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Fourth Sunday of Advent

22nd December 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**

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For the 5th Sunday of the month - Masses only at St Edward's.

CHRISTMAS 2024



A Christmas Blessing



This year we would like to express our Christmas wishes by paraphrasing the Preface of the Nativity of the Lord, which is one of the prayers that we listen to during Mass, and which introduces us to the Eucharistic prayer.

‘In the mystery of the Word made flesh a new light of God’s glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind’.

We wish each and every one of you that...

‘...as you recognise in him God made visible; you may be caught up through him in love of things invisible’.

May good God bless you this Christmas and give you the fulness of joy in the birth of His Son.

Fr Gregory, Fr Elvis and Canon John



THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



To see the readings for today's Mass, [please follow this link.](#)

Saturday **06.30 pm** - For the Parish - ***followed by Advent Confession***

Sunday **08.30 am** - Michael Dowler RIP 80th birthday int.

09.00 am - / **Desborough** / - For the Parish

10.30 am - Nadia Swierzbinski RIP

Monday *(No public Mass at St Edward's)* - For the Parish

Tuesday - ***NO MORNING MASS***

>>> **Tuesday, CHRISTMAS EVE** <<<

4.00 pm - For the children of our Parish

5.30 pm - / **Burton Latimer** / - *Family Carol Singing*

6.00 pm - / **Burton Latimer** / - Lynn Webster RIP 4th anniv.

5.00 pm - / **Desborough** / - For the Parish

8.00 pm - *Christmas Carols*

8.30 pm - Nuala Hammond RIP 80th birthday /

- Vivien Villanueva for wellbeing & good health,
Jane Ocampo personal intention

>>> **Wednesday, CHRISTMAS DAY** <<<

8.30 am - Pam Smyth int.

9.00 am - / **Rothwell** / - For the Parish

10.30 am - For the Parish

Thursday **07.00 pm** - Thanksgiving int.

Friday **06.30 pm** - ***Adoration and Benediction***

07.00 pm - For the Holy Souls

Saturday **06.30 pm** - Leonarda Mayor RIP / - William Walsh RIP anniv.

Sunday **08.30 am** - Teresa and John Antill, Saunders, Mannion and Blackman RIP

10.30 am - Isidro Tagalag RIP / - Jean Descelles RIP, Ena, Anne,
Paul and Claudine Pacifique and all the Souls in Purgatory.

>>> *To request a Mass Intention please contact the parish office.*

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.

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

REGISTRATIONS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION



Registration forms for **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** for children who do not attend a Catholic school, are available after Mass. Please read the accompanying letter carefully before filling in the form. We are looking forward to getting to know our new First Holy Communion children and new candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation. Lessons for First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday **11th January 2024 at 9 am**, in the Parish Hall. Children must be in year 3 or older. Lessons for Confirmation will start around Easter. **These Catechism classes are very important; however, the most crucial formation takes place during regular attendance at Sunday Mass.**



FORWARD PLANNING FOR 2025

important

Fr Elvis will be going for a well-earned rest to India at the beginning of 2025. Since I will be on my own, the Sunday 9 am Masses in Desborough and Burton Latimer will become Vigil Masses at **5 pm on Saturdays.**

- >The 12th January Mass in **Desborough** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 11th January.**
- >The 19th January Mass in **Burton Latimer** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 18th January.**
- >The 26th January Mass in **Desborough** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 25th January.**
- >The 2nd February Mass in **Burton Latimer** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 1st February.**
- >The 9th February Mass in **Desborough** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 8th February.**

JOB OPPORTUNITY



We are currently recruiting for a cleaner at St Edward's Kettering to provide a high quality of cleaning duties in the Presbytery and in the Church Hall, including all office spaces.

The role will be for 10 hours per week. The closing date for applications will be **Friday 10th January**. Interview dates to be confirmed.

If you are interested in this position, please email:

hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org to request an application form.

In the meantime, I would appreciate any offers of help to keep the parish outside toilet in a reasonable condition for the use of parishioners. If you have a spare 10 minutes, please let me know.

Fr Gregory



COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by the **Burton Latimer Community** after 10.00 am Mass on **8th January**

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



If anyone wants their child to be Baptised, they will need to attend Mass every weekend for at least two months before attending a meeting. Please contact the office for further details. Our next Baptismal Preparation will be on **Monday, 6th January at 7 pm** at St Edward's Church.



YOUTH GROUP



If your son or daughter is between 'Year 6' - 17 years old, and if you would like him or her to take part in our youth group activities, please email the parish office and request a registration form. The next meeting will be on:

Friday, 10th January at 6.30 pm

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

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/>

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



The church remains open on each **Wednesday** after Mass until **1 pm**.

Please take this opportunity to spend some time with the Lord.

DIOCESAN NEWS



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

NYMO Youth Ministry

/Flame 2025/ 15th March 2025, OVO Arena, Wembley. Ages 14-25. The bookings and tickets for Flame 2025 are now live on the NYMO website! nymo.org/flame-2025

Bookings can be purchased by individuals or by a group. There are 2 options for tickets: entrance only tickets (£29) or entrance + transport tickets (£48). We have a limited number of these early bird tickets available and once they are all sold, prices will increase to £31 for entrance tickets, and £50 for entrance + transport. To secure your places you will need to both submit a booking form, and purchase tickets.

Transport pick up points will be: Northampton, Milton Keynes, Aylesbury, Luton, Slough, and High Wycombe. Contact NYMO.admin@northamtondiocese.com to find out more. Bishop David is looking forward to participating in this event both as our diocesan Bishop and in his national role as chair of the department for evangelisation and

LUX 2025

/LUX. Hope/ LUX is an annual residential weekend for young people aged 11-18yrs. 5th-7th February, Sion Catholic Community, Brentwood. The theme for LUX this year is Hope in-line with the theme for the Jubilee year. We'll be exploring what Hope means for young people today, using the life and travel of St. Paul to guide us. Bookings are now live on the NYMO website: <https://nymo.org/lux-hope-2025/>. Included in the cost is accommodation, food, and social activities (e.g. high ropes, inflatable obstacle courses etc). We have a maximum capacity of 60 this year, so make sure you book sooner rather than later to avoid missing out.

Contact NYMO.admin@northamtondiocese.com to find out more.

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



Would like to say a **huge thank you** to all performers, volunteers and our wonderful audience for supporting our recent concert at Desborough Baptist Church. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

Together we raised £500.00

for



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COFFEE MORNINGS 2025



These will be hosted in the Parish Hall after 10 am Mass on the following Wednesdays by our parish groups and communities.

Everyone is welcome!

8th January - Burton Latimer

5th February - Desborough

5th March - Rothwell

2nd April - Legion of Mary

7th May - S V P

4th June - U C M

2nd July - Burton Latimer

6th August - Desborough

3rd September - Rothwell

1st October - Soup Kitchen

5th November - Flower Arrangers and Readers

3rd December - Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy

BEREAVEMENT MASSES

At St Edward's Catholic Church



*They are not the ones who are dead, we are the ones who die,
they are the ones who live eternal life.*

We all know that bereavement might be a painful and emotional time for those who lost their loved ones. Perhaps you yourself are experiencing this or somebody you know is. Please consider joining us. Pain and sadness caused by death is not as difficult if you can share it with others who are in a similar situation.

From our Christian point of view, faith in God gives us a great comfort. However, no matter how strong your faith is, whether you are Christian or not, whether you believe in God or not, you are very welcome to come and join our group, listen to others or share your own experience. Each Mass will be followed by refreshments and friendly conversation in the Parish Hall. If you would like to, you can bring with you a funeral booklet or a photo of your loved one and display it in front of the altar. These are the dates for our Masses:

Masses in 2025

Thursday, 6th of March at 7 pm

Thursday, 5th of June at 7 pm

Thursday, 4th of September at 7 pm

Sunday, 2nd of November (*All Souls Day*) at 7 pm

Thursday, 4th of December at 7 pm

ST EDWARD'S PARISH, KETTERING

YOUTH GROUP 2025



If your son or daughter is between 'Year 6' - 17 years old, and if you would like him or her to take part in our youth group activities, please email the parish office and request a registration form.

Our meetings will be held in the parish hall on the following **Fridays**:

10th January

4th July

7th February

1st August

7th March

5th September

4th April

3rd October

2nd May

7th November

6th June

5th December

Skills

Talents

Interests



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.

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.

We would love to hear your ideas

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