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Parish Priest: **Fr. Gregory Marchwiński** Assistant Priest: **Fr. Elvis Jose**

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*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*12<sup>th</sup> May 2024*

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## MASS TIMES AT ST. EDWARD'S, KETTERING

- Tuesday - 10.00 am
- Wednesday - 10.00 am
- Thursday - 7.00 pm (*This evening Mass is with music on screen*)
- Friday - 7.00 pm
- Saturday Vigil Mass - 6.30 pm **After Mass - confession on request**
- Sunday Early Mass - 8.30 am
- Sunday Family Mass - 10.30 am

## MASS TIMES AT BURTON LATIMER

The **1st** and **3rd** Sunday of every month - **9.00 am**

## MASS TIMES AT DESBOROUGH

The **2nd** and **4th** Sunday of every month - **9.00 am**

## MASS TIMES AT ROTHWELL

The **1st** and **3rd** Sunday of every month - **12.15 pm**

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*For the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, please check the newsletter*

*I will not leave you  
orphans, says the Lord*



*I will come back to you,  
and your hearts will be  
full of joy*

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



- Saturday** 06.30 pm - Bridget Wilsdon RIP / - Sheila Merry RIP
- Sunday** 08.30 am - Baby Joseph Thottam RIP 8<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
09.00 am - / **Desborough** / - Jessie & Claude Hatsell RIP  
10.30 am - USAF int. / - Fr Bruno Murphy birthday int.

**Monday** (*No public Mass*) - Fr Donald Jenkinson

**Tuesday** 09.30 am - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
10.00 am - Perpetua Maia birthday int. / - Kevin Kirkham int.

**Wednesday** 10.00 am - Angela Andrews good health int.

**Thursday** 07.00 pm - Sr Mary Bernard RIP

**Friday** 06.30 pm - **Adoration and Benediction**  
07.00 pm - For the Holy Souls

**Saturday** 06.30 pm - Margaret Gleeson RIP

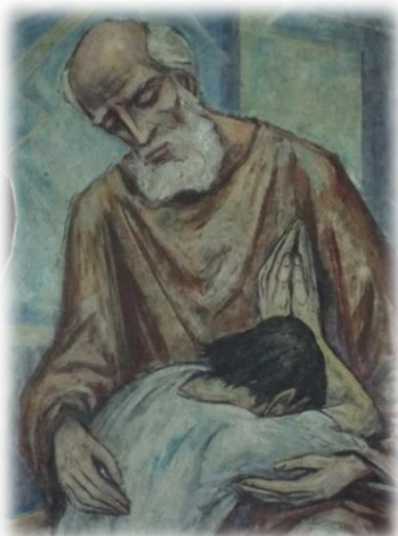
**Sunday** 08.30 am - Miguel Baring RIP, 3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.  
09.00 am - / **Burton Latimer** / - Sr Aidan int.  
10.30 am - Kenneth and Philomen Pierre-Louis int.,  
Millicent Pierre-Louis RIP  
12.15 pm - / **Rothwell** / - For the Parish

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Catholic Communications Network on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May.**

## 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

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### 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.*

+ **Sebastiano Isaia** - his funeral will be held at St Edward's on

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at 12 pm.**

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

## A PRICE WORTH PAYING



After Jesus explained that He would soon be departing but He would return (John 16:19-28), the disciples reaffirm steadfast loyalty to Him. He spoke plainly about His relationship with the Father; now they knew He came from God and, implicitly, He had to return. But He sensed their faith would be short-lived. Indeed, it was more bravado than anything else. They would scatter in the face of opposition but He would not be alone, for He had the Father. Together, even with the world against Him, He had overcome the world.

The opening verses of John 17 attempts to give us a structure for gaining knowledge about eternal life. The glory given the Son by the Father and shared with His followers led to eternal life, knowledge found only in an intimate relationship with the Father and His Son. To remain in the community of the saved, the disciple needed to "keep the word" of the Father given to them through the Son. He had finished His work, to unify humanity with divinity, to give eternal life to those who would receive "the word."

Later, in John 21, Jesus served a morning meal of fish to Peter and six other disciples after their fishing excursion. Afterwards, the Lord asked him three times about his affection for his Master; this obviously mirrored the three times Peter rejected Jesus during the Passion. The passage translated devotion ("apage" in Greek) as "love" and commitment of a friend ("phileo" in Greek) as affection. In either case, devotion and commitment to the Christ were two sides of the same coin, for faith required both. After each question, Jesus commanded Peter to take care of the community in terms of a shepherd. The leader of the community would continue the type of service the Lord offered as the "Good Shepherd" (John 10:1-21).

Leadership based upon commitment and devotion had a cost. Over time, Peter would lose his autonomy and his prerogative. Instead, this would lead to his martyrdom, just as John 21:18 implies ("When you were young, you dressed yourself and walked where you wanted to. But when you are old you will stretch out your hands and another will dress you and carry you where you don't want to go"). That was the cost of discipleship, a price worth paying.

Let us reflect on how our devotion and commitment to the Lord may have cost us. What have we needed to overcome to make it worth that cost?

## REGISTRATION AT ST EDWARD'S PARISH



### Parish Registration

We are now using a new computer system to help us manage our parish better. It starts with us making sure that we have up to date contact information for all of our parishioners and so we would be grateful if you could complete the registration form by clicking on this QR code or by typing the link into your browser.



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

If you don't have an email address, please speak to a family member who can help you, or to someone in the parish office who can complete the form on your behalf.

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## THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP



The Bethlehem Nativity Group TBNG, A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit St Edward's on the weekend **18th / 19th May** to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated.

*"When you help the poor you help our Lord".*

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## PARISH PROPERTY FIRE MARSHAL



From our diocesan property department regarding a parish fire marshal: We are seeking two fire marshals from each church. If you are interested, please let Fr Gregory know.

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



If you would like your child to be baptised, please contact Fr Gregory. Parents who would like their children to be baptised are invited to attend Baptismal Preparation on the first Monday of the month at **7 pm** at St Edward's Church. The next meeting will be on Monday, **13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**, followed by **3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**.

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## COFFEE MORNINGS



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

On **3<sup>rd</sup> July** - **the Burton Latimer Community** / on **7<sup>th</sup> August** – **Desborough**

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## AN INVITATION FROM ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SHOOOL

*You are cordially invited to celebrate  
50 years of St. Thomas More Catholic  
Primary School*

*on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024.*

*At 10am, there will be a Mass of celebration for all of our school family with  
Bishop David at St. Edward's Church, Kettering.*

*From 1:15pm, the school will be hosting an open afternoon for past staff and  
pupils.*

*At 2:40pm, we will be joining as a school family to place a time capsule and  
officially open our prayer garden.*



RSVP by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Telephone: 01536 512112  
Email: [office@stm.ket.olicatschools.org](mailto:office@stm.ket.olicatschools.org)



## PATRONAL SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY



The Desborough church and community are under the patronage of the Most Holy Trinity, and therefore on **26<sup>th</sup> May at 9 am** there will be our usual Mass at Desborough followed by a little celebration with coffee and cake.

Fr Gregory and Fr Elvis and all the members of the community would like to invite parishioners from elsewhere to join them on this special occasion.

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



## FOUNDATION MASS FOR THE USAF

Every year a **Foundation Mass** is offered **for the USAF**. This year it falls on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. You may already be aware that the United States Air Force had a base at Grafton Underwood during the World War II. Catholic airmen from the base would attend St Edward's Church.

Late last year, two historians, Paul Teal and Sam Coleman who are studying the history of RAF Grafton Underwood visited the Church to share their knowledge of local ties which were formed during the war. The 384th Bomb Group were there for the longest period and flew B17 bombers.

As well as other donated memorials left locally, two items were donated to St Edward's Church. These were a silver chalice donated by "Pop" Dolan (Intelligence Officer 384th) and a wooden carving of St. Christopher donated by American 384th veterans. One of our parishioners was present as an altar-server when the chalice was presented. What is interesting is that there is an engagement ring inside the chalice, which belonged to the Colonel's wife who had died the year before the chalice was presented. Most likely, this was done in memory of her.

Paul and Sam have kindly allowed us to show some of their photographs.





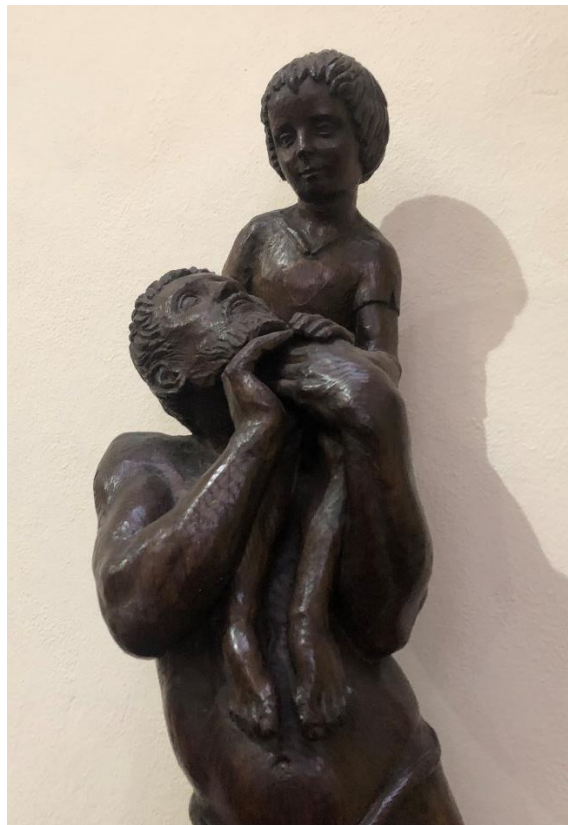
*Pop Dolan and his sons*



*One of the crews*



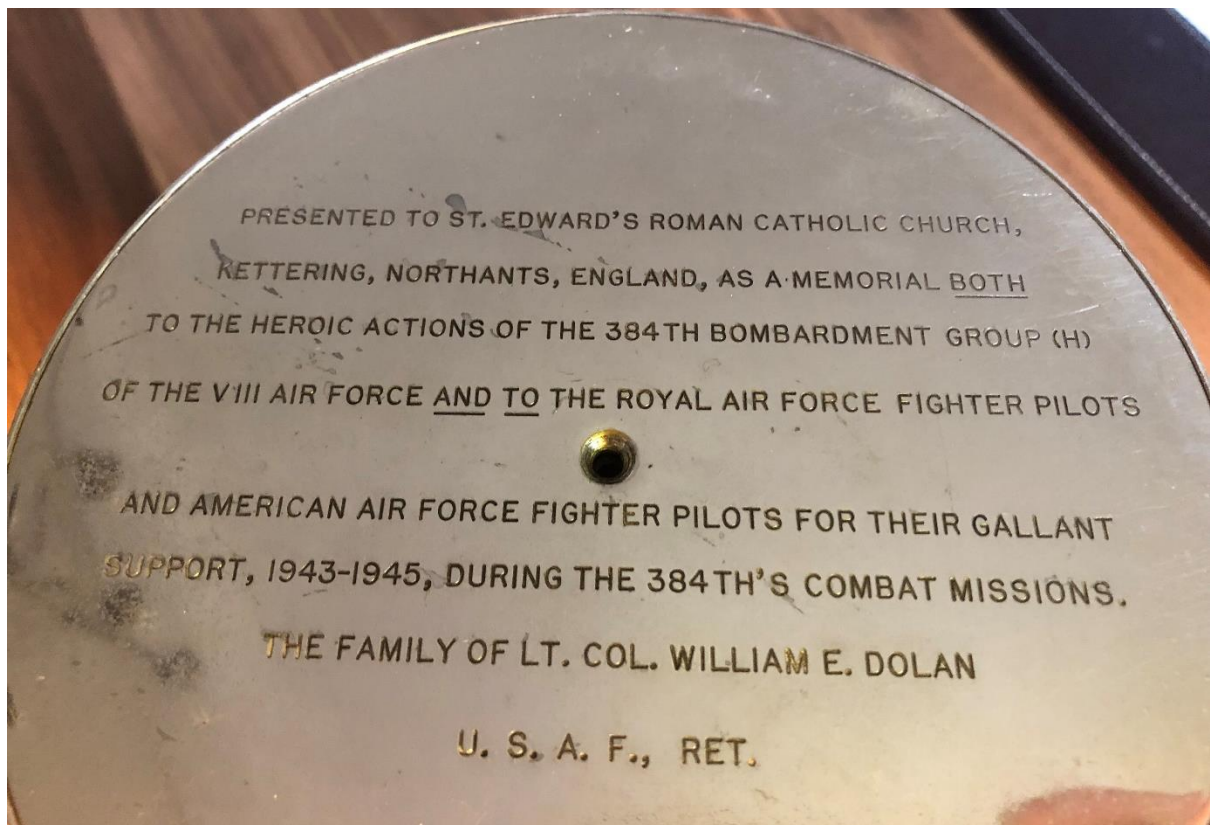
*London refugee children on a Grafton Underwood jeep.*



*The wooden carving of St Christopher carrying Jesus*



*The chalice, please note the diamond of the ring visible on the cross*



*The inscription under the chalice*



*The ring hidden inside the chalice*



*The ring hidden inside the chalice*

## DIOCESAN NEWS



# THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

### **Mass For Those with Additional Needs**

Bethany Mass: Mass for people with disabilities and their families: the next Mass will be on May 19th 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.

### **Sycamore**

Susan Longhurst of the Sycamore team will explore ways of reaching out to and supporting parents of children preparing to receive the Sacraments (focussing mainly on First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion). Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. Find space to meet other people, share ideas, explore beliefs, and think about questions that matter. It has proven to be a useful and effective tool in family Catechesis and faith-based accompaniment. Booking details <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/virtual-webinar-by-the-sycamore-team-hosted-by-mission-northampton-may-2024/>

### **RCIA Team Training**

A 4 session Zoom course run by the Diocesan Liturgy Commission and Mission Northampton. The course will run over four Monday evenings designed to help RCIA leaders, catechists, liturgists and RCIA teams by exploring the Periods, Rites and Practicalities of running the RCIA process (Journey of Faith) in a parish. More information including dates <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/rcia-team-training-june-2024/>

### **Job Opportunities**

The Diocese is currently recruiting for a Financial Accountant and an Accounts Assistant to join their central team based in Northampton.

Full information for both positions, including how to apply, can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/>

The closing date for applications is Friday 17th May 2024, however we reserve the right to close the vacancy earlier if a sufficient number of applications have been received. Interviews dates to be confirmed.

All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org), together with a covering letter detailing their qualifications, experience, and why they are interested in the position.

## ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



**The Parish of St. Edward, RC Church, Kettering.**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2762598427183322/>

**St. Nicholas Owen Catholic Church - Burton Latimer.**

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

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## PARISH CALL AND CARE



The Parish is continuing with its "Parish Call and Care scheme" to support isolated and elderly parishioners. If you are someone who would like to receive calls, from a fellow parishioner, or know of someone who you feel would appreciate such a call, please contact Fr Gregory in the first instance on 01536 512497 or email [parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org) with your name and phone number (and if you are recommending anybody else to receive such calls, their name and phone number) [parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org) with your name and phone number (and if you are recommending anybody else to receive such calls, their name and phone number).

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## USEFUL LINKS



**National Domestic Abuse Helpline** 0808 2000 247

Refuge website <https://www.refuge.org.uk/>

**Kettering Foodbank** 1 Horse Market, Unit 1B, Kettering, NN16 0DG (side entrance at the top of Market Street) Tel. 07709 741353 <https://www.ketteringfoodbank.org/>

**A list of free food outlets in Kettering** (updated March, 2022):

<http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Kettering-Food-Outlets-Virus-Update-no32.pdf>

**Mary's Meals** <https://youtu.be/lIlgBIXrVJzw> / **Right to Life** <https://righttolife.org.uk>

**Redundancy Coaching** <http://www.vitaeopus.co.uk> provides free online information and advice about Job Hunting, Self-Employment and Active Retirement for Parishioners adversely affected workwise by the pandemic. Please pass the link on to anyone who may find it useful.

**Safe Spaces** We welcome contact from anyone hurt by abuse, whether that be through your experience within the Church or elsewhere. **Safe Spaces** is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England or the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

[safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org)

Please have a look at this page from the Northampton Diocese website:

[Northampton Diocese Resources](#) which gives further information and contact details.

**Safe Spaces** is an independent and confidential support service for adults who have been abused by someone in the Church. Please see parish noticeboards for further details.

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## 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.**

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### **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](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/your-legacy) or contact Brian Emmanuel on 01604 600337 or [brian.emmanuel@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:brian.emmanuel@northamptondiocese.org)



LIFE · FAMILY · VOCA<sup>T</sup>ION

THE RELIC IMAGE OF  
**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Visits

**NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL  
DAY FOR LIFE**

*(event will be live streamed)*

**I have set before you life and death, blessing  
and curse; therefore choose life that you and  
your descendants may live**

*(Deuteronomy 30:19)*

*Celebrating the gift of life  
and in Reparation for Offences to the Sanctity of Life*

**Saturday 15th June 2024**

- 3 pm** Welcome with Exposition, Rosary,  
Divine Mercy, and prayer reflections  
(\*4.30pm optional refreshments will be offered)
- 5 pm** Talk on Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 5.30 pm** Veneration/ Petitions
- 6 pm** Mass followed by Veneration

**Sunday 16th June 2024**

- 8.30 am** Mass followed by Veneration
- 9.40 am** Talk on Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 11 am** Mass with Bishop David Oakley
- 12 am** Veneration/ petitions/departure

**Our Lady's appearance in Mexico in 1531 brought  
about the peaceful conversion of millions of Aztecs  
who ceased to practice human sacrifice**

ONE OF 220 IMAGES COMMISSIONED BY POPE SAINT JOHN  
PAUL II. TOUCHED TO THE ORIGINAL IN MEXICO (FROM 1531)  
AND BY DECREE OF THE CHURCH BEARS THE SAME GRACES

[www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk](http://www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk)

## PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

You are invited to join Bishop David and Canon John Udris on pilgrimage to Northern France from 15-22 October 2024. The pilgrimage will begin with three nights in Lisieux, the home of St Terese, before we travel to Chartres to the beautiful Cathedral for one night. Leaving Chartres we travel to Paris via Rouen. We travel home following three nights in the French capital.

For more details visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/france/>



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OF NORTHAMPTON 

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# PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER

15/10/24 - 22/10/24

## NORTHERN FRANCE:

LISEUX / CHARTRES / PARIS



**The price £1875 includes:**

- Coach travel from our diocese
- 7 nights accommodation
- Daily breakfasts and dinner
- Daily Mass led by Bishop David Oakley
- Reflections from Fr John Udris



[www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage](https://northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage)

## EMMAUS COURSE



### **A Weekend Journey to Emmaus (Luton): Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st July 2024. HOSTED BY MISSION NORTHAMPTON**

A heartwarming journey with Jesus as he explains the Scriptures. The road to Emmaus must be walked by all who wish to evangelise, since our hearts must be burning with the fire of the Word, in order to touch others with our words. 'Emmaus' will:

- Deepen your appreciation of the Scriptures.
- Enable you to experience the power of the Word of God.
- Take you on a journey through the Old Testament and show how it is fulfilled in Jesus.
- Give you a burning desire to return from 'Emmaus' to 'Jerusalem' to announce your encounter with the Risen Lord.

More information : <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/a-weekend-journey-to-emmaus-july-2024-luton/>

8th June  
2024

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE  
WOMEN IN MINISTRY GROUP  
INVITE YOU TO

## The Gathering, 3

10AM - 4PM

An opportunity to reflect on women, their calling and vocation, their gifts and ministries, their voice in the synod. A chance to listen, pray, share and reflect.

ST MARY'S, WOBURN SANDS,  
BUCKS, MK17 8NN



Use the QR code to book  
your place via Eventbrite

For more information email:  
[helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org)

NORTHAMPTON  
CHAMBER  
CHOIR

*Music  
for  
Mary*



**7:30pm, Friday 17 May**  
**Northampton Cathedral, NN2 6AG**  
Tickets £15: [www.northamptonchamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.northamptonchamberchoir.org.uk)

## Music for Mary

Please join us to enjoy some of the wonderful music  
inspired by the Virgin Mary.

Featuring 19th and 20th century composers from  
across Europe and the United Kingdom, we are  
performing works by Liszt, Rheinburger, Rossini,  
Britten and Joubert

Directed by Marcela Campaña  
Organist Thomas Moore



Advance booking is advised via Facebook or website:

[northamptonchamberchoir.org.uk](http://northamptonchamberchoir.org.uk)

Tickets £15, free for under 19s

Refreshments available



Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate  
and St Thomas of Canterbury

Primrose Hill, Barrack Road, Northampton, NN2 6AG



For more information on this and future concerts, follow the choir  
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<https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonChamberChoir/>

on Instagram: [Instagram.com/northampton.chamber.choir](https://www.instagram.com/northampton.chamber.choir)

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