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The Baptism of the Lord

11th January 2025

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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

Saturday **05.00 pm** - / **Desborough** / - Daniel Garrido and Enriqueta Gomez RIP
06.00 pm - Ann Biddiscome private int.

Sunday **08.30 am** - Lynn and Paul McGilway
10.30 am - Mairead and Leo Naughton int.

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

Tuesday **09.30 am** - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
10.00 am - John Considine int.

Wednesday **10.00 am** - Private int.

Thursday **07.00 pm** - For the Holy Souls

Friday **10.30 am** - Requiem Mass for **Betty Woods** RIP
06.30 pm - **Adoration and Benediction**
07.00 pm - For the Holy Souls

Saturday **05.00 pm** - / **Burton Latimer** / - For the Holy Souls
06.30 pm - Claire Murphy RIP

Sunday **08.30 am** - May Jeffries 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.

>>> White Flower Appeal - there will be a retiring collection at the back of the church on the weekend of 18/19th January.

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.

- + **Betty Woods** - Her Requiem Mass will be held at **St Edward's** on **Friday**,
17th January at 10.30 am.
- + **Salvatore Giammalva** - His Funeral will be held at **St Edward's** on **Tuesday**,
21st January at 11 am.

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

REGISTRATIONS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Registration for **First Holy Communion** for children who do not attend a Catholic school, took place last Saturday, 11th January 2025 at 9 am in the Parish Hall. If you failed to attend, please attend the first lesson on Saturday, 18th January. The list will be closed for this year after that date and your child will need to wait until 2026.

Please be aware that These Catechism classes are very important; however, the most crucial formation takes place during regular attendance at Sunday Mass.



FATHER GREGORY'S LETTER TO ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO WILL BE MAKING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST EDWARD'S IN 2025.



As your Parish Priest, I want to thank you for promoting the beginning of your treasured child's personal journey towards Jesus. Receiving their First Holy Communion is a wonderful and important step in the development of their Faith.

I am aware that some of you come to church every Sunday because, like me, you were raised that way by your parents and grandparents, and you cannot imagine Sunday without meeting God in the Eucharist.

'A Sunday without God is a wasted Sunday' - that's what my parents and grandparents used to say. I am convinced that, like me, you are very grateful to them for bringing you up in the spirit of the Catholic Faith, for the witness of their own faith, and for the encouragement they have given you. Now you feel that it is your duty and privilege to pass on the Catholic faith to your children.

There are also those among you who come to Mass very rarely or only occasionally at Christmas or Easter. Some of you have gotten used to this, but some of you are not comfortable with that situation and need some encouragement and inspiration.

But there are also parents who for various reasons do not practise at all, and perhaps their child's Communion will give them a wonderful opportunity to change that. **I am going to be very honest with you and remind you that your child's First Holy Communion can only make sense if he or she - with your help and support - builds a true, strong and deep relationship with Jesus through participation in Sunday Masses.** It is very important to learn about Jesus in school, it is also very important to learn all the basic prayers like Our Father and Hail Mary and the catechism, but the most important, absolutely irreplaceable and crucial thing is to attend Sunday Eucharist as a family and pray at home as a family. Sometimes people say to me that they don't need to go to church, they can pray anywhere, among nature, in a park, in the woods, on the beach, up a hill. My reply is always the same: Could you imagine a couple in love who do not spend any time together, and don't need to meet? People in love who say: *'I will text you next week'*? That kind of relationship is not possible and would be very hard to maintain. This is the same with our relationship with God. We need to work on this relationship and part of this includes our presence at Mass. Although we can admire the work of God's creation in many places, the only place that we can be at the closest contact with God is during Mass and when we receive Holy Communion.

I realize that for some of you, work may make it difficult to attend Mass every Sunday, and various unpredictable things, including health issues and holidays, may prevent you from attending Mass every Sunday, but your every effort to do so will be incredibly encouraging to your children and precious in the eyes of God. Every effort of yours in this regard, even the smallest, will be rewarded. For some of you it may be hard start or restart, but once you try and get into the habit, you will find that you will benefit in ways that you could never have imagined. You will become a part of a family who journeys together on its way to heaven. As a priest supported by many wonderful volunteers: readers, Eucharistic ministers, cleaners, altar servers, organists, musicians, welcomers, flower group and so on, we do our best to make our Sunday Masses beautiful and uplifting. If you wish, you are very welcome to become involved.

Moreover, I would like to ask you to teach your child and say with him/her daily these three simple prayers: **Our Father, Hail Mary**, and one more prayer which I remember from my childhood:

O Angel of God, my guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day (night) be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

God bless, Fr Gregory

MASS CHANGES

important

Fr Elvis is currently on a well-earned rest in India. Since Fr Gregory is on his own in the parish, the Sunday 9 am Masses in Desborough and Burton Latimer will now be Vigil Masses at **5 pm on Saturdays**.

- >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**.

A NEW CLEANER



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. **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 **Desborough Community** after 10.00 am Mass on **5th February**

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, 3rd February 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, 7th February at 6.30 pm

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION 2025 ADMISSIONS REMINDER

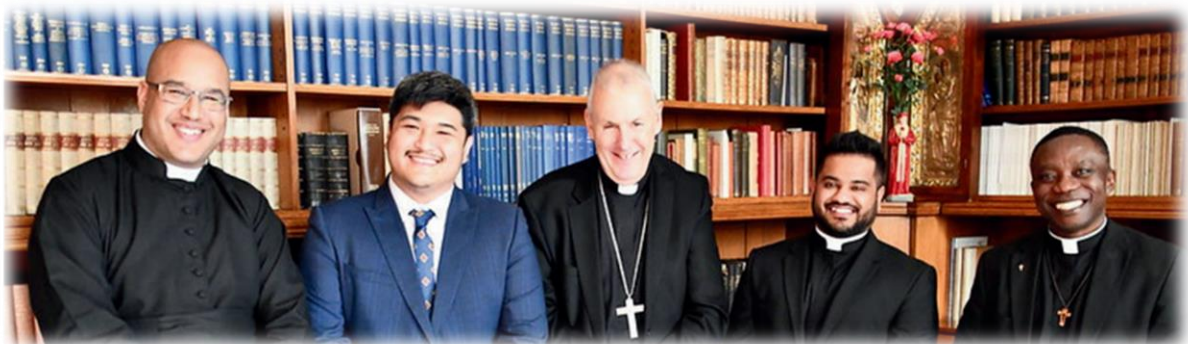


If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2024 it's now time for you to apply for a Primary School place for September 2025.

Applications must be submitted via the North Northamptonshire County Council Website <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/primary-school-places/apply-primary-school-place>

Please ensure that you have submitted all supplementary forms to the school office, if you require copies of the forms please contact Mrs Herbert. All applications must be received by Wednesday **15th January 2025**.

CALENDARS FOR 2025



This year we have received ten wall calendars with the photos of the clergy. This is a fundraising resource at a price of £5 per calendar. All funds raised go to support vocation promotion across our diocese and Fr Pius, our vocations director is very grateful for any donation. The calendars are by the Sacred Heart statue.

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 NMYO 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

Taking Liturgy Seriously Praying the Liturgy

An online Course of six modules running from
January to November 2025



'I would like this letter to help us to rekindle our wonder for the beauty of the truth of the Christian celebration,' Desiderio Desiderata 62

An opportunity for personal reflection on what it means to be a part of the worshipping community; and how the liturgy is an expression of the Church's theology and spirituality.

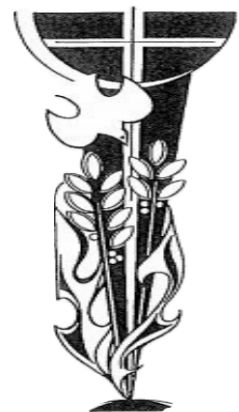
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| Module 1 | Liturgy as Prayer
23rd, 30th January, 6th February | <i>Kathryn Turner</i> |
| Module 2 | The words we speak.
Prayer and the Liturgical texts
13th, 20th & 27th March | <i>Rev Kevin McGinnell</i> |
| Module 3 | Word of God
Praying through Scripture
8th, 15th & 22nd May | <i>Fleur Dorrell & David McLaughlin</i> |
| Module 4 | Praying as we serve
Spirituality and ministry
19th, 26th June, 3rd July | <i>Rev Paul Turner</i> |
| Module 5 | Here in this place...
Prayer and the environment
18th, 25th September, 2nd October | <i>Professor Tom O'Loughlin</i> |
| Module 6 | Whoever sings, prays twice
Prayer through music
6th, 13th and 20th November | <i>Martin Barry and Mary Rouse</i> |

Thursday evenings 7.30pm - 8.45pm

Cost: £30 per module of three sessions

£150 if paying for all six modules in advance

For further details see the website ssg.org.uk or contact Mary Ryan at liturgycourse@ssg.org.uk



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!

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



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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