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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd 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.

Jesus told his disciples a parable:

Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?



How can you say to your brother,

‘Brother , let me take out the speck that is in your eye’, when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye?

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

Saturday **06.30 pm** - Pauline Corrigan RIP and family RIP

Sunday **08.30 am** - Antonietta Tassell RIP

09.00 am - / **Burton Latimer** / - Aleekutty Joseph RIP

10.30 am - Doming Quintero RIP / - John birthday int.

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

Monday *(No public Mass at St Edward's)* - Fr Henry Stanley

Tuesday **10.00 am** - **NO MASS**

11.00 am - *Requiem Mass for Sue Conway*

Ash Wednesday **10.00 am** - Private int.

05.30 pm - / **Desborough** / - For the Holy Souls

07.00 pm - Sue Conway RIP

Thursday **07.00 pm** – For the Holy Souls (**BEREAVEMENT MASS**)

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

07.00 pm - Therese Southworth RIP

Saturday **06.30 pm** - Elizabeth Santaro RIP 1st anniv. /

- Andrew Joy RIP 12th anniv. / - For the Holy Souls

Sunday **08.30 am** - Danielle Bates (nee Murray) RIP /

- Jean Ayrton RIP & Jessie Spreckley RIP

09.00 am - / **Desborough** / - John Martin Jude Burns RIP

10.30 am - George intentions

>>> The next 2nd Collection will be for CAFOD on the weekend of 15th/16th March.

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.

+ Susan Mary (Sue) Conway - Her Requiem Mass will be held at **St Edward's** on
Tuesday, **4th March at 11am.**

+ Kathleen Edwards - Her Funeral Service will be held at the **Crematorium** on
Friday, **14th March at 3 pm.**

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

**May Our Blessed Mother - Health of the Sick,
pray and intercede for our dear Holy Father, in heaven!**



20 February 2025

Your Holiness, dear Pope Francis,

As you live through this time of illness, I write to assure you of the prayers of so many here in England and Wales. The prayers of the Catholic community are fervent and heartfelt. Many others, I am sure, are joining in this prayer for your recovery and continued health.

You will understand that Catholics in England and Wales have a particular devotion to the person of the Holy Father, arising out of the historic loyalty of the faithful in these countries to him. Very many people hold you in high esteem and appreciate deeply the guidance and leadership you give in your Petrine ministry.

We pray that through the intercession of our Blessed Lady, especially under her title of Our Lady of Walsingham, you may be given strength and perseverance in these days and continue to bring to the world the joy and compassion which has been so steadfastly at the heart of your ministry.

I ask your blessing on our communities and on all the people of these lands.

With my deepest reverence and affection,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vincent Nichols".

✠ Vincent Nichols
Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster
President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT



5th March - Ash Wednesday

10 am and 7 pm - St Edward's, Kettering

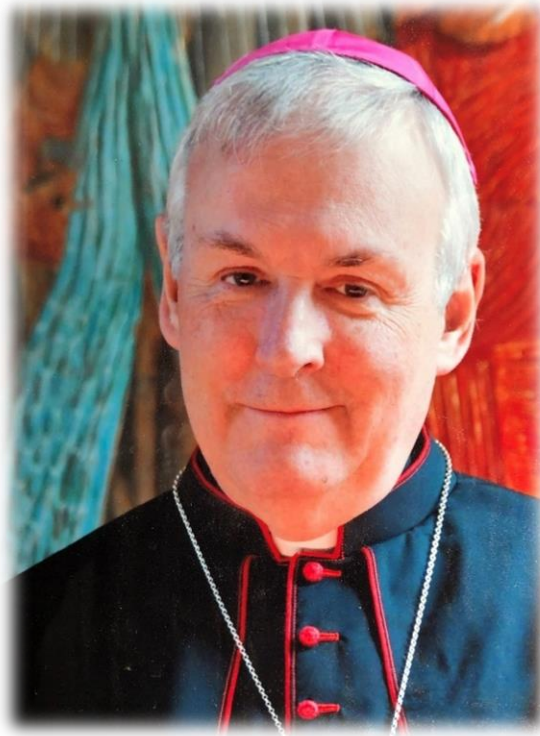
5.30 pm - Holy Trinity, Desborough

THE BIG LENT WALK



The Big Lent Walk. This is a challenge to walk 200 km in Lent, sponsored to raise money for CAFOD. Is this something **you** could do? If so, click the link [Team St Edward Kettering is fundraising for CAFOD](#) there is a link to **Join our team**. Dog-owners, have you thought of signing up your dog for walkies? I bet some people would sponsor it! If walking is not for you, please consider sponsoring someone. Click on a team member's section, then **Donate to this fundraiser**. *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.*

BISHOP DAVID'S CANONICAL VISITATION



Five years will have passed since the bishop's last canonical visitation to our parish. Bishop David will be visiting the parishes in the North Northamptonshire Pastoral Area next year. He is planning to come to St Edward's on the weekend of **24-25 May 2025**. We are looking forward to his visit. It seems so way ahead, but as we know, time can fly when we are planning for such an important event.

PRE-VISITATION MEETING AT ST BRENDAN'S, CORBY



There will be a meeting held on **Tuesday, 18th March at 7 pm** at **St Brendan's Parish, Corby**. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. A gentle invitation has been made by Bishop David. He would like to hear up to three positives (joys) and three negatives (challenges) about parish life in general. Please submit to the parish office by email, as briefly as possible what in your personal opinion might be our joys and challenges, so a compilation can be created on our behalf as a parish community.

A GENTLE REQUEST FROM OUR NEIGHBOURS



People are tempted to park on the Grove because they feel, that they are just popping over to the church for a few minutes. I have been told though, by one of the residents of the street, that this is causing a problem, that they sometimes cannot find a parking place. Therefore, I kindly ask you to park at the swimming pool car park. We need to live in harmony with our neighbours and I do not want us to get a bad name. A word of warning - I have also been told that the parking wardens will be now working on a Sunday. I would hate for anyone to pick up a parking fine.



OUR PATRONAL FEASTS 2025



22nd March - FEAST DAY OF ST NICHOLAS OWEN (*Burton Latimer*) This Feast will be celebrated on **Sunday, 23rd March**. With Holy Mass at **9 am** and refreshment afterwards.

16th April - FEAST DAY OF ST BERNADETTE (*Rothwell*) There will be no Mass in our parish on that day, because all priests from our diocese will concelebrate Chrism Mass with Bishop David at Northampton Cathedral. This year Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday. We encourage the community to open St Bernadette's church for private prayers on that day.

15th June - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY (*Desborough*) There will be no Mass at Desborough (3rd Sunday of the month), but we encourage the community to open the church for private prayers on that day.

13th October - FEAST DAY OF ST EDWARD (*Kettering*)

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 March** 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.

COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by the **Rothwell Community** after 10.00 am Mass on **12th March** (*5th March is Ash Wednesday*)

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 March at 6.30 pm**

REGISTRATION AT ST EDWARD'S PARISH



Please complete the registration form by clicking on this QR code above, or by typing the link into your browser www.caspar.church/me?ID=56026

ST EDWARD'S 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.

ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



St. Edward - Kettering

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/276259842718332/>

St. Nicholas Owen - Burton Latimer

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/809856073037388/>

EXPLORING SAFEGUARDING



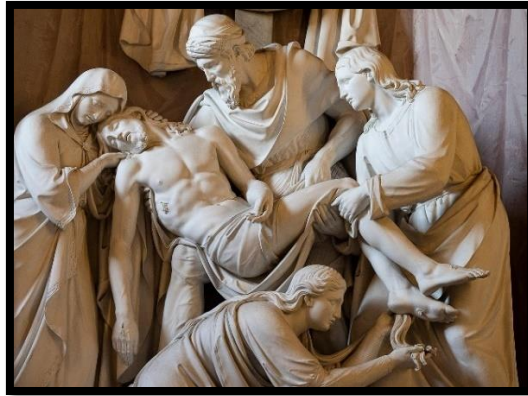
Join our Called & Equipped Group as we take a look at safeguarding and what it means for ourselves and our parishes. This is an opportunity for those in parish ministries to get a better understanding of safeguarding from our diocesan safeguarding team, Danielle Dixon and Laura Lester. The venue is Holy Ghost Church, Luton on Saturday 8 March from 10am - 1pm. Previous groups have found the presentation very inspiring and the best safeguarding training they have ever received. Sign up at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1544289>

PILGRIM CROSS 2025



Every year St Edward's hosts a pilgrimage of students, who make their way to Walsingham to be there on Good Friday. Once again, this year they will be sleeping over in the parish hall on **Friday 11th April**. Usually, the Union of Catholic Mothers coordinate their stay, providing them with an evening meal and a continental breakfast on Saturday before they make their way after morning Mass. However, we would like to ask our parishioners to offer food for the students. If you are willing to prepare a hot dish for Friday evening, I would be grateful. If you could provide something towards the continental breakfast, that would also be appreciated. You are invited to come and chat to the students and stay for the evening meal, and then come again for morning Mass and breakfast. If you are willing to help, please contact Fr Gregory with your name and phone number and he will pass it on to the UCM. **If you wish to know about the Pilgrim Cross, please scroll down.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
AT DESBOROUGH AND ROTHWELL
LED BY PARISHIONERS**



Friday, 7th March at 5 pm - Desborough Friday, 14th March at 11 am - Rothwell
Friday, 21st March at 5 pm - Desborough 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***

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

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

SALE OF OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS - A MESSAGE FROM RANA



Dear Father Gregory, allow me to thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to visit your Parish, to sell the olive wood carvings from the Holyland, and for the lovely hospitality. Just to let you know that we have managed to raise around £800 from the olive wood carvings sale. We had an amazing and a great response from the parishioners. It was a blessing and a great help. Thank you again for all your kind help and for all the parishioners who supported us as well. Keep us in your prayers please. Kind regards, Rana

Stations of the Cross at St Edward's in 2025

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



12th March - **Andy Sipple** (*int. for pope Francis, bishop David and our priests*)

19th March - **STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH ST JOSEPH** - **Ron and Veronica Steele**
(*int. for sanctity of life, marriage and family*)

26th March - **Augustina Shuttleworth** (*int. for peace in the world*)

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*)



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1. Sign of the cross, introduction and intention. e.g. *Today we offer our stations for...*
2. Title of the Station e.g. *The first station - Jesus condemned to death*
3. Reader: **We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.**

All: **Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

4. Up to **2.5** minutes **Reflection** and a moment of silence
5. Alternately - *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*
6. One verse of '*At the cross her station keeping*' - Hymn **No 223**
during which the processional cross move on to the next station.
7. Holy Mass at **10 am.**

Stations of the Cross at St Edward's in 2025

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



7th March - **The Nigerian community** (*int. for ...*)

14th March - **The Filipino community** (*int. for ...*)

21st March - **The Nigerian community** (*int. for ...*)

28th March - **The Filipino community** (*int. for ...*)

4th April - **The Indian community** (*int. for ...*)

11th April - **The Stations of the Cross for children.**

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



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THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING BEFORE EASTER

+ CONFESSION AND ANOINTING +



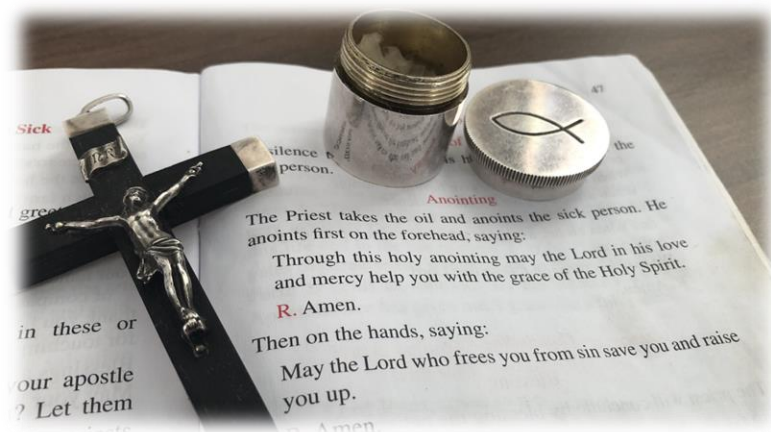
+ **Saturday, 29th March** Confession after **6.30 pm** Mass

+ **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.*

+ **Wednesday, 9th April, Confession 9 am - 10 am and after Mass**

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



*During **Wednesday** and **Thursday 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



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.

PASTORAL LETTER



PASTORAL LETTER CONCERNING THE TERMINALLY ILL (END OF LIFE) BILL

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Terminally Ill (End of Life) Bill, as it is formally known, received a second reading at the end of November. This is currently with the committee which will scrutinise it before the legislation is returned for further voting in the House of Commons. Our country is divided about this legislation. Some have campaigned for this over a long period of time. Nevertheless, there is a broad coalition of voices, from various religious traditions and none, who are very concerned about the implications of the idea that individuals may be able to commit suicide with the assistance of medical professionals. The research briefing from the House of Commons Library puts things this way: 'The broad aim of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is to allow adults aged 18 and over, who have mental capacity, are terminally ill and are in the final six months of their life, to request assistance from a doctor to end their life.' It will be challenging to overturn this proposed legislation, but not impossible. Within our diocese, 13 MPs voted for this Bill and 10 voted against it.

From what we hear, some politicians have serious concerns about the proposed safeguards around the legislation. Will there really be rigorous oversight to prevent misuse of the right to end one's life? It is clear that these safeguards are unravelling. How may anyone know with certainty that someone is in the final six months of mortal life? We pray the expert evidence being presently considered will also focus upon the wonderful palliative care that takes place in hospices and other places. Palliative care professionals have already expressed concern about the funding and research in this important area of medicine. Will this proposed new legislation damage the provision of palliative care even further? The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have already submitted evidence to the Bill Committee emphasising that this legislation is unworkable.

This proposed law is a bad tree that cannot bear good fruit. Christ's disciples have much to encourage them to pray and work for the promotion of a culture of life. The mystery of eternal life we profess is presented so well by St Paul in today's liturgy: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' The truths of the Gospel proclaimed by our Lord have long been challenged and disparaged within a society that is largely indifferent to the fundamental kerygmatic mysteries of our faith - we are created in God's image and likeness; despite humanity's fall from grace, God sent his beloved Son amongst us. Jesus lovingly offered his life in loving obedience to his Father and for our sake. He rose again in his human body and ascended to the Father, fulfilling his promise to send the Holy Spirit to us. As the Body of Christ, the Church seeks to build the Kingdom our Saviour inaugurated in his life, death and resurrection.

And so, I invite you to join me with two actions. The first is to pray. We pray for those who are seriously ill and dying. May they discover the hope of eternal life we share in Christ. And may they receive good palliative care in their suffering. We pray for those in the medical profession who will feel very challenged by this proposed legislation. We pray for our political representatives that their consciences will encourage them to stand against this bad legislation. And please write to your MP. Your letter does not need to be long or complicated. Just reach out to them and encourage them to vote against assisted dying.

We may ask ourselves, what's the point? No one will take notice of my prayers or actions. Against these understandable feelings, I am very encouraged by the words of the apostle Paul at the end of today's second reading: 'Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.'

Yours devotedly in Christ,

✠ David J Oakley

Bishop of Northampton

Given at Northampton on 22nd February 2025,
The Feast of St Peter's Chair,
and appointed to be read or distributed in all churches and chapels of the Diocese
on the weekend of the Eighth Sunday of the Year, 1st and 2nd March, 2025

BEREAVEMENT MASS IN LENT



Our next Bereavement Mass will be on **Thursday, 6th of March at 7 pm**. All who grieve and all who wish to pray for their loved ones are welcome. There will be a chance to chat over a coffee after Mass in the Parish Hall.

Pilgrim Cross



What is Pilgrim Cross?

It is a pilgrimage which takes place in Holy Week inclusive of all ages. Eleven groups ('Legs') set off from different parts of England, walking around 120 miles over seven days, carrying a wooden cross. The pilgrims are provided with food and shelter by generous people along the way, and all the groups meet to celebrate Easter together in the ancient Marian shrine of Walsingham. Kettering Leg is mainly made up of students and young adults.

What happens during the week?

Much of the day is spent walking – which provides an opportunity to talk and get to know the rest of the group, as well as spending time in reflection, and enjoying the varied scenery we pass through. There is much music and laughter along the way.

We share our journey with people we encounter along the way, especially parishioners who provide a welcome, hospitality, and share in times of prayer.

Who walks?

Pilgrims come from all over the UK and from around the world. Kettering Leg is mainly made up of students and recent graduates, but many keep coming back long after university. Our chaplain is a Catholic priest but the whole group is involved in our liturgy during the week.



Is it expensive?

Not at all. Everything you will need will be cheap or easy to borrow. The week itself costs just £60 for students or unwaged pilgrims, and £200 for those who are waged (£110 for low-waged). If that's too much, don't worry – financial support is available.

Why walk?

People take part for many reasons, and no two people get exactly the same thing from it. It is a great way to celebrate what is the most important week in the Church's year, and it's a great way to experience community and to make new friends. New walkers are always made very welcome and given lots of support. If 120 miles sound like a long way, it's easier than you think and you don't need to be particularly fit to take part.

How do I apply?

Just contact us at: studentcross.ketteringleg@gmail.com

For more details:

<https://pilgrimcross.org.uk/event/kettering-students-and-young-adults/>

We have been asked to tell you that if you are interested, please apply as soon as possible.



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 **Hayfield Village** in **Derbyshire** to start our journey there.

>> When? Saturday, **31st May 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 £ 20. You can make a decision and let Father Gregory know by the end of March, but please don't wait, do it as soon as possible.



PEAK DISTRICT IN DERBYSHIRE



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.

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](#)

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.

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

Friday 20 th 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	Mass
8.00 pm	Filipino community
9.00 pm	Filipino community
10.00 pm	Indian community
11.00 pm	Indian community

Saturday 21 st June 2025	
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	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
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
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!

12th March - **Rothwell** (*5th March - Ash Wednesday*)

2nd April - **Legion of Mary**

7th May - **S V P**

4th June - **U C M**

2nd July - **Burton Latimer**

6th August - **Desborough**

3rd September - **Rothwell**

1st October - **Soup Kitchen**

5th November - **Flower Arrangers and Readers**

3rd December - **Church Cleaners** and **Children's Liturgy**



BEREAVEMENT MASSES

At St Edward's Catholic Church



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

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

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

Masses in 2025

Thursday, 6th of March at 7 pm

Thursday, 5th of June at 7 pm

Thursday, 4th of September at 7 pm

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

Thursday, 4th of December at 7 pm

ST EDWARD'S PARISH, KETTERING

YOUTH GROUP 2025



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

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

10th January

7th February

7th March

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
SL7 1NQ

Parish Priest: Canon John Udris

email: parish.stpetermarlow@northamptondiocese.org

Tel: 01628 483696

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