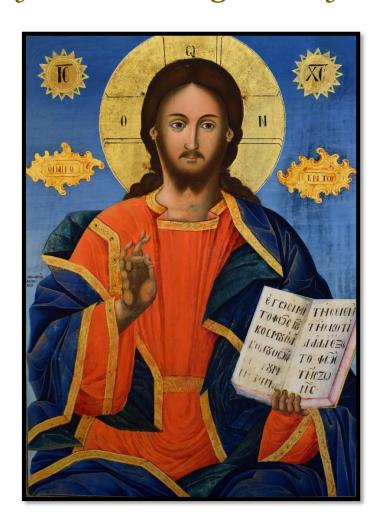
The 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month - 9.00 am

MASS TIMES AT ROTHWELL

The 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month - 12.15 pm

For the 5th Sunday of the month, please check the newsletter

Jesus said to the Twelve: 'What about you, do you want to go away too?



Simon Peter answered:

'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy one of God'

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



To see the readings for today's Mass, please follow this link.

Saturday 06.30 pm - Bernard Oak RIP / - Seminarian Renver

Sunday 08.30 am - Harry Stephens - thanksgiving for exam success /

- Leokadia Hyla RIP

09.00 am - / Desborough / - Joe & Caroline Burns 40th wedding anniv. **10.30 am -** Domingo Quintero RIP, birthday int. / - Seminarian Renver

Monday (No public Mass) - For the Parish

Tuesday 09.30 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10.00 am - Geraldine Riley, best wishes. / - Eileen Stronge RIP

Wednesday 10.00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory / - Eileen Stronge RIP

11.30 am - Funeral service

Thursday 07.00 pm - For the Holy Souls

Friday 06.30 pm - Adoration and Benediction

07.00 pm - Denna and Jithin thanksgiving int.

Saturday 06.30 pm - Val Corrigan RIP 08.30 am - Eileen Stronge RIP

09.00 am - / Burton Latimer / - Eileen Stronge RIP

10.30 am - For the Parish

12.15 pm - / Rothwell / - For the Parish

To request a Mass Intention please contact the parish office.

To respect people's wishes, there has usually been only one Mass Intention per Mass (This Intention might encompass even several people, but it will have been requested by one individual). There are occasional instances though, when there need to be two separate Intentions at a Mass. When this arises, I would be grateful for your understanding.

The next 2nd collection will be on the weekend of 14/15th September for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.

CONFESSIONS AT ST EDWARD'S



Confessions at St Edward's are on Saturdays after the Vigil Mass which is at 6.30 pm.

You can always request confession before or after any weekday Mass.

"The first step we must take to build the Kingdom of God on earth is to rediscover and appreciate the importance of the sacrament of confession, which will allow us to appreciate the sacrament of the Eucharist. We cannot appreciate the Eucharist while removing the sacrament of Confession from our spiritual life".

- Fr Gregory



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In our prayers, let us remember our deceased parishioners, family members and friends. Let us especially remember those who have recently passed away.

- + Phoebe Birt Her funeral will be at St Edward's on Wednesday,
 28th August, at 11.30 am.
- + Eileen Stronge Her Requiem Mass will be at St Edward's on Wednesday,

 4th September at 10 am.
- + Rosina Cathorne Her Requiem Mass will be at St Edward's on Thursday,

 5th September at 12.30 pm.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

IS IT ALLOWED TO TALK IN CHURCH? IS IT APPROPRIATE OR INAPPROPRIATE?



From time to time, I am asked by our parishioners what I think about the fact that people talk in church before or after Mass. Do I see this a problem? Shouldn't conversations be forbidden in our catholic churches? What is my personal opinion on this matter? As always in such situations I try to find a passage from the Bible that would be relevant, and that would help us answer this quite challenging question. When I thought about it, the passage from the Gospel according to St Mark 12, 13-17 - where Jesus was asked about paying taxes - came to my mind. He was asked: Should we pay taxes to Caesar or not?

Today we know that this was a trick question, or rather a verbal trap set for Jesus. If Jesus had answered them: 'Yes, you should pay taxes', he would most certainly have been accused of cooperating with Caesar who was perceived by many Jews as a hostile occupier, and supporting him. If Jesus had advised them not to pay taxes, then they would have perceived him to be a rebel who disregarded authority, the law, and set a bad example for others.

I think it may be similar with our question about conversations in church. If we said categorically: Conversations in church are absolutely inappropriate under any pretext, they should be categorically forbidden, then both we and perhaps our parish as well could be accused of being insensitive, cold, indifferent to others, ignorant, not open to our neighbours, not welcoming, and so on. If we said: Conversations in church are appropriate, accepted and permitted, then others could say of us that we have lost the sense of being in a holy place, in the house of God, in the place of worship. There is no reverence for the Blessed Sacrament - people might say. Moreover, they might say: They disturb and distract others who have come here to pray in silence and concentration!

What does it mean to 'give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God' in the context of our question about conversations in church? I think that at this stage it is worth recalling some priorities that are very important in our reflection on what attitudes are appropriate in a place of worship and what are inappropriate:

- The Church is and should always be a special place, a holy place, where the most important person is God himself. This awareness is very important and crucial. So, when we enter the holy place, it is always worth kneeling before the tabernacle and being focused primarily on God and prayer. Conversations during Mass and Adoration are never appropriate, under any pretext.
- We should never make it difficult for others to pray and we should never distract those who have come here to meet God and present their daily affairs to him. Respect for others and being sensitive to others is another thing that should be very important and crucial for us, because this is the only way to *'give God what belongs to God'* when we enter his holy place where He is present really, truly and substantially.

Now, let us ask what does it mean to 'give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar' in the context of our reflection on our attitudes in church, and specifically in the context of conversations in the place of worship?

- If you are in church, and before or after Mass you see someone who is sad, depressed, crying, or has just returned to church after a long break due to illness or hospitalisation, do not be indifferent, do not hesitate to approach and ask that person: How are you? How was your surgery? Are you coping well after the loss of your loved one? It is good to see you back! Please do not feel guilty if your conversation lasts a little longer especially if there is no chance to catch up in any other place, as long as you do not distract others. We are human beings, we are one family, and it is so important that every church is a place where we strengthen our bonds, build community, smile to each other, support each other, express our kindness and friendship.
- Please do not talk in church about your new car, house, the very exciting holiday you just came back from, the football or rugby match you just watched or an interesting film in the cinema. Don't talk about politics and politicians, about your favourite pets, dogs, cats, about your hobbies and adventures. Please do not talk about your son or daughter who you are very proud of, because they are making a career at university, or have been promoted at work. You can talk about these things which might be very important and exciting to you in many other places: at home, in a coffee shop, in the parish hall, on the phone, using social media, and in many other places where there is neither a tabernacle, nor the Blessed Sacrament, nor fellow parishioners who want to pray and worship God in silence, peace and without any distractions and noise.

I know from my own experience that sometimes it is difficult to find a balance between 'giving back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar' and 'giving to God what belongs to God', and no one will give us a clear answer whether it is appropriate to talk in church or not. Just as the world is not just black and white, our lives are not just black and white either. Nevertheless, I hope that you will find my reflection useful and helpful. I also pray and hope that our presence at: St Edward's, St Nicholas Owen, Holy Trinity and St Bernadette's will be respectful, pleasing to God, it will never distract others, but rather will help us fulfil the commandment of love for both - God and our neighbours as best we can.

GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR SEMINARIAN RENVER



Time flies - for us in the presbytery time has really flown as we have enjoyed ourselves. Renver has brought a breath of fresh air into the parish house. I know all of you have seen him at many Masses. He has led the Rosary on the Feast of the Assumption, and the Youth Group on Friday. May God bless his formation as he leaves us on Wednesday and goes to Oscott Collage. Let us pray that his time in the Seminary will fly quickly again for him, and that in six years' time he will be sent by the bishop to one of the parishes in our diocese and will be a good and holy priest! Our Lady, please look after Renver, your son.



THINKING AHEAD ABOUT OUR PARISH YOUTH GROUP



Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

As we are approaching autumn, I am thinking ahead about next year's Youth Group Sessions. I am very pleased how everything has gone this year. I know that many of our young people are delighted and excited. We started with 12 at the beginning of the year, but the number has grown and sometimes we have almost 30 young people attending. I don't have to convince anyone that this can only be a good thing when it comes to helping them grow in faith and develop their friendship with Jesus.

Now that we have started, I wouldn't want it to stop, and it wouldn't be possible without the help and dedication of volunteers. I was wondering if anyone would like to consider giving up their time just for one evening next year, and lead a session. I would like to encourage all our communities to think about it, including the Filipino and Indian communities. Please let me know personally if I could add you to the rota of volunteers for 2025, so that we can start the DBS process. We have all the facilities and even funds, we just need new volunteers with good ideas.

THE PARISH YOUTH GROUP



If you would like your son or daughter to take part in youth group activities, please email the parish office and request a registration form. The next meeting will be on Friday, 6th September at 6.30 pm.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



If you would like your child to be baptised, please contact Fr Gregory. Parents who would like their children to be baptised are invited to attend Baptismal Preparation on the first Monday of the month at **7 pm** at St Edward's Church. The next meeting will be on Monday, **2nd September 2024.**



COFFEE MORNINGS



The next Wednesday Coffee Morning in the parish hall, will be run by Rothwell Community after 10.00 am Mass on 4th September
On 2nd October - Soup Kitchen
on 6th November - Flower Arrangers and Readers

PLANNING YOUR WEDDING



If you are planning to get married abroad or at St Edward's Church, you must give us at least six months' notice. This is to ensure that all the preparation that couples are required to do, and the pre-marriage courses are completed along with the necessary paperwork. Please contact the parish office to get the relevant link to the course. You are always welcome to approach me after any Mass, so that you can begin making wedding plans.

Please remember that to be legally married in this country, both parties have to be over 18 years old. Depending on circumstances if you have been married before, you may still have the opportunity to be married in the Catholic Church, but this will depend on your personal situation. At least one party must be Catholic. Although you can be married wherever you wish, all the paperwork has to be done by your parish priest in the place where you live.



PARISH GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS



Our parish is blessed with many groups. All of them would welcome new members. If you are interested in getting involved in anything in the parish, please speak to Fr Gregory. He will do his best to point you in the right direction. Maybe you have an idea to set up a new group, perhaps a group focused on prayer, or bereavement. Again, please share your thoughts with Fr Gregory. Pray, and make a firm decision if you have reached a time in your life when you can offer something to our community.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR PRIVATE PRAYER



The church remains open on each **Wednesday** after Mass until **1 pm**. The list of volunteers who look after the church will remain open, and everyone is welcome to join and support the teams. If our current arrangement works well, and if we have more volunteers, we will expand the days and times when people can come and pray privately. Please take this opportunity to spend some time with the Lord.



MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS



As a Church we have a responsibility to ensure that all those who undertake work in the name of the Church are adequately trained in safeguarding matters. Nationally, there are new expectations that all volunteers complete safeguarding training every 3 years. As a diocese and parish, it is our role to adhere to this requirement. From 1st August all new volunteers will be expected to have completed the new safeguarding training PRIOR to their commencement in role. All existing volunteers will be expected to have completed the training before the point of their next DBS renewal. This is a mandatory requirement and non-negotiable, however, there are many benefits of increased understanding and confidence around safeguarding. Appropriate support and encouragement will be available through the parish and the diocesan safeguarding team to ensure we are meeting national expectations.

ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



St. Edward - Kettering

https://www.facebook.com/groups/2762598427183322/

St. Nicholas Owen - Burton Latimer

https://www.facebook.com/groups/809856073037388/



CATENIAN NEWS



Family Time: You are cordially invited to a Family Get Together in the garden of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Great Billing, on Saturday 14th September between 2.00pm and 4,00pm. The event will be run by the Northampton Catenians, who will provide tea, coffee, soft drinks and some snacks as well as some games/entertainment and a Bouncy Castle. This is an opportunity for people from all the Northampton and surrounding parishes to meet up and socialise as a community and just get to know each other better. Please try to join us, and if you can, bring a plate of food/some snacks to share with your fellow parishioners. The more the merrier. No need to book, just turn up.



REGISTRATION AT ST EDWARD'S PARISH



Please complete the registration form by clicking on this QR code above, or by typing the link into your browser www.caspar.church/me?ID=56026

PARISH CALL AND CARE



The Parish is continuing with its "Parish Call and Care scheme" to support isolated and elderly parishioners. If you are someone who would like to receive calls, from a fellow parishioner, or know of someone who you feel would appreciate such a call, please contact Fr Gregory in the first instance on 01536 512497 or email parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org with your name and phone number (and if you are recommending anybody else to receive such calls, their name and phone number (and if you are recommending anybody else to receive such calls, their name and phone number).



REGISTRATIONS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN FROM NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



>>> <u>Registration</u> for *First Holy Communion* takes place **after Christmas**. For more information, please keep an eye on the parish newsletter at the beginning of December. *Children must be in year 3 or older.*

>>> <u>Registration</u> for *Confirmation* takes place **before Easter**. For more information, please keep an eye on the parish newsletter at the beginning of March.

If you have any questions regarding preparation for these two sacraments, please call the parish office on a Monday between 10 am and 12.30 pm and speak to Mrs Everington.

DIOCESAN NEWS



Diocesan Mass for Marriage

The annual Mass for Marriage and Family Life will be celebrated by Bishop David on 7 September 2024 at Northampton Cathedral. Gathering will be from 11:30am followed by Mass at 12noon.

Bishop David will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage i.e. 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years etc.

If this is a special anniversary year for you please contact Sam Canning (MFL Co-ordinator) via email mfl@northamptondiocese.org. by 25 August 2024.

Everyone is very welcome to attend and there will be refreshments after Mass in the Cathedral Centre.

Course at St Thomas Centre

Bishop David will be presiding at a day event at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton to explore Church teachings on gender and how secular ideas of identity are impacting our families, parishes and schools. We are really excited to be hosting Dr Julia Sadusky (PsyD, Regent University) who is an author, speaker, and licensed psychologist. Julia specialises individual, family, and couples therapy in addition to consultations for individuals and families around sexuality and gender. She also serves as a ministry educator, offering trainings and consultations to counselling centres and faith-based institutions on sexuality, gender identity, mental health, trauma-informed care, and the intersection of sexuality, gender, and theology. Julia is visiting the UK for a short period of time where she will present to colleagues across the country. Her motivational speeches will not only inspire you but help us to understand the very complex society we live within while supporting us all on our journey to respect the dignity of every human being. We will also be welcoming Beccy Roseman, a member of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Beccy, as part of her chaplaincy role, works with Kenelm Youth Trust, the Archdiocesan youth service. They have produced exciting resources for both primary and secondary pupils that address issues of mental health and wellbeing. These resources link beautifully with our Catholic faith and support our young people on a spiritual journey to wellness. The course will be held at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton on 7th October from 10am until 3pm. Lunch will be provided. This event is suitable for anyone interested in gender, particularly school leaders, RE teachers and leaders, Chaplains, catechists and family support workers. The cost of this Conference is £75 including lunch. Please book your place here: https://northamptondioceseschools.org/courses/

For further information please contact Ann Collon educationserviceadmin@northamptondiocese.org

DEVOTIONS AT ST EDWARD'S

Attending Sunday Mass is something, which we as Catholics do, not only because it is our duty but because our souls gather strength thanks to the Sacrifice of Our Lord. Yet, there are many more occasions when we can come to church, when we can show our appreciation to God, when we can worship, praise and thank Him, when we can share our worries with Him. As well as times of quiet devotion, the church calendar in our parish gives us an opportunity for more organised prayer.



- >>> The Angelus prayer we say after each Tuesday and Wednesday Mass.
- >>> First Friday Adoration on each first Friday of the month adoration starts at 6 pm and is concluded by the Litany to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and benediction.
- >>> Weekday adoration on Tuesdays 30 minutes before morning Mass and on Fridays 30 minutes before evening Mass.
- >>> Lent Time The Stations of the Cross are led by parishioners after Wednesday Masses at 10 am, and before Friday Masses, that is at 6.15 pm.
- >>> Easter Time we pray Divine Mercy Chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday at 3 pm, and during the week following Divine Mercy Sunday after weekday Masses.
- >>> May is the month of Our Blessed Mother.

We pray the Litany of Loreto after each weekday Mass.

- >>> June is the month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

 We pray the Litany to the Heart of Jesus after each weekday Mass.
- >>> July is the month of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.

 We pray the Litany to the Blood of Jesus after each weekday Mass.
- >>> October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

 We pray the Rosary 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.
- >>> November is the month of all the faithful departed. We pray the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet for those who have passed away, after each weekday Mass.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY DONATIONS



If there are any Parishioners who would like to join the weekly box system / gift aid scheme, then please do let us know by completing a form, available from the porch table and putting it on the collection plate or through the Presbytery letterbox.

To those who already donate through the Gift Aid Scheme, please be reminded that if your tax situation has changed or you have moved house, then please let us know.

There are several other ways of donating as follows;

- Online This can be done via the Diocesan website which can be found at https://northamptondiocese.org/. Scroll down to find the 'Donate' button and follow the instructions on the Catholic Diocese of Northampton Virgin money giving page. By indicating in the notes section of the donate page that the donation is for "St. Edward's Kettering" your donation will go into our parish account with the diocese, and will at the same time help our diocese as a whole. Please note that there is the facility to Gift Aid any donation to your parish if you are a taxpayer.
- Standing Order via your own bank. Alternatively, you can set up a standing order for donations to your parish using your online bank account. The information required to make the donation is as follows. Bank; NatWest Sort Code; 60-06-11 Account Name; 46898093 Account Name; Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Payment Ref; St. Edward's, Kettering
- Make a donation to your own parish over the phone Each 'Tuesday' between 10.00am and 4.00pm, a member of the finance team will be available at Bishop's House to take your calls to donate to your parish community over the telephone. To donate simply call 01604 712065 with your debit or credit card details. (If you get the answering machine just leave your name and number NOT bank details and you will be called back). You can make a one-off donation or regular weekly or monthly payments, on any Tuesday until further notice.
- You can also support the Parish by making a donation through the letterbox of the presbytery at any time.

DONATIONS BY CARD

You will find the **DONA STATION** next to the statue of the Sacred Heart.

Thank you for any help you can give.

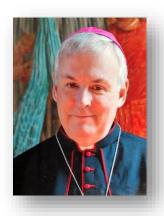


YOUR LEGACY

Your Legacy - Invest in the future of your parish and our Diocese. Gifts in your Will are a memorable and lasting way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information, pick up a bookmark; contact your parish office, alternatively, go to www.northamptondiocese.org/your-legacy or contact Brian Emmanuel on 01604 600337 or brian.emmanuel@northamptondiocese.org



BISHOP DAVID'S CANONICAL VISITATION



Five years will have passed since the bishop's last canonical visitation to our parish. Bishop David will be visiting the parishes in the North Northamptonshire Pastoral Area next year. He is planning to come to St Edward's on the weekend of **24-25 May 2025**. We are looking forward to his visit. It seems so way ahead, but as we know, time can fly when we are planning for such an important event.



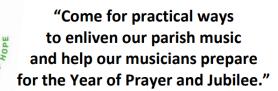
Diocese of Northampton * Liturgy Commission * Music Section

A Diocesan Music Day for Parish Musicians

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2024

11am to 3.30pm with Christopher Walker HOLY GHOST CHURCH, WESTBOURNE RD, LUTON LU4 8JD

When the Church Sings, She Comes Alive! A day of song and prayer with Chris Walker





Christopher Walker is an inspirational Composer and Conductor of Church Music

The Liturgy Commission Music Section aims to promote liturgical music within the parishes of the diocese, to offer formation to support this and to liaise with other sections of the Liturgy Commission.





Welcome!

Perhaps you are new to the parish, or have been coming to Mass each week for years, but not sure how to go about getting involved?

Our parish has many groups. All of them would welcome new members.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us......

If it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. 13. Romans 12:6a, 8

Do you have a skill, talent or interest that with the right support and encouragement, you would feel able and willing to share with others in time.

We would love to hear your ideas

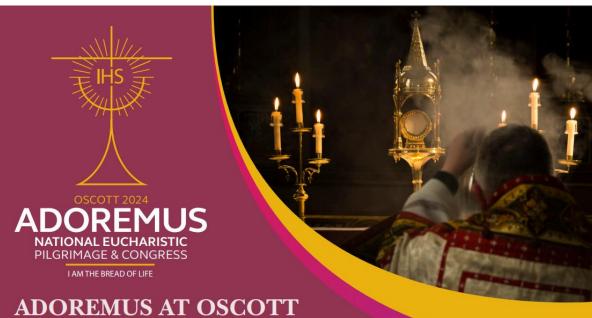
Your voice matters

We are blessed with such a rich, diverse and vibrant catholic community in Kettering, that we want to ensure everyone feels they belong to St. Edwards, and a valued parishioner.

If you are interested in getting involved in anything in the parish, please speak to Fr Gregory after mass, or contact him via email or telephone. He will do his best to point you in the right direction. **Telephone:** 01536 512497

Email: parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org

Be part of our rich, diverse and vibrant catholic community



The 2024 National Eucharistic Congress Saturday 14th September 2024

The Catholic Church in England and Wales, Bishops, Priests and People from all Dioceses, will gather at St Mary's College, Oscott for a day of renewing and deepening devotion to the Eucharist.

St Mary's College, Oscott was the venue for the first Eucharistic Procession since the Reformation, and in 2024 the Procession will help lead the Church in preparing for the Jubilee Year.

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Angelus And Mass 12 noon Principal Celebrant Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the afternoon in the College Chapel

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3.00 pm Site Activities And Afternoon Break

4.30 pm **Eucharistic Procession And Benediction**

6.00 pm **Departures**

Site activities include: Carlo Acutis presentation, Rosary walk in the grounds, Pilgrimage walk Scripture encounter, Museum visits, International Eucharistic Congress links, Lectio Divina Worksho





