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*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025*

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**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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - Masses only at St Edward's.*

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# SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

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*Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written,*



**‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour’.**



## 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

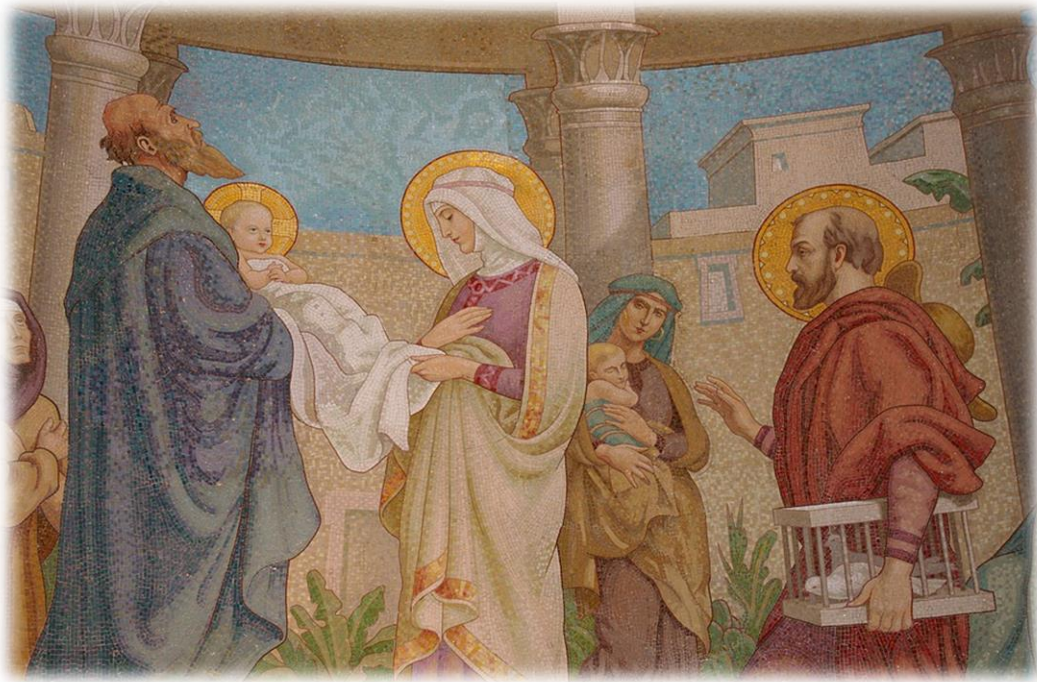


*In our prayers, let us remember our deceased parishioners, family members and friends. Let us especially remember those who have recently passed away.*

+ **Wieslawa Peterson** - Her Funeral will be held at the **Crematorium** on **Friday**,  
**31<sup>st</sup> January at 3 pm.**

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

## NEXT SUNDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> February - CANDLEMAS



The ***Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*** falls on a Sunday this year. You are very welcome to bring a candle to church from home for this beautiful Mass, and to light it. All I ask is for care to be taken with the lit candle, avoiding any dripping of wax. It will be a school Mass and all the hymns and readings will be led by the children of ***St Edward's Catholic Primary School***.

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH CHOIR



We are looking for a ***Piano Player*** to rehearse with the choir and then to play on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month for us during Mass. For more details, please contact the parish office or speak to the choir members directly.

To celebrate **National Marriage Week** [7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025](#)

# A Mass for Marriages

St Edward's, Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm



>> If you live in marriage, and would like to thank God for your wife or husband and pray with him or her that your love will grow, develop and will be strengthened by God's grace.

>> If you live in a happy marriage but you want to enrich it and bring it more to life.

>> Or if your marriage needs some encouragement and inspiration.

>> Or if you are experiencing any difficulties in your marriage.

We invite you to our evening Mass on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm. After Mass there will be an opportunity to speak with

*Rose & Nigel* who coordinate courses in the diocese which enable marriage discernment and enrichment, and also help stressful relationships. They will share with you their experience and knowledge and point you to the relevant confidential online resources which you might find helpful.

Everyone is invited to take part, not just those who are married, because marriage and family life, as the place where we learn to love and support others in spite of our differences, is the basic building block for stability in society - and as such holds deep significance for everyone.

[Click this link](#) to access four very interesting resources for couples who would like to invest in their relationship.

# Valentine's Day

St Edward's, 14<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30 pm



Jesus Loves You

>> If you are in a happy dating relationship and would like to thank God for your other half and pray with him or her that your love will grow, develop and will be strengthened by God's grace.

>> Or if you are single and want to meet someone with whom you could journey through life in the true love relationship of marriage.

We invite you to our evening Mass at St Edward's on Friday, **14<sup>th</sup> February** when we celebrate **Valentines Day**. There will be our usual Adoration at 6.30 pm followed by Mass at 7 pm. At the end of Mass, two married couples from our parish:

*Ron & Veronica and Tom & Nancy*

will share with us a short testimony of their love. They will tell us how they met, fell in love, and most importantly how important a role, God and our Catholic Faith played and still play in their relationship and family.

## ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - RECRUITMENT



The school is looking to appoint child centered, highly committed, creative and inspiring individuals to join our very special school family. The successful candidates will work within, and contribute towards, our strong Catholic ethos and strive to enable every child to reach their own unique, God given potential. In return, we will provide a supportive team, investment into your professional development, wonderful relationships and truly incredible children. We have 2 vacancies:

Teaching Assistant - Closing date for applications Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 12 noon <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141635/EDV-2025-STM CPS-00771>

Afterschool Club Assistant - Closing date for applications Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 12 noon <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141635/EDV-2025-STM CPS-21108>

Further information about the school can be viewed as follows:

School Website: [www.stthomasmorekettering.co.uk](http://www.stthomasmorekettering.co.uk)

School Facebook: St Thomas More Kettering

If you wish to discuss this position further or arrange to view the school; please contact Mrs Sophie Howes, Headteacher, on 01536 512112 or [showes@stm.ket.olicatschools.org](mailto:showes@stm.ket.olicatschools.org)



### A NEW KEY TO THE GATE AND TO THE RAMP DOOR



There is a new lock on the iron gate next to the church, and on the ramp door of the parish hall. Please contact the parish office to get a new key.



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February Mass in **Burton Latimer** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

>The 9<sup>th</sup> February Mass in **Desborough** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February**.

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## COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by the **Desborough Community** after 10.00 am Mass on **5<sup>th</sup> February**

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## 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, 7<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30 pm**

## 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7 pm** at St Edward's Church.

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### 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](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56026)

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### 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/>

## 40 HOURS DEVOTION AT ST EDWARD'S

**21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2025**



On the Friday and Saturday before **Corpus Christi Sunday**, our parish will be holding a **40 Hours Devotion** as a part of the **Jubilee Year Celebrations**. We still have a lot of time to prepare our parish for this event, but I wanted to give you a glimpse of what is planned for the weekend of **21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> June**.

What I would like you to do in the coming weeks is to look at the schedule at the end of the online newsletter and to let me know if you and your community can accept my invitation to support our prayer initiative. Any ideas for your particular time slot would be welcome. For instance, you could lead: the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Stations of the Cross, you can play and sing Eucharistic hymns, read and meditate on the Scriptures. You should also make time for silent prayer. The most important thing is to adore God present among us in the mystery of the Eucharist, and that is why the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone during those forty hours. - *Fr Gregory*

**What is the 40 Hours Devotion?** The Forty Hours devotion is a special form of solemn exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament for about forty hours, during which continuous prayer is offered in adoration before the Eucharistic Jesus.

**Why forty hours?** According to St Augustine of Hippo, forty hours was the time Jesus spent in the Holy Sepulchre from burial on Good Friday to his resurrection on Easter day.

**Symbolism of the number 40 in the Bible:** The number 40 in the Bible represents a period of purification and atonement (reparation), of tribulation and spiritual trial, of penance and fasting, with the purpose of leading the faithful to repentance of one's sins and so to a renewed conversion to God:

- the Great Flood lasted forty days and forty nights (Genesis 7:12)
- Moses spent forty days on Mount Sinai waiting to receive the Law (Exodus 24:18);
- the journey in the desert of the prophet Elijah (1 Kings 19:8)
- the period of penance in the city of Nineveh lasted forty days (Jonah 3);
- the journey in the desert of the Jews lasted forty years;
- the period of fasting of Our Lord Jesus, after the Baptism, lasted forty days and nights (Matthew 4:2);
- the appearance of Christ to his disciples occurred for forty days after the resurrection (Acts 1:3).

**A bit of history:** There is uncertainty on how the devotion originated, possibly around the XII century in Dalmatia. However, the Forty Hours' devotion as it is known today began in Italy during the XVI century as a penitential period in preparation for the Paschal Triduum. In those times when there was great turmoil, instability and war in Europe, priests started exposing the Blessed Sacrament during the forty hours, beseeching the Lord especially for peace in the world. It was also used to draw people away from profane customs and, in fact, it spread as reparation to atone for the sins committed during "Carnevale" (carnival), but also as a remedy for the Reformation. Some of the people who started, developed and promoted the devotion were diocesan priests, others belonged to orders like the Barnabites, the Capuchins and the Jesuits. The Forty Hours' devotion is the origin of Perpetual Adoration.

**Saints associated with the development of the Forty Hours:** Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Saint Charles Borromeo, Saint Philip Neri, Saint Ignatius Loyola, Saint Alphonsus Liguori.



## **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

### **Sunday for the Word of God**

This year the Sunday of the Word of God falls on **26 January**. It is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. Bishop David will lead a liturgical celebration in our Cathedral at 3pm on this day. All those who proclaim and/or teach the scriptures are invited to pray together and be commissioned for their ministry and are welcome to attend either in person or virtually.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

This year our diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 14 June. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at the Basilica in the Catholic Shrine at midday followed by lunch and at 3pm pilgrims process from the Shrine, on the holy mile to the Abbey Grounds for the final service.

Parish groups are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring parish banners with them for the procession. All are welcome.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE**

**The Search for Truth: Edith Stein, 14 - 16 March 2025**



Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith.

For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

## Men's Spiritual Exercises, 30 March - 4 April 2025



A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men with a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass.

For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

## The Fatherhood of the Priest clergy retreat, 28 April - 2 May 2025



We are delighted to announce that Fr Jose Granados, Superior General of the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and Vice-President emeritus of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies in Marriage and Family Life, will preach our spring clergy retreat. Fr Granados will address two, intertwined questions that are at the heart of priestly identity: masculinity and spiritual paternity. As a widely respected sacramental theologian, a consultor to multiple Vatican dicasteries, author of numerous articles and volumes, as well as an experienced pastor and formator, this is a unique opportunity to engage with a theme of fundamental importance to priesthood.

For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-fatherhood-of-the-priest/>

## 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.**



# Timetable for 40 Hours Adoration at St Edward's Kettering

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	
7.00 am	Exposition UCM
8.00 am	UCM
9.00 am	UCM
10.00 am	Rothwell community
11.00 am	Rothwell community
12.00 pm	Desborough community
1.00 pm	Desborough community
2.00 pm	Burton Latimer community
3.00 pm	Burton Latimer community
4.00 pm	St Thomas More Primary School (children, parents and staff)
5.00 pm	St Edward's Primary School (children, parents and staff)
6.00 pm	Barry, altar servers and their parents
7.00 pm	<b>Mass</b>
8.00 pm	Filipino community
9.00 pm	Filipino community
10.00 pm	Indian community
11.00 pm	Indian community

<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025</b>	
12.00 am	Legion of Mary
1.00 am	Legion of Mary
2.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
3.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
4.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
5.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
6.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
7.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
8.00 am	UCM
9.00 am	SVP
10.00 am	Parish choir
11.00 am	Polish community
12 noon	Flower group
1.00 pm	Soup Kitchen
2.00 pm	Readers
3.00 pm	Eucharistic ministers
4.00 pm	NHS staff from the parish
5.00 pm	Filipino community
<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass (<i>Corpus Christi</i>)</b>
8.00 pm	Nigerian community
9.00 pm	Indian community
10.00 pm	Mission Kettering group
11.00 pm	Legion of Mary
12.00 am	<b>BENEDICTION</b>

# 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!**

**5<sup>th</sup> February - Desborough**

**5<sup>th</sup> March - Rothwell**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April - Legion of Mary**

**7<sup>th</sup> May - S V P**

**4<sup>th</sup> June - U C M**

**2<sup>nd</sup> July - Burton Latimer**

**6<sup>th</sup> August - Desborough**

**3<sup>rd</sup> September - Rothwell**

**1<sup>st</sup> October - Soup Kitchen**

**5<sup>th</sup> November - Flower Arrangers and Readers**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> of March at 7 pm**

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> of June at 7 pm**

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> of September at 7 pm**

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of November (*All Souls Day*) at 7 pm**

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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**:

**10<sup>th</sup> January**

**4<sup>th</sup> July**

**7<sup>th</sup> February**

**1<sup>st</sup> August**

**7<sup>th</sup> March**

**5<sup>th</sup> September**

**4<sup>th</sup> April**

**3<sup>rd</sup> October**

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

**7<sup>th</sup> November**

**6<sup>th</sup> June**

**5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org)

Be part of our rich, diverse and vibrant catholic community