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First Sunday of Advent

1st 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.

Advent 2024

Advent comes from the Latin
ad + venire

which means, essentially,

to come to or *to come toward*

Ad + venire is the root of the Latin

Adventus which means **Arrival**.



So, **Advent** is the season of arrival:
the arrival of Christ in our hearts,
in the world, and into God's
extraordinary plan for our salvation.

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

- Saturday** **06.30 pm** - Jean Brookes RIP 2nd anniv. / - Mary Murphy RIP
- Sunday** **08.30 am** - Tina Koenig RIP
- 09.00 am** - / **Burton Latimer** / - Robinson get well int.
- 10.30 am** - Salvatore, Angela, Pantaleo Stifanelli
- 12.15 pm** - / **Rothwell** / - For the baby in the womb / - For the Parish
- Monday** *(No public Mass)* - Wanda Moffatt RIP
- Tuesday** **09.30 am** - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
- 10.00 am** - Maria Trembecka RIP / - Dawn Gardner RIP,
 Roland Descelles RIP, and for the Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday** **10.00 am** - Tomasz Nalepa RIP / - Maureen Davies RIP 1st anniv.
- Thursday** **05.30 pm** - **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT, St Edward's School**
- 07.00 pm** - John Mcgrenaghan RIP
- Friday** **06.00 pm** - **First Friday Adoration and Benediction**
- 07.00 pm** - For the Holy Souls / - Anna Bates RIP
- Saturday** **06.30 pm** - Rev Edward Pitt RIP
- Sunday** **08.30 am** - Teresa and John Antil RIP
- 09.00 am** - / **Desborough** / - For the Parish
- 10.30 am** - Leslie Dicks RIP / - Rose Stokes birthday int.

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.

- + **Kevin O'Malley** - His funeral will be held at the **Crematorium** on Wednesday,
11th December at 11.30 am.
- + **Michael Kirwan** - His funeral will be held at **St Edward's** on Thursday,
12th December at 10.30 am.
- + **Maria Phillips** - Her funeral will be held at **St Edward's** on Friday,
13th December at 10 am.

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

ST CECILIA'S FEAST DAY - A GREAT SUCCESS!



We really enjoyed listening to the different hymns sung in different languages on the feast of St. Cecilia. I feel it was a great success because we managed to bring together all the communities of our parish. Thank you to everyone for their contribution, singing, playing, listening, without forgetting those who made us feel welcome, and made teas and hot chocolate for children.

I would like to organise something similar after Easter, perhaps a short Adoration in the church followed by a concert of secular songs in the Parish Hall, and a presentation of different cultures and dishes from our native countries.

- *Fr Gregory*

**DIOCESAN PATRONAL FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



Mass will be celebrated by **Bishop David** in our Cathedral
at **midday** on **Monday 9th December**.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT IN 2024 AT ST EDWARD'S



Both of our Catholic Schools would like to invite us to their Carols by Candlelight Services before Christmas. Please come and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere.

St Edward's School - Thursday, 5th December at 5.30 pm

St Thomas More School - Monday, 9th December at 6 pm

THE PARISH 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, 6th December at 6.30 pm

It will be the final youth session this year. On this day, the youth will lead the Mass at 7 pm followed by a party in the Parish Hall. All youth, their parents and youth volunteers are welcome to join. *(If any youth can arrive 30 minutes earlier for a rehearsal, that will be appreciated).*



BEREAVEMENT MASS - THURSDAY, 5th DECEMBER



Our next bereavement Mass will be on Thursday, **5th December at 7 pm.** Remember that if you wish, you may bring a funeral booklet with you. You are also cordially invited for refreshments after Mass in the parish hall.

CHRISTMAS CARDS IN THE REPOSITORY



We have a selection of Christmas items in the Repository. Boxes of holy Christmas cards are priced between £3 - £4. Advent calendars are £1. Candles are available at 60p. The Repository holds a selection of religious items. In the new year the Repository will be moving into a more accessible part of the narthex and we will hope to stock many more articles. So, remember to carry some loose change just in case something catches your eye!

SVP, CARITAS NORTHAMPTON AND THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST



After your fantastic response to the Love Christmas campaign last year, we are asking for your generous support again. Last year the SVP were able to provide bags of gifts to 26 families and elderly people who were extremely grateful of your thoughts and support. This year the SVP will work in partnership with Caritas Northampton and the Northamptonshire Children's Trust working with the most vulnerable families to provide Christmas gifts and spread some joy. Suggested donations are toys, books, toiletries, gloves, scarves, socks, biscuits, chocolates. For more details, please look for the leaflet in Church. A box will be available in St Edwards until December 8th.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS AT ST EDWARD'S



<< >> **Saturday, 7th December after 6.30 pm Mass**

Monday and Tuesday, 9th and 10th December - 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 Sunday 8th December, and we will arrange a visit.

>> **Tuesday, 17th December 9 am - 10 am**

>> **Wednesday, 18th December 9 am - 10 am**

>> **Thursday, 19th December 6 pm - 7 pm**

<< >> **Saturday, 21st December after 6.30 pm Mass**

There will be Exposition and Adoration before Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Masses during confession.

During **Wednesday, 18th December** and **Thursday, 19th December 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 Priest takes the oil and anoints the sick person. He anoints first on the forehead, saying: *Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.*

You will answer: **Amen.**

- Then on the hands, saying: *May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.*

You will answer: **Amen.**

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, 2nd December** at 7 pm at St Edward's Church.

COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by the **Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy** after 10.00 am Mass on **4th December**.

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/>



SAFEGUARDING



Please notice our new "A Time to Listen" posters in the churches. Bishop David is keen to listen to those hurt by abuse. He is available to meet anyone affected by abuse as a victim, survivor or supporter. Further details are on the posters.

For anybody who needs help, you can also contact the National Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 802 247.

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 begin after Christmas. Lessons for Confirmation will start around Easter.

SUPPORTING CRANSLEY HOSPICE



Another bag of used stamps from the parish has been taken to Cransley Hospice which they sell for additional funding. We all get lots of used stamps at this time of year so please continue to save them and put them in the box at the back of the church. Many thanks for your support.



MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS 2024



Tuesday, CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00 pm - Kettering, **Mass for Children**

+ **Burton Latimer** - Family Carol singing at **5.30 pm**

Christmas Eve Mass at 6.00 pm

+ **Desborough** - **Christmas Eve Mass at 5.00 pm**

8.00 pm - *Kettering, Christmas Carols*

8.30 pm - **Kettering, Midnight Mass**



Wednesday, CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30 am - Kettering, Christmas Mass

+ **Rothwell** - Christmas Mass at **9.00 am**

10.30 am - Kettering, Christmas 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**.



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 ect). 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

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

Unite in prayer and compassionate action to
oppose **assisted suicide**

Attempts are being made in
parliament to legalise assisted
suicide – so-called assisted
dying. This would undermine the
sanctity and **dignity** of human
life.

Act Now!



 SCAN ME

Use your smartphone camera
to scan the **QR code** to visit the
Bishops' Conference website.

There you will find resources to
help you **contact your MP**, read
the reasons why we oppose
assisted suicide, explore FAQs,
and more.



Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

39 Eccleston Square, London. SW1V 1BX

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

7th February

7th March

4th April

2nd May

6th June

4th July

1st August

5th September

3rd October

7th November

5th December

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 2024

Thursday, 5th December at 7 pm

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

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

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



Pilgrimage to the Holy island of *Patmos* Led by Fr John Udris

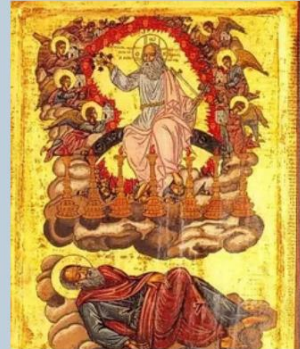
Monday 26 May - Monday 2 June 2025

Experience the quiet Christian spirituality of this traditional Greek island which is dominated by the 11th Century fortified Orthodox Monastery of St John which was built over the Cave where John recorded his visions in The Book of Revelation.



“Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy”

Revelation 1:3



“I, John, your brother and partner in hardships, in the kingdom and in perseverance in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos on account of the Word of God and of witness to Jesus”

Revelation 1:9



“Do not be afraid, I am the Alpha and Omega’ said the Lord.”

Revelation 22:13

⊙ What's Included

- ✓ Return flights from London to Athens
- ✓ One night in central Athens hotel with a visit to Acropolis museum
- ✓ 7 hour ferry from Piraeus to Patmos return
- ✓ Breakfast and one meal each day. Lunch and a final dinner.
- ✓ Daily Mass, outside where possible
- ✓ Accommodation in Skala Hotel just a short walk from the harbour town.
- ✓ Entrance to Cave of Revelation, the Monastery of St John and the Convent of Evangelismos
- ✓ Lovely local guide



⊙ Dates & Pricing

Monday 26th May - Monday 2nd June 2025

£1750 pp Based on two sharing

£235 Single supplement

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