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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, year B

17th 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.

From the fig tree learn its lesson:



As soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.



So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

- Saturday** **06.30 pm** - Jimmy Lally RIP 3rd anniv. / - Nancy Randell RIP 4th anniv.
- Sunday** **08.30 am** - Thanksgiving for Bineetha Jiju birthday int. /
 - Birthdate of Paul Pacifique RIP and Anne Pacifique, Ena,
 Olga, Louise and Claudine Pacifique RIP.
 For the family and all the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory.
- 09.00 am** - / **Burton Latimer** / - for the Holy Souls
- 10.30 am** - Hinson and Kerry families RIP / - Mary Boyle RIP
- 12.15 pm** - / **Rothwell** / - For the Parish
- Monday** *(No public Mass)* - for the Holy Souls
- Tuesday** **09.30 am** - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
 10.00 am - Packie and Katy Kiernan RIP
- Wednesday** **10.00 am** - Denna's intention
- Thursday** **07.00 pm** - Marie, Reece and Sarah Buchan
- Friday** **10.00 am** - Joseph and Mary RIP
 06.30 pm - **CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST CECILIA**
- Saturday** **06.30 pm** - John Joseph and Nora Connolly RIP
- Sunday** **08.30 am** - Nellie Saunders and Elizabeth Blackman RIP
 09.00 am - / **Desborough** / - Jolly James
 10.30 am - Thankamma George RIP 1st anniv.

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 on 24th November for
*Youth Ministry***

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.

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.

There will be 11 different choirs and musical groups. The children from our schools will sing first, just in case the evening will be too long for them. After having had a random draw, the other groups will sing in the following order:

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

Programme: Each group will be given up to 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.

THE NEW WINDOWS ON THE EAST WALL OF THE PRESBYTERY



Some of you may not have realised that the Presbytery was the original church for the Catholic community in our town, followed by the Parish Hall. Both buildings have arched windows. They symbolise joined hands in prayer. The whole work is complete! The total cost was £ 23,460.

DEO GRATIAS!

REPLACEMENT OF THE RIDGE TILES ON THE PARISH HALL



At the beginning of this month, we replaced the ridge tiles on the parish hall. They were loose and in very poor condition and there were several cracked roof tiles which were also replaced.

The total cost of this work was **£ 3,552**

Thank you for your continuing support.



THE PARISH YOUTH GROUP
AND
A MESSAGE FOR ALL LEADERS



A meeting for all leaders will be held
On Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 6 pm
In the Parish Hall



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

It will be the final youth session this year. On this day, the youth will lead the Mass at 7 pm followed by an end of year celebration. All youth, their parents and youth volunteers are welcome to join. *(If any youth can arrive 30 minutes for an hour's rehearsal, that will be appreciated).*

CHRISTMAS CARDS IN THE REPOSITORY



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

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



If anyone wants their child to be Baptised, they will need to attend Mass every weekend for at least two months before attending a meeting. Please contact the office for further details. Our next Baptismal Preparation will be on **Monday, 2nd December at 7 pm** at St Edward's Church.

COFFEE MORNINGS



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

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

SVP, CARITAS NORTHAMPTON AND THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST



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



JOB OPPORTUNITY

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School are recruiting for a Lunch Time Supervisor. For more information please visit:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141635/EDV-2024-STMCPs-40002>

or contact Mrs Herbert, Office Manager 01536 512 112.



MENS' SPIRITUAL EXERCISES, 31 MARCH - 5 APRIL 2025

A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men and of engaging them through a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass.

For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

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 will arrange a visit.

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

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

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

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

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

During **Wednesday, 18th December** and **Thursday, 19th December Masses** we will give the opportunity to anyone who wishes to receive the **Sacrament of Anointing** to come forward after the Gospel Reading. You will be invited to approach as you do for Holy Communion. Please remember that this Sacrament is not only for those who are seriously or terminally ill. It is for anybody who feels the need to be strengthened by the Lord. When you come to the steps of the sanctuary, please hold out your hands which will be anointed. Your forehead will also be anointed.

- The Priest takes the oil and anoints the sick person. He anoints first on the forehead, saying: *Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.*

You will answer: **Amen.**

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

You will answer: **Amen.**

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 5.00 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

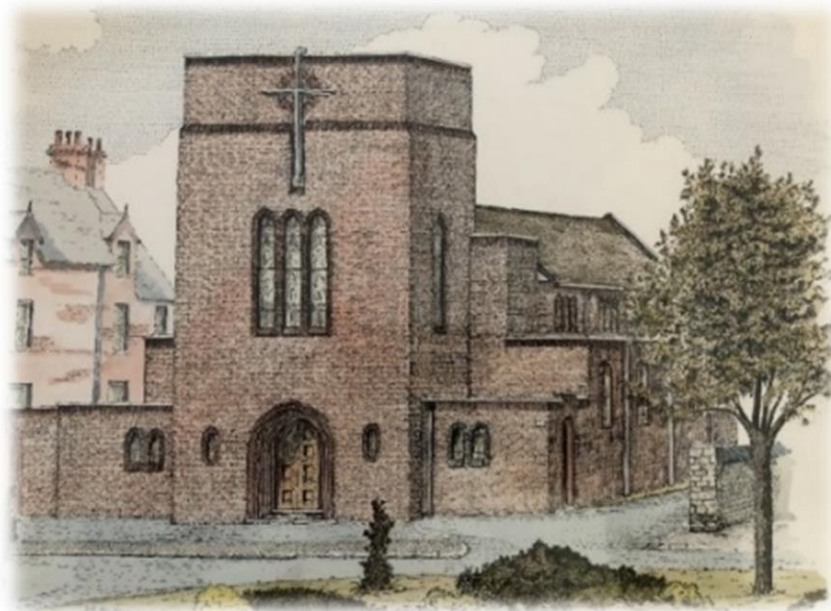
REGISTRATIONS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION



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.



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.

FORWARD PLANNING FOR 2025

important

Fr Elvis will be going for a well-earned rest to India at the beginning of 2025. Since I will be on my own, the Sunday 9 am Masses in Desborough and Burton Latimer will become Vigil Masses at **5 pm on Saturdays**.

- >The 12th January Mass in **Desborough** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 11th January**.
- >The 19th January Mass in **Burton Latimer** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 18th January**.
- >The 26th January Mass in **Desborough** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 25th January**.
- >The 2nd February Mass in **Burton Latimer** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 1st February**.
- >The 9th February Mass in **Desborough** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 8th February**.

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

ADVENT ON-LINE RETREAT

On 4 Monday nights at 7:30 - 8:30pm, starting on **25 November**, Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent will be leading an on-line retreat called '**Doorways to Grace**'. We explore the 4 Holy Doors of Rome and the saints behind them. How we, like them, are being called into a grace filled encounter with Jesus in the coming Jubilee Year.

To watch the trailer and to register for the retreat go to

<https://northamptondiocese.org/doorways/>

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

On Wednesday 20th November (RW) ACNUK will be delivering a national livestream for schools on the theme of RW, children and young people who are living through war and persecution. This will be hosted by Mark 10 Mission, and in collaboration with the Kenelm Youth Trust. The Primary School livestream will be 9.30 - 10.30am and the Secondary one will be 11.00-12 noon.

<https://acnuk.org/event/acn-schools-redwednesday-livestream-and-masses/>

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

This Christmas, there will be no celebrations in Bethlehem - AGAIN.

Without tourism, Bethlehem's lifeblood which supports 80% of the population, unemployment has surged. With the borders closed, there is no option to seek work in Israel. Prices have skyrocketed, residents are traumatised by the constant fear and anxiety for the future while their daily lives are restricted by checkpoints and roadblocks.

This brutal war has already claimed over 700 lives in the West Bank and devastated countless others. Parents have run out of words to comfort their children as their loved ones perish in neighbouring Gaza, barely 50 miles away. Nearly every family has lost someone.

Yet we have not lost HOPE and neither should you. Over the past year, I have seen hope shine more brightly than ever through the Christian community in the West Bank. Though they number around 45,000, less than 1% of the population, the impact they make is remarkable.

If you would like to support Friends of the Holy Land, please go to

<https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

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

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

Act Now!



 SCAN ME

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

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



Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

39 Eccleston Square, London. SW1V 1BX

BEREAVEMENT MASSES

At St Edward's Catholic Church



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

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

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

Masses in 2024

Thursday, 5th December at 7 pm

Masses in 2025

Thursday, 6th of March at 7 pm

Thursday, 5th of June at 7 pm

Thursday, 4th of September at 7 pm

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

Thursday, 4th of December at 7 pm

COFFEE MORNINGS 2025



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

Everyone is welcome!

8th January - Burton Latimer

5th February - Desborough

5th March - Rothwell

2nd April - Legion of Mary

7th May - S V P

4th June - U C M

2nd July - Burton Latimer

6th August - Desborough

3rd September - Rothwell

1st October - Soup Kitchen

5th November - Flower Arrangers and Readers

3rd December - Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy



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