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4th Sunday of Lent

30th March 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**

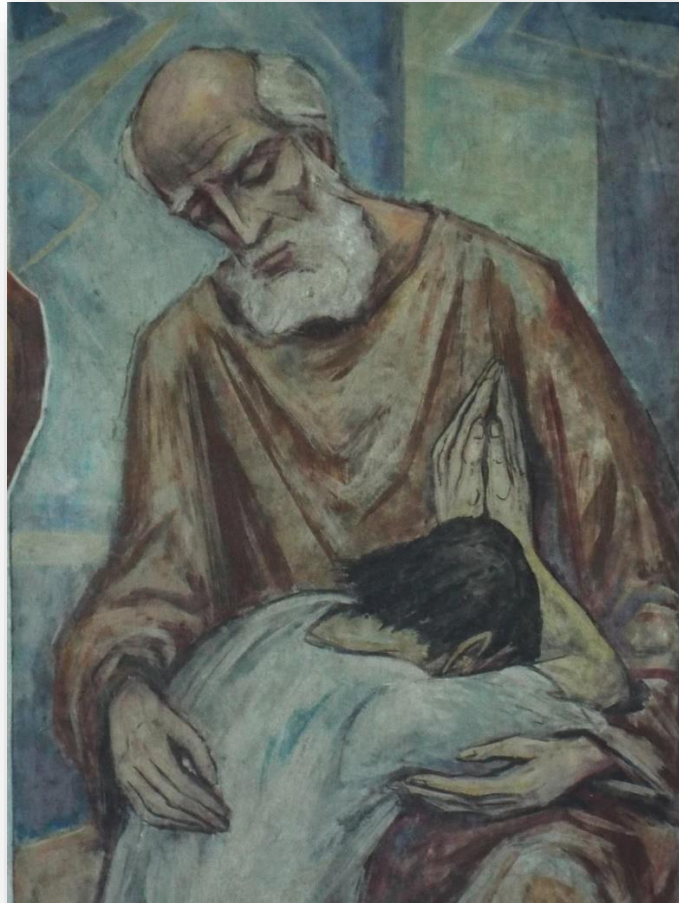
MASS TIMES AT ROTHWELL

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.

Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me like one of your hired servants.



But the father said to his servants,

Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

Saturday 06.30 pm - Julius DeMello RIP / - Benhilda Kudsanai Chipuza RIP

Sunday 08.30 am - Teresa and John Antill RIP / - Irena Nalepa RIP

10.30 am - Fr Pat Bailey RIP / - Ellen Warren, get well int.

Monday (No public Mass at St Edward's) - Cecilia Dewey

Tuesday >> 09.30 am - Adoration

10.00 am - Patrick Joe Cannon RIP 61st anniv.

Wednesday >> 09.15 am - Stations of the Cross led by **Ernie**

10.00 am - Richard Ablett RIP

>> 12.00 pm - Funeral Service for **Gillian Pancoust RIP**

Thursday 07.00 pm - Mackenzie-Smith, Crawley and Patterson families RIP

Friday >> 06.15 pm - Stations of the Cross led by **Indian Community**

07.00 pm - U.C.M. intentions

Saturday 06.30 pm - Anne Randall birthday int.

Sunday 08.30 am - Kim Cassels RIP / - Dorothy and Martin Mannion RIP

09.00 am - / **Burton Latimer** / - For the Holy Souls

10.30 am - Cannon Family RIP

12.15 pm - / **Rothwell** / - For the Parish

>>> There will be a **2nd Collection** this weekend for the **Missionary Sisters of England and Wales** who will make an appeal in our parish.

>>> There will be a **2nd Collection** next weekend for the **Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham.**

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.

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.

- + **Gillian Pancoust** - Her Funeral Service will be held at **St Edward's** on
Wednesday, **2nd April** at **12 pm.**
- + **Patrick Fogarty** - His Funeral Service will be held at the **Crematorium** on
Friday, **4th April** at **11 am.**
- + **John Creane** - His **Requiem Mass** will be held at **St Edward's** on
Wednesday, **9th April** at **10 am.**

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

BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT



As we begin the Discernment Process in our Parish and in our Pastoral Area, I would like to share with you a brief reflection on a passage from the Gospel that has always puzzled me, especially the second part.

Everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the man who denies me before men, will be denied before the angels of God. **And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.**

Jesus warns us against blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. ***But what exactly is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?*** When do we blaspheme against the Holy Spirit? To put it simply, we do this when we consider the actions of the Holy Spirit as the work of the devil. To explain this better, it is worth recalling the Gospel Reading, which we reflected on last Thursday. It was about Jesus casting out a demon that was mute. As St Luke reported:

When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marvelled. **But some of them said: 'He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the prince of demons'.** And Jesus answered: If you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons do cast them out? But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is when we consider the actions of the Holy Spirit - which are always powerful, always beautiful and full of love - as evil, and when we attribute them to Satan. Why and when do we do this? We do this to free ourselves from being open to these actions. We do this to excuse ourselves from being subordinated to these actions. We do this to excuse ourselves from the conversion that these actions expect from us, and to which they motivate us and lead us. When do we do this? We do this when we say: *'I do not want anything new in the Church, I am happy with what we have now. I miss and would rather go back to what we had ten, twenty or thirty years ago. I don't want any changes in my parish, in the group I belong to, or in my local community'.*

We do this when we oppose the actions and inspirations of the Holy Spirit, considering them a threat to us, to our faith and to our peaceful and stable life. These are very specific things; this is not some elaborate theology and poetry. We blaspheme against the Holy Spirit when we say that nothing worse could have happened to the Church than the Second Vatican Council (1962-65). We blaspheme against the Holy Spirit when we say that we do not understand, and do not need any Discernment Process and Synodality in the entire Catholic Church, and in our Parish as well. We blaspheme against the Holy Spirit when we ignore, undermine and attach a great sign of suspicion to the teachings and decisions of the Holy Father.



We can also oppose the actions of the Holy Spirit on a different level. This happens when people come to us - *guided by their own baptism, full of various talents, gifts and charisms, full of a sincere desire to act, to serve, to take on co-responsibility, to get involved* - and we build a wall between them and us by saying '*We have never had this before, this is something new, this is not from the Spirit*'. **I am not talking about changing the doctrine of our Catholic Faith**, but about what is given to us as an opportunity to evangelise more effectively, and reach out to others.

Do we have the right to do this? Are we allowed to extinguish the Spirit? The Spirit who is the Spirit of love, commitment, responsibility for the Church. Let us not call the work of the Holy Spirit the work of evil, let us not oppose it. Instead let us open ourselves to Him! Let us call Him before we start our Discernment Process which is a process of gracious speaking and gracious listening to each other in our parish, in our groups and communities. Let us say the prayer that was given to us:

Come Holy Spirit!

Fill us with the fire of your love.

**Amaze us, disturb us, occupy our hearts,
teach us to be pilgrims of hope.**

**Empower us to listen and speak graciously, to discern
your will for our pastoral area. Inspire us to be the radical
presence of Christ in our homes, in our parishes and
throughout the world.**

**All this we ask of you, in communion with
the Father and the Son, forever and ever, Amen.**

MOTHERING SUNDAY



We would like to thank God for our mothers. We wish them good health We appreciate all that they do for us. In our prayers we remember those mothers, who are no longer with us. May God reward their love with everlasting life in heaven.

May Our Lady, the best of all mothers intercede for us all.



SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY IN OUR PARISH



This weekend our parish is hosting **Sister Mary Sebastian Ogwuike IHM** (*Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ*). The Sisters support the poor and marginalized in different countries of the world, serving the homeless, destitute, vulnerable children and adults, refugees, widows and elderly people. Sister Mary will give a short reflection on the liturgy and a talk about the vocation of being a missionary. There will be a second collection which will go towards the work of the Sisters.

DIACONATE OPEN DAY



Considering the Diaconate?

Are you feeling called to serve in a deeper way? Come and learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese at an Information Morning on Saturday, 31st May, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Mary's Parish, 82 West St., Dunstable. This is a great opportunity to explore the vocation of a deacon, ask questions, and discern if God is calling you to this ministry. For more information, contact Fr. Tony Brennan at 01582 662710

or franthy.brennan@northamptondiocese.org.



THE BIG LENT WALK

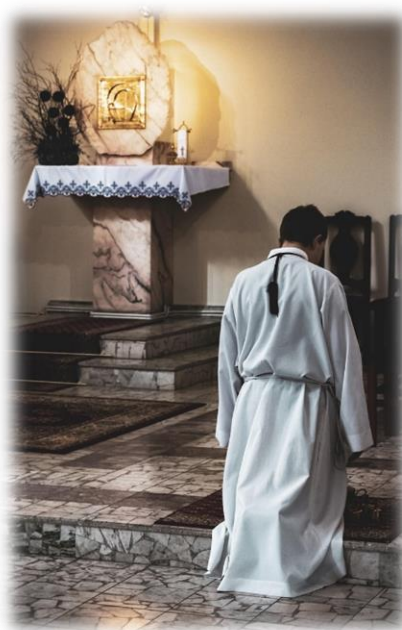


The Big Lent Walk: This is a challenge to walk 200 km in Lent, sponsored to raise money for CAFOD. To sponsor Gareth and view his progress, click on [Gareth's fundraising page is fundraising for CAFOD](#) . To sponsor Vivien and view her progress, click on [Vivien's Big Lent Walk is fundraising for CAFOD](#) . *Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.*

YOUTH GROUP WITH AN INVITATION FOR ALTAR SERVERS



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, 4th April at 6.30 pm.**



On that day we will be having our **discernment and listening session** for the youth of our parish. That is why we would like our **altar servers** to also take part. Everyone will be given a chance to have their say about what they like in the parish and what they would like to change or improve.

We will be ordering more **pizzas** than usual. 😊



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, 7th April** at **7.00 pm** at St Edward's Church. You do not need to book in advance to attend the meeting. You can 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

COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by the **Legion of Mary** after 10.00 am Mass on **2nd April**.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY



The church remains open on each **Wednesday** after Mass until **1 pm**.
Please take this opportunity to spend some time with the Lord.

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/>

A FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE ON PALM SUNDAY



This year on Palm Sunday we will be raising funds towards flowers and decorations for our church. There will be a basket available at the back for donations for the palm crosses. Any donation would be very much appreciated by the flower group.

PILGRIM CROSS 2025 - CANCELLATION



This is the email we received from the organisers of the Pilgrim Cross:

'Thank you for engaging with us as we have been planning our pilgrimage for this year. We very much appreciate all your support, generosity and hospitality. Unfortunately, we are sorry to say that we did not manage to get enough sign-ups this year and so we have taken the hard decision to cancel Kettering 2025. We are sad that we won't be able to enjoy your company this year and we apologise for the late notice and any inconvenience caused. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who are involved with volunteering to help us along our pilgrimage. Despite this setback we hope to come back strong for next year and we hope that you will continue to be a part of our pilgrimage.'



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT DESBOROUGH AND ROTHWELL



Friday, 28th March at 11 am - Rothwell

Friday, 4th April at 5 pm - Desborough Friday, 11th April at 11 am - Rothwell

Good Friday, 18th April

*18th April at 11 am - The Stations of the Cross in **Burton Latimer** and **Rothwell***

*18th April at 6 pm - The Stations of the Cross in **Desborough***

Stations of the Cross at St Edward's in 2025

on **Wednesdays** at **9.15 am**



2nd April - Ernie Clement (*int. for those who are sick and those who care for them*)

9th April - Wanda Leckie (*int. for our parish, all volunteers and for new vocations*)

16th April - Paul Robbins (*int. for all the faithful departed*)



Stations of the Cross at St Edward's in 2025

on **Fridays** at **6.15 pm**

4th April - The Indian community

11th April - The Stations on screen

Good Friday, 18th April at 7 pm - Augustina Shuttleworth and Andy Sipple

THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING BEFORE EASTER

+ CONFESSION AND ANOINTING +



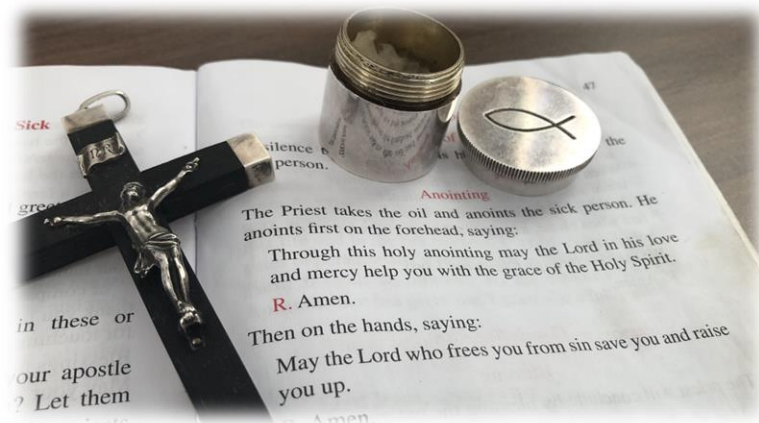
+ **Saturday, 29th March** Confession after **6.30 pm Mass**

+ **Wednesday, 2nd April, Confession 9 am - 10 am** (before 10 am Mass)

+ **Saturday, 5th April** Confession after **6.30 pm Mass**

Tuesday, 8th April after Mass at 10 am - *We would like to offer confessions and the sacrament of anointing to those who are housebound. If you know anyone who would like a visit by a priest, please contact the parish and provide us with the relevant details, like name, address and telephone number of the person who would like the sacraments, before Friday 28th March, and we arrange a visit.*

+ **Thursday, 10th April, Confession 6 pm - 7 pm and after Mass**



*During **Wednesday, 2nd April** and **Thursday, 10th April** - Masses we will give the opportunity to anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Anointing to come forward after the Gospel Reading. You will be invited to approach as you do for Holy Communion. Please remember that this Sacrament is not only for those who are seriously or terminally ill. It is for anybody who feels the need to be strengthened by the Lord. When you come to the steps of the sanctuary, please hold out your hands which will be anointed. Your forehead will also be anointed.*

THE TRIDUUM AND EASTER 2025



>>> **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral** - A reminder that the Chrism Mass this year will take place on **Wednesday 16th April at midday**. You are very welcome to attend this joyful diocesan celebration.

Maundy Thursday - 7.00 pm - Mass

Good Friday - 3.00 pm - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

7.00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - 8.00 pm - Easter Vigil

>>> ***EASTER SUNDAY, 20th April*** <<<



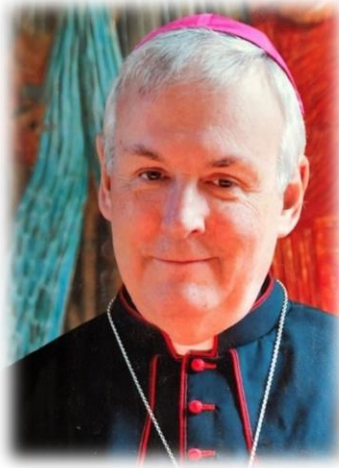
Masses at St Edward's at **8.30 am** and **10.30 am**

Burton Latimer - 9.00 am,

Desborough - 9.00 am,

Rothwell - 12.15 pm.

BISHOP DAVID'S CANONICAL VISITATION IN MAY



Five years will have passed since the bishop's last canonical visitation to our parish. He is planning to come to St Edward's on the weekend of **24-25 May 2025**. This is the provisional plan for the Bishop's visit. Please notice that the 9 am Mass at Desborough will be cancelled, and all the outlying communities are invited to attend the three Masses at St Edward's.

Saturday, 24th May, Vigil Mass

6.30 pm - St Edward's and the **BURTON LATIMER** community

- Welcomers from both communities
- Organist - **Kirsty**
- 1st Reading and Psalm - readers from St Edward's
- 2nd Reading, Bidding Prayers, Altar Gifts - the **Burton Latimer Community**
- Hymn after communion (*thanksgiving*) - **Burton Latimer (Bill, Deirdre - tbc)**
- Refreshments after Mass - the **Burton Latimer** community, Legion of Mary, UCM, Flower Ladies, and possibly other parish groups.

Sunday, 25th May

>>> 9.00 am - No Mass at Desborough

8.30 am - St Edward's and the **DESBOROUGH** community

- Welcomers from both communities
- Organist - **Kirsty**
- 1st Reading - readers from St Edward's
- Psalm, 2nd Reading, Bidding Prayers and Altar Gifts - the **Desborough Community**
- Hymn after communion (*thanksgiving*) - **Desborough (Nancy - tbc)**
- Refreshments after Mass - the **Desborough** and **Indian** communities.

10.30 am - St Edward's and the **ROTHWELL** community

- Welcomers from both communities
- Music - the **Parish Choir**
- 1st Reading and Psalm - St Edward's
- 2nd Reading, Bidding Prayers and Altar Gifts - the **Rothwell Community**
- Hymn after communion (*thanksgiving*) - **Rothwell (Janet - tbc)**
- Refreshments after Mass - the **Rothwell, Filipino** and **Nigerian** communities

VIA LUCIS IN JUBILEE 2025

Stations of the Resurrection in the Peak District



Do you like prayer, friendship, good company, adventure, nature, mountain climbing and challenges? If so, this invitation is for you!

>> What is the minimum age? 18 is the minimum age.

>> Where will we start our adventure? We will go together by coach to **Edale** in **Derbyshire** to start our journey there.

>> When? Saturday, **12th July 2025** It will be a whole day adventure.

>> What do I need? Proper mountain climbing shoes, warm clothes and something rainproof, something to eat and drink, a small wooden cross that you can make yourself.

>> How much will it cost me, and when is the final date to sign up? The total cost will be about £ 25. You can make a decision and let Father Gregory know by the end of May, but please don't wait, do it as soon as possible.



COACH PILGRIMAGE TO MARLOW IN JUBILEE 2025

Fr Gregory would like to organise a coach pilgrimage in September or October to one of the three jubilee churches in our Diocese. We are planning to go to **Marlow**. More information to follow after Easter. These photos were taken by Fr Gregory on his last visit to Marlow last autumn.



Mummified hand of St James at St Peter's Church in Marlow.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 27th April 2025



40 HOURS DEVOTION AT ST EDWARD'S
21st/22nd 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 **21st/22nd 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.



DIOCESAN NEWS



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

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.

Women of Hope: A Special Diocesan Gathering

The Women in Ministry group in the Diocese of Northampton are running a special event on Saturday 19th July 2025 at St Mary's Woburn Sands from 11am-4pm. Join us for 'Women of Hope', an opportunity for women across the Diocese to gather, share and celebrate the stories of our ministries past and present. We are delighted to welcome Avril Baigent who will share her experiences of the Synod in Rome and lead us in a synodal listening process. Bishop David will also be joining us for the day and the final liturgy. All are welcome! Sign-up using the following link:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1600230>

For more information, please contact Helen Burgess at

helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org

National Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk

The Pilgrimage of Hope is a national walking pilgrimage culminating at St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham, on 13th-14th September 2025, with a Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Inspired by the values of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, it promotes compassion, faith, prayer, and community.

Four main routes begin at the Catholic cathedrals in Cardiff, Leeds, Norwich, and London, following established hiking trails and incorporating blessings with the Sign of the Cross and the Gospels. 'Perpetual pilgrims' will walk the full distance, while others can join for sections, including accessible routes for wheelchairs and buggies. Non-walkers can contribute through support, hospitality, and prayer, with additional feeder routes allowing participation from every diocese.

This pilgrimage coincides with the 2025 Jubilee, marking 1700 years since the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea and 175 years since the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy in England & Wales. [Link to our pilgrimage route](#)

Hidden Catholic

We have recently been recommended Hidden Catholic as a pilgrimage opportunity. Hidden Catholic is a specialised tour company offering immersive and educational experiences focused on London's rich Catholic heritage. The tours are designed to cater to individuals and groups interested in exploring the historical and spiritual significance of Catholic sites in the city.

For more information visit <https://hiddencatholic.com>

Altar Servers Retreat

Bishop David Oakley warmly invites all Altar Servers and their families to the annual Northampton Diocese Altar Servers Mass. This special celebration will take place at the Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury in Northampton on Saturday, **28th June 2025, at 11 am**. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre.

For further information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Deacon Peter Griffin at pfgriffin@hotmail.co.uk.



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The Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate
& St Thomas of Canterbury – Northampton

Saturday 28th June 2025 11:00am
followed by refreshments in the St Thomas centre

for further information and booking please contact
Deacon Peter Griffin pfgriffin@hotmail.co.uk

WEEKLY/MONTHLY DONATIONS



MONTHLY / WEEKLY DONATIONS. If there are any New or Existing Parishioners who would like to give to the Parish on a regular basis, then we would be delighted to hear from you. There is a Giving Enquiry Form available for you to complete which is situated on the Notice Board at the Entrance of St Edward's Church. The completed Enquiry Form can be folded and put in the Offertory Collection Bag when attending Mass or placed in an envelope, addressed "Giving Enquiry" and posted through the Presbytery Letter Box at 2, The Grove, Kettering. Alternatively, we can email a copy of this enquiry form on request. Upon receipt of the form, we will contact you to arrange completion of any further necessary paperwork.

Suggested Methods of Regular Giving:

Regular Standing Order via your Bank - this is the preferred way which saves paper and therefore is kinder to the environment. We receive advices of Parishioners payments from the Diocese and we are then able to make sure your donation reaches our Parish.

Giving through Weekly Dated Envelopes which are issued in boxes for use throughout the year.

Donations by Card is a new way of giving, and you will find the Dona Station next to the statue of the Sacred Heart.

Gift Aid, please may we encourage you to consider Gift Aiding your regular donations, providing that you are a UK Tax payer, this means that your giving is increased for the benefit of the Parish. You may indicate your interest on the giving enquiry form.

You can also support the Parish by **making a donation through the letterbox** of the Presbytery.

Please be assured that all information provided is treated in a strict and confidential matter at all times.

Thank you for any help you can give.

WOMEN

of Hope

SATURDAY 19TH JULY
ST MARY'S,
WOBURN SANDS
11-4.00 PM

IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR
NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE
WOMEN IN MINISTRY GROUP
INVITES YOU TO
A DAY OF CELEBRATION & HOPE

We will come together in prayer,
conversation and reflection to share and
celebrate the stories of our ministries,
past and present.

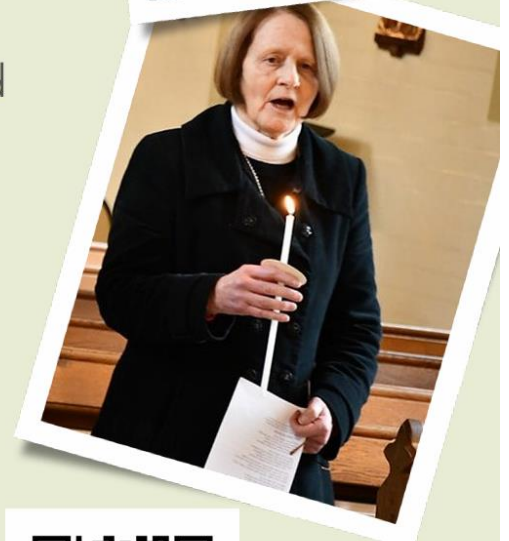
Our speaker will be **Avril Baigent**
who will lead us in an exploration of
our hopes for the future, using the
Synodal Listening Process.

Bishop David Oakley will join
us for the day and closing liturgy.

Please bring a packed lunch.
Light refreshments will be provided.

ALL WELCOME

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Scan the code to
book your place

New Wineskins for the St. Luke's Pastoral Area

"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins...but new wine is for fresh wineskins."

Mark 2:22

The St Luke's Pastoral Area includes Corby, Kettering, Rushden, Wellingborough and around a hundred villages and small towns. The area is changing rapidly with huge amounts of new building, but our Catholic structures date from the 1880s and 1960s. Bishop David reminds us that 'new wine needs new wineskins', and is asking everyone to reflect on our community life and mission into the future, including our priestly provision, finances and property. The area is growing and revitalising but the North Northants Strategic Plan identifies areas of significant poverty and 'left behind' neighbourhoods.

Combining Bishop David's hopes for our area with the North Northants plan challenges us:

1. To support the local Catholic community to thrive through good stewardship of people, property and finances.
2. Empowering everyone to deepen their faith, with a focus on children, young people and families.
3. Becoming more active, welcoming and inclusive communities, open to the new housing estates and the needs of local people.
4. And planning for a sustainable future by caring for our common home.

Underlying this vision are active and empowered communities, driven by local decision-making, shared identity, and collective discernment of the Holy Spirit.

*Your voice and experience are essential to
this process.*

You are invited to join the conversation.



Do you recognise any of these thoughts from the Synod listening?

Our community is very diverse, but we have our faith in common

We dream of a more inclusive Church, accessible to all

The steadfastness of the Church's teaching is important

We dream that all Masses will be full of families

We are one body no matter who we are

The Church helps those who are poor and marginalised

Centrality and sacredness of the Eucharist

Some sensitive issues are not discussed by the Church

Do we just want to be part of the crowd, or are we going to be Christ's servants?

You get an inner peace after going to Mass

Our priest is fair, kind, thoughtful, friendly and has a good sense of humour

Priests need more support

Women are undervalued and opportunities to use their considerable skills are not given

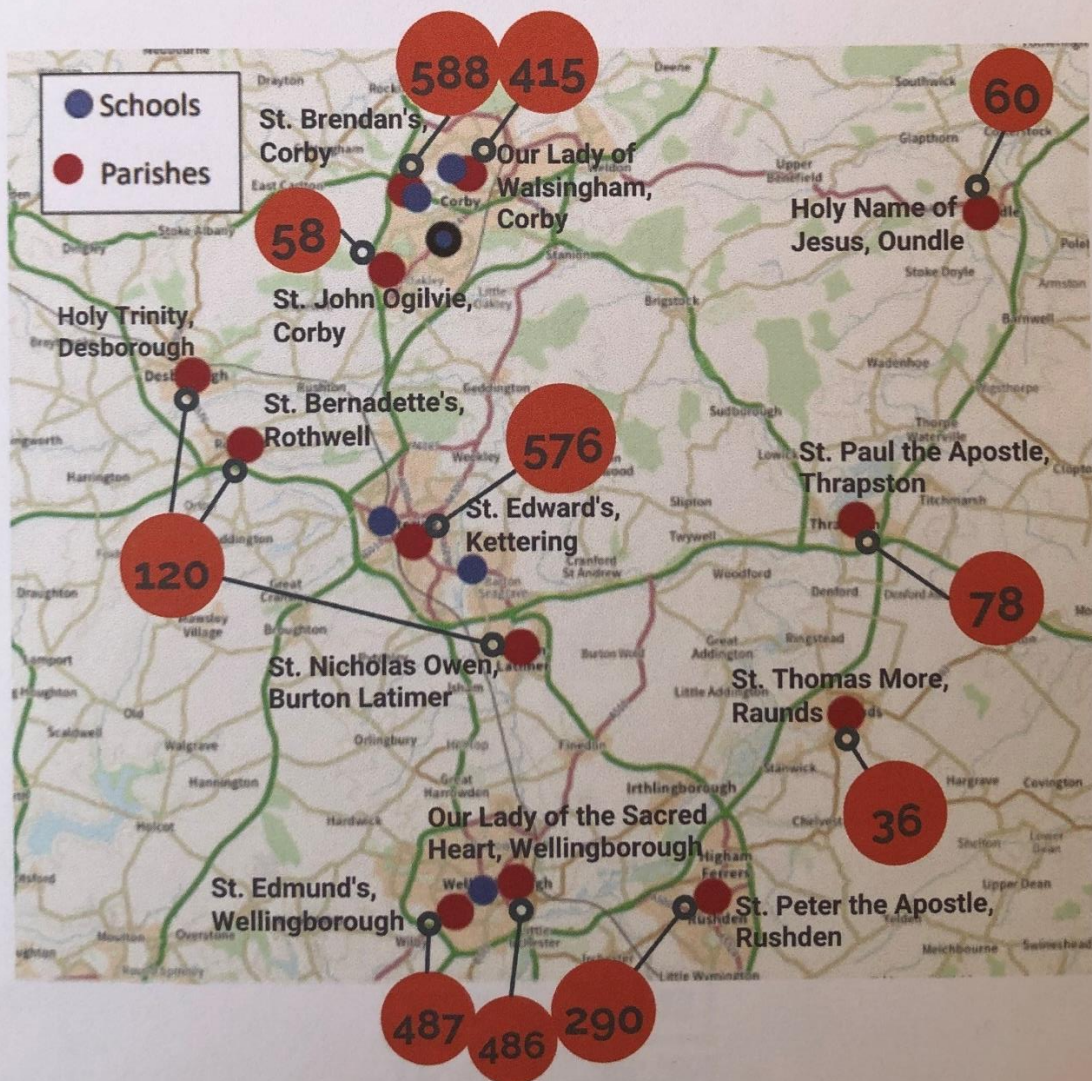


Changes to our Catholic Community

No. of Mass-goers:
In 1993: 4499
In 2025: 3194

No. of priests:
In 1993: 13
In 2025: 8

No. of churches:
In 1993: 15
In 2025: 13



● Sunday Mass attendance data for each parish within the Pastoral Area

Phases of the Discernment Process

Prepare

Working with clergy
Training listeners
Gathering data

Listen

Listening groups held across parishes, schools, Catholic organisations and groups, engaging as many people as possible.
All voices are welcome.

Discern

A small local discernment group will develop key themes and scenarios from the listening. These will be turned into plans through ongoing consultation.

Act

Bishop David enacts the plan locally.

<https://northamptondiocese.org/diocesan-discernment-processes/>

Questions for reflection

1. *What is good about our Catholic communities currently?*
2. *What are the needs in our local area?*
3. *How do we work together to seize new opportunities?*

These are the questions for the listening phase. If you can't get to a small group, you can share your responses online via the QR code.



Timetable for 40 Hours Adoration at St Edward's Kettering

Friday 20 th June 2025	
7.00 am	Exposition UCM - confirmed
8.00 am	UCM - confirmed
9.00 am	UCM - confirmed
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 - confirmed (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	Mass
8.00 pm	Filipino community
9.00 pm	Filipino community
10.00 pm	Indian community - confirmed
11.00 pm	Indian community - confirmed

Saturday 21st June 2025	
12.00 am	Legion of Mary - confirmed
1.00 am	Legion of Mary - confirmed
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	Andy - office of Readings followed by meditative Rosary
7.00 am	Andy - Lauds followed by info on Pier Giorgio Frassati who is to be canonised this year and introduction to contemplative prayer before Mass
8.00 am	UCM - confirmed
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
6.30 pm	Vigil Mass (<i>Corpus Christi</i>)
8.00 pm	Nigerian community
9.00 pm	Indian community
10.00 pm	Mission Kettering group
11.00 pm	Legion of Mary - confirmed
12.00 am	BENEDICTION

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!

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, 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**:

>> 4th April

2nd May

6th June

4th July

1st August

5th September

3rd October

7th November

5th December



Jubilee Year Indulgence



A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Church which cleanses our soul and helps us to grow closer to God. When we sin, we not only damage our relationship with God, we create a need for healing and repair in our souls and in the world. Through Reconciliation God forgives our sins, but the effects of our sins may still need to be addressed. Indulgences are a beautiful practice combining prayer, good works and spiritual renewal, to help repair that damage. Indulgences can also be applied to souls in purgatory.

HOW CAN I OBTAIN AN INDULGENCE?

Making A Pilgrimage

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| 1. To Rome | ➔ | ● The four papal Basilicas |
| 2. Elsewhere in the world | ➔ | ● Jubilee Shrines in Italy and the Holy Land |
| 3. Within our diocese | ➔ | ● Holy Child and St Joseph, Bedford |
| | | ● St Peter, Marlow |
| | | ● Northampton Cathedral |

PERFORMING ACTS OF MERCY, FORMATION AND PENANCE

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| 4. Extraordinary works of mercy | ➔ | ● Visiting prisoners the sick or lonely, |
| | | ● Helping those in need |
| | | ● Giving generous gift of your time or money |
| 5. Diocesan or Parish formation | ➔ | ● Participating in spiritual exercises |
| | | ● Formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council or Catechism |
| 6. Fasting from futile distractions | ➔ | ● Abstaining for at least one day per week from social media, video games, apps or television |

WHAT IF I CAN'T DO THOSE THINGS DUE TO SICKNESS OR OTHER SERIOUS REASON?

United in spirit with the faithful taking part in person, one may recite the Our Father, Apostles Creed and Jubilee Prayer, offering their sufferings or hardships of their lives.

What must I do?

Be detached from all sin

Make a Sacramental Confession

Receive Holy Communion

Pray for the Pope's Intentions

Notes: Normally, only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day, However, the faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in purgatory, if they receive holy Communion a second time that day, can obtain the plenary indulgence twice on the same day (applicable only to the deceased.)

A single sacramental confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences, but frequent sacramental confession is encouraged in order to obtain the grace of deeper conversion and purity of heart. For each plenary indulgence that is sought, however, a separate holy Communion and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required.



Our Jubilee Churches



The following churches have been designated Jubilee Churches by Bishop David Oakley within the Diocese of Northampton. A central focus of the Jubilee Year is the forgiveness of sins, especially through the granting of indulgences. As pilgrims of hope we are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to one of these churches, or another designated church outside our diocese, to obtain the graces of an indulgence. Pastoral areas, parishes and individuals are welcome to journey to any of these jubilee sites.

THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST THOMAS



1 Primrose Hill,
Northampton,
NN2 6AG
Parish Priest: Fr Simon Penhalagan
email: parish.cathedralhub@northamptondiocese.org
Tel: 01604 714556

Confessions: Saturday 10–11am and Friday 1–2pm

Pilgrims Mass: Friday at midday

First Saturday Devotions: Every First Saturday at 9.30am

THE HOLY CHILD AND ST JOSEPH

2 Bremerton Road,
Bedford,
MK40 1HU

Parish Priest: Canon Seamus Keenan
email: parish.stjosephbedford@northamptondiocese.org
Tel: 01234 352569

Confessions: Saturday 11.30–12.30pm

Weekday Mass: Mon–Fri, 10.45am

The Rosary: Each weekday at 10.20am (before Mass)

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Every Thursday
11.30am–7pm and every Saturday. 11.30am–12.30pm



ST PETER



7 St Peter Street
Marlow
Buckinghamshire
SL71NQ

Parish Priest: Canon John Udris
email: parish.stpetermarlow@northamptondiocese.org
Tel: 01628483696

Monthly Jubilee Mass: First Friday of the Month at 7pm

Holy Hour: First Friday of the month at 6pm

Pilgrimages can be arranged by contacting the parish throughout the year. Groups are welcome to bring their own priest or use the priests from the parish. A jubilee talk can also be requested.

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