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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

13th April 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.

Behold, your king is coming
to you, humble, and mounted on
a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a
beast of burden.



Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

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.

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

FR GREGORY'S REFLECTION ON OUR FIRST LISTENING SESSION
WITH OUR **PARISH YOUTH AND ALTAR-SERVERS**



The disciples came to Jesus, saying: *'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?'* And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, *'Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven'*. *Matthew 18, 1-2*

Have you ever wondered what Jesus meant when he said: *'Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven'*? Let me try to answer this question, but first I would like to share with you my own experience from yesterday.

As you may know, yesterday we had our first session of our parish *'listening and discernment'* and we invited to our parish hall all youth from our parish, including altar-boys. In total we managed to gather 20 fantastic young people. It was a wonderful time of prayer to the Holy Spirit, of reflecting on the Word of God and also of listening to each other and sharing our ideas about what is working well in our parish and what needs to be changed or improved. If you think that young people are indifferent to these matters, or that they have no ideas, or that they are too shy to express their opinions about the future of our local Church, then I have to tell you that this is not the case!

Unfortunately, I couldn't stay with them throughout the entire session because I had an evening Mass, but when I returned to the parish hall after half an hour, I was delighted and excited about the atmosphere of the meeting. At the same time, I was very proud and encouraged by our young people and how seriously they take their faith and how enthusiastically they look towards the future of the Church and our Parish Family. They really know what they want in the Church and in our local community. I know, you may be very curious to know more details about what was said yesterday, but - *although it is not a secret of confession* - at this stage of our listening and discernment I cannot share with you what was the fruit of yesterday's session, but I will be happy to do so when our synodal process is complete.

Many thanks to all the parents who encouraged their daughters and sons to take part in our meeting, and to all our wonderful leaders who accompanied our youth in yesterday's exercises. Many thanks to: Gemma and Steve, Kirsty, Stallon, but most of all to Bongyong who was responsible for ordering the Pizzas. Seminarian Joseph arrived in Kettering when we were finishing our meeting and it was lovely to welcome him to the parish.



If you still do not know what Jesus meant when he said: *'Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven'*, then pray to the Holy Spirit for His grace and enlightenment, and be open to listening to all the young people that Jesus continues to place in our midst, and in the midst of our community.

I hope that my short reflection will encourage other parish groups and communities to organise similar synodal sessions soon.

God bless,

- Fr Gregory

THE TRIDUUM AND EASTER 2025



>>> **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral** - will take place on **Wednesday 16th April** at **midday**. You are very welcome to attend this joyful diocesan celebration with Bishop David and all the clergy from our Diocese.

>>> **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 led by **Augustina** and **Andy**



Good Friday at 11 am - The Stations of the Cross *in **Burton Latimer** and **Rothwell***

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



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.

A FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE ON PALM SUNDAY



This weekend, on **Palm Sunday** we will be raising funds towards flowers and decorations for our church. There will be a basket available at the back for donations for the palm crosses. On behalf of the flower group, Thank you for your donations towards Easter Flowers on this Palm Sunday.



FEAST OF ST BERNADETTE, WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL



As our priests will be concelebrating **Chrism Mass** with Bishop David in Northampton Cathedral, we are unable to have Mass in St Bernadette's Church, Rothwell, on St Bernadette's feast day this year. However, the church will be open on **Wednesday, 16th April** at **11 am** for Liturgy of the Word followed by the Litany of the Blessed Virgin which will be said round our lovely grotto. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served afterwards, and ALL are welcome.

THE BIG LENT WALK



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



GIVING BOX ARRANGEMENTS COMMENCING 4th MAY 2025



The New Weekly Offering Envelopes in boxes for the New Year Commencing 4th May 2025 will be available for collection from the entrance of St Edward's Church from Saturday Afternoon of the 19th April 2025. They are all individually named in alphabetical order together with the Parishioner's Box number – which please check and let the Church Office know if in-correct. **To those who donate through the Gift Aid Scheme, please be reminded that if your tax situation has changed or you have moved house, then please let the Church Office know in writing.** If there are any Parishioners who would like to join a regular giving method then 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 and there are also more details about giving available on the Parish Website. Fr Gregory would like to take this opportunity to thank all Parishioners who have so faithfully and generously supported our Parishes in the past year (s).

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, 2nd May 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, 12th May at 7.00 pm** at St Edward's Church. You do not need to book in advance to attend the meeting. You can just turn up.

REGISTRATION AT ST EDWARD'S PARISH



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

COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by the **SVP** after 10.00 am Mass on **7th May**.



ST EDWARD'S CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY



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



ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



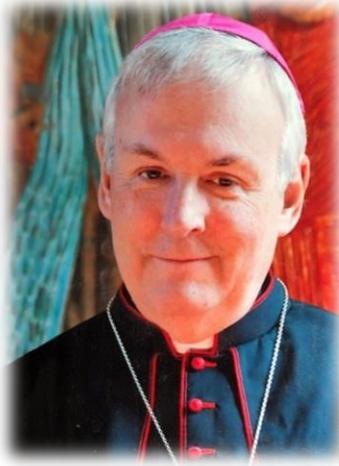
St. Edward - Kettering

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

St. Nicholas Owen - Burton Latimer

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BISHOP DAVID'S CANONICAL VISITATION



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

Saturday, 24th May, Vigil Mass

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

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

Sunday, 25th May

>>> 9.00 am - No Mass at Desborough

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

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

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

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

VIA LUCIS IN JUBILEE 2025

Stations of the Resurrection in the Peak District



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

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

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

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

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

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



COACH PILGRIMAGE TO MARLOW IN JUBILEE 2025

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



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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 27th April 2025



**2.00 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
after Polish Mass**

2.00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - in Polish,
Adoration in silence

2.30 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - in Syro-Malabar,
Adoration in silence

2.50 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - in English
Adoration in silence

3.00 pm - BENEDICTION

What is Divine Mercy Sunday? This day marks the culmination of the Easter Octave and was given by Jesus as a special day of graces for all sinners. The message of Divine Mercy is based on the revelations and promises St. Faustina received from Jesus about God's mercy. After more than 20 years of Vatican investigation, St. Pope John-Paul II canonised Sr. Faustina and instigated the Sunday after Easter as "a day of graces for sinners", re-stating Jesus' promise of "complete forgiveness of sins AND any punishment due". He stated that "This is equal to the grace we receive in baptism. It offers a completely new beginning".

The message and practices are completely in accordance with the teachings of the Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Saviour. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ. Therefore, all Masses that weekend will devote a little time to learn more about the mercy of God, living your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you. We contemplate the Mystery of our Redemption but to obtain complete remission of sins and punishment due, you need to:

- Pray a Novena of Chaplets for nine days starting Good Friday, also attend confession in the Novena period (or shortly after). Chaplet is readily available by googling “divine mercy chaplet” and chaplet cards are in the porch for those without internet.
- Attend Mass on the Sunday after Easter, receive communion, venerate the Image and say the Chaplet. At the hour of greatest mercy (3 o'clock) a special prayer of trust is said. This can be at home or come back to church. Jesus promised *“The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment for them. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.”*
- We also need to do an Act of Mercy in preparation for the day - forgiving, comforting, corporal acts, almsgiving, prayers for the world.
- Also know that when the chaplet is said in the presence of the dying, Jesus promised: *“I will stand between my Father and the dying person, not as a just judge, but as the merciful Saviour”.*



HAS YOUR RELATIONSHIP HIT DIFFICULTIES?



To celebrate the Jubilee Year, the BreakThrough course will be available completely FREE until Pentecost. Find constructive ways to re-establish connection using this confidential online course from Smart Loving. You will have 3 months access from enrolment to complete. Details at www.smartloving.org/jubilee

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.

The International Conference for Catholic Grandparents and the Elderly

This will take place in Rome on 25th May.

Women of Hope: A Special Diocesan Gathering

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

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

For more information, please contact Helen Burgess at helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org

National Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk

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

Four main routes begin at the Catholic cathedrals in Cardiff, Leeds, Norwich, and London, following established hiking trails and incorporating blessings with the Sign of the Cross and the Gospels. 'Perpetual pilgrims' will walk the full distance, while others

can join for sections, including accessible routes for wheelchairs and buggies. Non-walkers can contribute through support, hospitality, and prayer, with additional feeder routes allowing participation from every diocese.

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

Hidden Catholic

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

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

Altar Servers Retreat

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

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

DIACONATE OPEN DAY



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

or franthy.brennan@northamptondiocese.org

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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE

Life in the SPIRIT SEMINARS

MAY 13 - JUN 17 2025

TIME & VENUES: 6:45PM (all venues) Corby, Northampton, Bedford, Milton Keynes, Luton, Aylesbury, Slough



Scan QR code to register

MAY 13 TUESDAY	→	GOD'S LOVE Charles Whitehead
MAY 20 TUESDAY	→	SALVATION Dr Maria Heath
MAY 27 TUESDAY	→	NEW LIFE IN CHRIST Abhy Thomas
JUNE 3 TUESDAY	→	RECEIVE GOD'S GIFT Dom McDermott
JUNE 7 SATURDAY 1pm - 5pm	→	BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT Gary Stephens (New Dawn)
JUNE 10 TUESDAY	→	GROWTH Jenny Baker
JUNE 17 TUESDAY	→	TRANSFORMATION Fr Simon Penhalagan

for more info visit
<https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2025/>

Life in the Spirit Seminars. What? Life in the Spirit Seminar- understanding our faith in today's world.

When? Tuesday evenings 6:30 for 6:45 start May 13th, May 20th, May 27th, June 3rd 🕊️❤️ Saturday JUNE 7th Baptism in the Spirit - amazing day 🕊️❤️ Ending with June 10th, June 17th

Where? Our Lady's Catholic Club, Occupation Rd, Corby NN17 1EE

WOMEN

of Hope

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

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

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

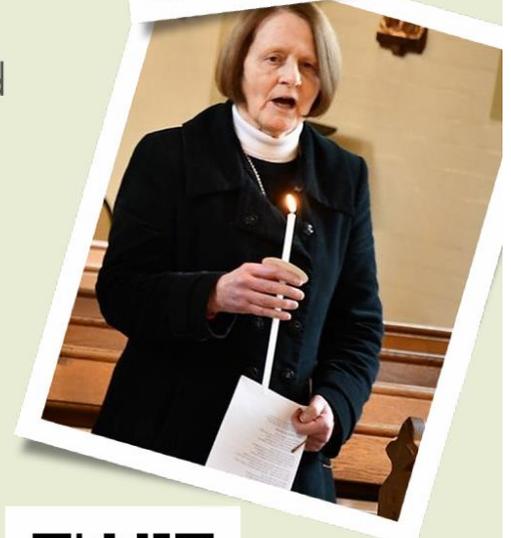
Our speaker will be **Avril Baigent** who will lead us in an exploration of our hopes for the future, using the Synodal Listening Process.

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

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

ALL WELCOME

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



Scan the code to
book your place

New Wineskins for the St. Luke's Pastoral Area

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

Mark 2:22

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

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

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

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

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

You are invited to join the conversation.



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

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

We dream of a more inclusive Church, accessible to all

The steadfastness of the Church's teaching is important

We dream that all Masses will be full of families

We are one body no matter who we are

The Church helps those who are poor and marginalised

Centrality and sacredness of the Eucharist

Some sensitive issues are not discussed by the Church

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

You get an inner peace after going to Mass

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

Priests need more support

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

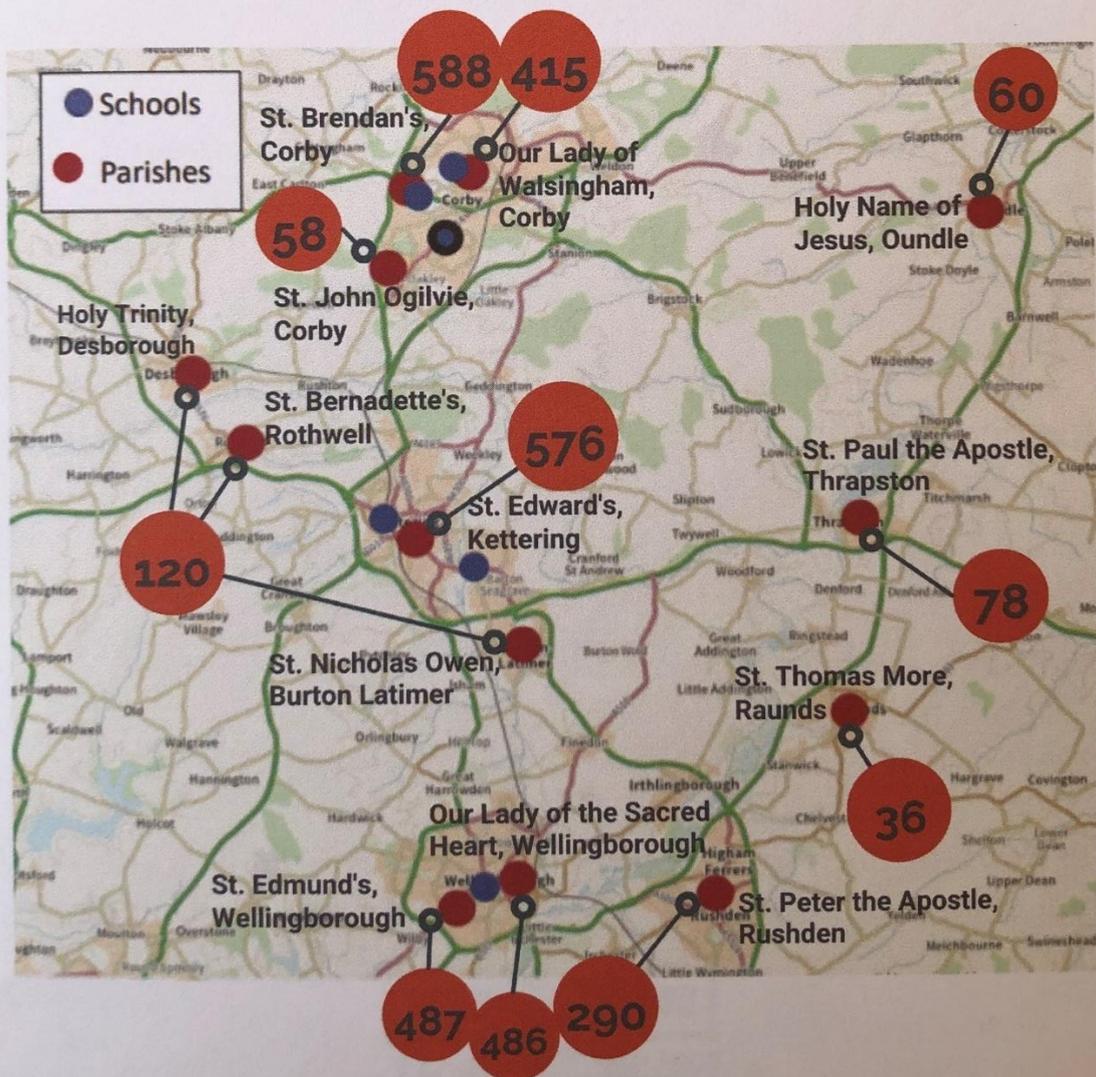


Changes to our Catholic Community

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

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

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



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

Phases of the Discernment Process

Prepare

Working with clergy
Training listeners
Gathering data

Listen

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

Discern

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

Act

Bishop David enacts the plan locally.

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

Questions for reflection

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

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



TIMETABLE FOR 40 HOURS ADORATION AT ST EDWARD'S KETTERING

Thursday 19th June 2025	
8.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
9.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
10.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
11.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
12.00 pm	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
1.00 pm	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
2.00 pm	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
3.00 pm	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
4.00 pm	Flower group
5.00 pm	Polish community
6.00 pm	Soup Kitchen
7.00 pm	Mass

Friday 20th June 2025	
7.00 am	Exposition UCM - confirmed
8.00 am	UCM - confirmed
9.00 am	UCM - confirmed
10.00 am	Rothwell community
11.00 am	Rothwell community
12.00 pm	Desborough community
1.00 pm	Desborough community
2.00 pm	Burton Latimer community

3.00 pm	Burton Latimer community
4.00 pm	St Thomas More Primary School - confirmed (children, parents and staff)
5.00 pm	St Edward's Primary School (children, parents and staff)
6.00 pm	Barry, altar servers and their parents
7.00 pm	Mass
8.00 pm	Filipino community
9.00 pm	Filipino community
10.00 pm	Indian community - confirmed
11.00 pm	Indian community – confirmed
12.00 am	Legion of Mary - confirmed

Saturday 21st June 2025	
6.00 am	Andy - office of Readings followed by meditative Rosary
7.00 am	Andy - Lauds followed by info on Pier Giorgio Frassati who is to be canonised this year and introduction to contemplative prayer before Mass
8.00 am	UCM - confirmed
9.00 am	SVP
10.00 am	>> WEDDING
11.00 am	>> WEDDING
12 noon	>> WEDDING
1.00 pm	>> WEDDING
2.00 pm	Readers
3.00 pm	Eucharistic ministers
4.00 pm	Parish choir
5.00 pm	Filipino community

6.30 pm	Vigil Mass (<i>Corpus Christi</i>)
8.00 pm	Nigerian community
9.00 pm	Indian community
10.00 pm	Mission Kettering group
11.00 pm	Legion of Mary - confirmed
12.00 am	BENEDICTION

COFFEE MORNINGS 2025



These will be hosted in the Parish Hall after 10 am Mass on the following Wednesdays by our parish groups and communities.

Everyone is welcome!

7th May - S V P

4th June - U C M

2nd July - Burton Latimer

6th August - Desborough

3rd September - Rothwell

1st October - Soup Kitchen

5th November - Flower Arrangers and Readers

3rd December - Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy

BEREAVEMENT MASSES

At St Edward's Catholic Church



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

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

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

Masses in 2025

Thursday, 5th of June at 7 pm

Thursday, 4th of September at 7 pm

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

Thursday, 4th of December at 7 pm

ST EDWARD'S PARISH, KETTERING

YOUTH GROUP 2025



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

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

4th July

1st August

5th September

3rd October

7th November

5th December

>>2nd May

6th June



Jubilee Year Indulgence



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

HOW CAN I OBTAIN AN INDULGENCE?

Making A Pilgrimage

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

PERFORMING ACTS OF MERCY, FORMATION AND PENANCE

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

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

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

What must I do?

Be detached from all sin

Make a Sacramental Confession

Receive Holy Communion

Pray for the Pope's Intentions

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

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



Our Jubilee Churches



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

THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST THOMAS



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

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

Pilgrims Mass: Friday at midday

First Saturday Devotions: Every First Saturday at 9.30am

THE HOLY CHILD AND ST JOSEPH

2 Bremerton Road,
Bedford,
MK40 1HU

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

Confessions: Saturday 11.30-12.30pm

Weekday Mass: Mon-Fri, 10.45am

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

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



ST PETER



7 St Peter Street
Marlow
Buckinghamshire
SL71NQ

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

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

Holy Hour: First Friday of the month at 6pm

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

Skills

Talents

Interests



Welcome!

Perhaps you are new to the parish, or have been coming to Mass each week for years, but not sure how to go about getting involved?

Our parish has many groups. All of them would welcome new members.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.....
If it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. *13. Romans 12:6a, 8*

Do you have a skill, talent or interest that with the right support and encouragement, you would feel able and willing to share with others in time.

Your voice matters

We are blessed with such a rich, diverse and vibrant catholic community in Kettering, that we want to ensure everyone feels they belong to St. Edwards, and a valued parishioner.

We would love to hear your ideas

If you are interested in getting involved in anything in the parish, please speak to Fr Gregory after mass, or contact him via email or telephone. He will do his best to point you in the right direction. **Telephone:** 01536 512497

Email: parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org

Be part of our rich, diverse and vibrant catholic community