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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, year B

3rd November 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.

Which commandment is the most important of all?



The most important is,

'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is: You shall your neighbour as yourself.'

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

<<< >>> **Saturday, All Souls Day** <<< >>>

10.00 am - For the Holy Souls

06.30 pm - Margaret Marsh RIP 1st anniv. / - Jean Descelles,
Ena Grandsable, Paul, Anne and Claudine Pacifique RIP

And for all the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Sunday **08.30 am** - Wladyslaw Hyla RIP / - praying for exam success /
- Michele & Assunta De Santis and Antonio & Maria De Santis RIP

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

10.30 am - Philomena Mulvey RIP & her daughter Philomena RIP

12.15 pm - / **Rothwell** / - For the Holy Souls

Monday *(No public Mass)* - For the Holy Souls

Tuesday **09.30 am** - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

10.00 am - Deceased members of the Legion of Mary /
- Thanksgiving - private int.

Wednesday **10.00 am** - For the Holy Souls

Thursday **07.00 pm** - David Godson / - For the Holy Souls / - Fr Wilson RIP

Friday **06.30 pm** - **Adoration and Benediction**

07.00 pm - Thanksgiving for Samuel Jiju's birthday

Saturday **06.30 pm** - Doreen Smith RIP /
- Mark Anthony Ian, Michelle, Antonio Villanueva RIP

Sunday **08.30 am** - Michael Mangan RIP and deceased members
of the Mangan & Diver families

09.00 am - / **Desborough** / - For the Parish / - For the Holy Souls

10.30 am - Marilyn Joy Hinson RIP 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.

**>>> There will be a second collection next weekend 9th/10th November
for the Bishops Ministry Fund.**

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.

+ Fr Paul Gonsalves - Died suddenly, aged 55. He was in our parish in 2017/18.

<https://cliftdiocese.com/news/fr-paul-camilo-dominic-gonsalves-msfs-r-i-p/>

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

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS



In the Sanctuary you can still find a basket with envelopes in which you can put a card with the names of the deceased. You can also use ordinary envelopes for this. Please return your envelopes to the Church (*put it in the collection basket*) or to the Parish office (put it through the letter box). Your donation can be placed in the envelope. Mass for Holy Souls will be offered for them during the month of November and the year ahead.

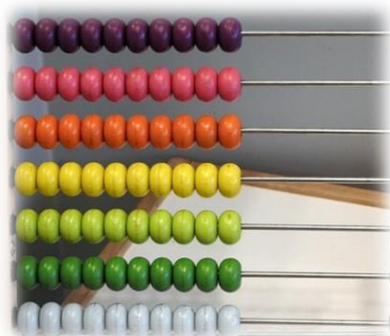


IN MEMORY OF FR WILSON

On Thursday, the **7th November** we will mark the **5th anniversary** of his death. Let us remember him in our prayers as well as Fr Paul Gonsalves who also ministered in our parish and died recently.



PARISH STATISTICS



Between the **22nd September** and **13th October**, we had our annual Mass count. I would like to thank our counters for their help. Here are our results. They are broadly similar to last year's figures.

22nd September - 485 (*including Desborough*)

29th September - 635

6th October - 617 (*including Burton Latimer and Rothwell*)

13th October - 643 (*including Desborough*)

Please notice the drop on the 22nd September. If you check the weather forecast for that weekend, there was a lot of heavy rain!

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST CECILIA



'He who sings, prays twice' St Augustine

We invite everybody to the celebration on

Friday, 22nd November at 6.30 pm.

This is going to be an evening celebration of Christian music. I am sure everybody will leave the church feeling uplifted. We will have the opportunity to appreciate what every culture can bring to our parish.

There will be 8 different choirs and musical groups. In no particular order:

- **St Thomas More Primary School**
- **The Nigerian Community**
- **The Indian Children's Choir**
- **The Indian Teenagers' Choir**
- **The Indian Adults' Choir**
- **The Filipino Community**
- **The Polish Community**
- **Our Parish Music Group**
- **Our Parish Choir**

Programme: Each group will be given approximately 10 minutes to introduce itself and sing three hymns. Refreshments will be hosted by the members of our parish groups at the back of the church.

ASSISTED DYING BILL - A VOICE FROM OUR BISHOPS



The Second Reading of the Leadbeater bill will be on Friday 29 November and will be accompanied by a vote on the principles of the bill. All the Bishops of England and Wales are calling for Catholics to inform themselves as to the dangers of this bill and, crucially, to contact their MP to make their opposition known. Please display the poster in your church that was sent out a couple of weeks ago. A template letter to send to MP's can be found here <https://righttolife.org.uk/AStreat>

Here is a very interesting Pastoral Letter from Bishop of Nottingham, Right Reverent Partick Joseph McKinney:

[Pastoral-Letter-Assisted-Suicide-October-2024.pdf](#)

Since the church is open every Wednesday, you are invited to stay after Mass to pray a Rosary together. This will be every Wednesday leading up to 29th November when the second reading of this bill will take place. Members of The Legion of Mary will lead the Rosary. Bishop Philip Egan of Portsmouth who is Bishop for Evangelisation and Catechesis is strongly urging parishes to do what they can to oppose this evil.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH CHOIR



The Choir is going to sing at 10.30 Mass on November 17th. We really need someone to play the piano for us at that Mass and for Choir practice on Tuesday November 12th. If you can do this, please contact the parish office.

EMERGENCY CAFOD APPEAL CAFOD-DEC MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the **CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal** and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: cafod.org.uk/give

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WE'RE
STRONGER



Photo: DEC/Arete/Abdallah Alsayed

Name changed to protect identity

Aaliyah* sits on the remains of a damaged building with her daughter in their neighbourhood in southern Gaza, in October 2024.

Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

£10

gives displaced families
emergency water

£120

gets emergency shelter
to three households

Millions are fleeing airstrikes in Lebanon and Gaza. CAFOD and our Church partners are already there, responding.

*Please pray and please give.
Every gift is needed.*

GIVE TODAY

cafod.org.uk/give

or call **0808 58 588 85**

Scan here



THE PARISH HOUSE - BEFORE AND AFTER



We had a messy and dusty week, but it has been worth it. We have 90 % of the windows in place. Please God the new windows will serve Fr Gregory and Fr Elvis, our parish personnel and volunteers who help us in the parish office, without forgetting our cat, Saba! They will serve not only us but also the next generations of priests and laity who support the clergy who will one day minister here.





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.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FR GREGORY ABOUT APPLICATIONS TO BISHOP STOPFORD SCHOOL



I am sure that parents are aware that on the application form there is a section about the church leader. When you fill this in, please come and see me at any time, before or after any Mass, with a photocopy of the form. I will then be able to keep a record of who is applying to the school and when they contact me with a list of applicants, it will be easy for me to check the names put forward. If I have not met someone, even very briefly, it is very hard for me to verify a name on the list. I would like to avoid confusion and disappointment at a later date. There is no need to make an appointment, a quick 'Hello Father' and a smile will do! *Fr Gregory*

THE PARISH YOUTH GROUP



If you would like your son or daughter to take part in 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.**

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, 4th November at 7 pm** at St Edward's Church.

COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by the **Flower Arrangers and Readers** after 10.00 am Mass on **6th November.**

/// 4th December - Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy

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/2762598427183322/>

St. Nicholas Owen - Burton Latimer

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

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

BEREAVEMENT MASSES AT ST EDWARD'S



*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 want 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

ADVENT CONFESSIONS AT ST EDWARD'S



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

Tuesday, 10th December 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 Sunday 8th December, and we 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.



CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT 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

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS 2024



Tuesday, CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00 pm - Mass with Liturgy for Children

+ **Burton Latimer - Christmas Eve Mass at 6.00 pm**

+ **Desborough - Christmas Eve Mass at 6.00 pm**

8.00 pm - Christmas Carols

8.30 pm - Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday, CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30 am - Christmas Mass

+ **Rothwell - Mass at 9.00 am**

10.30 am - Christmas Mass



DEVOTIONS AT ST EDWARD'S

Attending Sunday Mass is something, which we as Catholics do, not only because it is our duty but because our souls gather strength thanks to the Sacrifice of Our Lord. Yet, there are many more occasions when we can come to church, when we can show our appreciation to God, when we can worship, praise and thank Him, when we can share our worries with Him. As well as times of quiet devotion, the church calendar in our parish gives us an opportunity for more organised prayer.



>>> **The Angelus** prayer we say after each Tuesday and Wednesday Mass.

>>> **First Friday Adoration** - on each first Friday of the month adoration starts at 6 pm and is concluded by the Litany to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and benediction.

>>> **Weekday adoration** - on **Tuesdays** 30 minutes before morning Mass
and on **Fridays** 30 minutes before evening Mass.

>>> **Lent Time - The Stations of the Cross** are led by parishioners after
Wednesday Masses at 10 am, and before Friday Masses, that is at 6.15 pm.

>>> **Easter Time** - we pray **Divine Mercy Chaplet** on Divine Mercy Sunday at 3 pm,
and during the week following Divine Mercy Sunday after weekday Masses.

>>> **May** is the month of Our **Blessed Mother**.

We pray the **Litany of Loreto** after each weekday Mass.

>>> **June** is the month of the **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**.

We pray the **Litany to the Heart of Jesus** after each weekday Mass.

>>> **July** is the month of the **Most Precious Blood of Jesus**.

We pray the **Litany to the Blood of Jesus** after each weekday Mass.

>>> **October** is the month of the **Holy Rosary**.

We pray the Rosary 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.

>>> **November** is the month of **all the faithful departed**. We pray the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet for those who have passed away, after each weekday Mass.

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

DIOCESAN NEWS




THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

Word On Fire Conference

Save The Date: **Saturday 22nd February**

Bishop Robert Barron will be returning to the UK for a national conference titled Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible on Saturday 22nd February at the Excel Centre in East London.

This event is a follow-up to the highly acclaimed conference we organised in February 2023, which brought together 1,300 attendees at the QEII Centre in Central London. For this next conference we want to gather 3,000 people, including clergy and laity, from across UK and beyond.

Speakers will include Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland, Archbishop John Wilson, and others. The conference will focus on the Bible—its depth, prophetic value for culture, and how it informs the Church's mission in the world today. Find out more and sign up for updates (inc. release of tickets) <https://events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event> 

Bethany Mass: Mass for people with disabilities and their families

The next Mass will be this Sunday, Oct. 20th at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Stopsley, Luton LU2 9 AY. (About 15 mins. from Junction 10 of the M1) All are welcome. Access to the Church is step-free, and there is ample parking. The Mass will be followed by refreshments.

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!



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

Special or Extra Needs in Your Family?



The Bethany Group

We are a Diocesan group for those with special or additional needs and their families. It is called The Bethany Group.

Mass will be celebrated with The Bethany Group at Sacred Heart Parish, Stopsley, Luton on 20th October, at 3pm. All are very welcome.

Refreshments after the Mass.

Other dates for this year are: 17th November, 15th December.

2025: 19th January, 16th February, 16th March, 18th May.

All at Sacred Heart, Stopsley, Luton LU2 9AY at 3pm.

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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2025; you are warmly invited to come and have a look around our school.

Reception 2025 School Tours

Saturday 5th October: from 9am to 3pm
Wednesday 9th October: from 9.15am to 12pm
Wednesday 13th November: from 9.15am to 12pm
Saturday 16th November: from 9am to 3pm

**To book a slot, please contact our Office -
Phone: 01536 512112**



**This is a Good School
OFSTED 2023**

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