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3rd Sunday of Lent

23rd March 2025

MASS TIMES AT ST. EDWARD'S, KETTERING

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

MASS TIMES AT BURTON LATIMER

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

MASS TIMES AT DESBOROUGH

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

MASS TIMES AT ROTHWELL

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

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For the 5th Sunday of the month - Masses only at St Edward's.

A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.



And he said to the vine dresser, Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?

And he answered him,

Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

Saturday 06.30 pm - Alex Faria RIP / - Sue Conway RIP / - Kathleen Boyd RIP

Sunday 08.30 am - Eileen Stronge RIP / - Maurice Gelipter RIP
09.00 am - / **Desborough** / - Julianna S. / - For the Parish
10.30 am - Martin Earley RIP birthday int.

Monday *(No public Mass at St Edward's)* - Mgr Provost Joseph Tonks

Tuesday 09.30 am - **Adoration**
10.00 am - Sue Conway RIP

Wednesday 09.15 am - *Stations of the Cross led by Augustina*
10.00 am - Sue Conway RIP / - Jean Descelles RIP /
- Thanksgiving for the Descelles Family

Thursday 07.00 pm - Sue Conway RIP

Friday 11.00 am - **Funeral of Patricia Matthews**
06.15 pm - *Stations of the Cross led by the Filipino Community*
07.00 pm - Semina Halliwell RIP

Saturday 06.30 pm - Julius DeMello RIP / - Benhilda Kudsanai Chipuza RIP

Sunday 08.30 am - Teresa and John Antill RIP / - Irena Nalepa RIP
10.30 am - Fr Pat Bailey RIP / - Ellen Warren get well int.

>>> There will be a **2nd Collection** for the **Missionary Sisters of England and Wales** who will come to make an appeal on the weekend of **29th/30th March**.

To request a Mass Intention please contact the parish office.

To respect people's wishes, there has usually been only one Mass Intention per Mass (This Intention might encompass even several people, but it will have been requested by one individual). There are occasional instances though, when there need to be two separate Intentions at a Mass. When this arises, I would be grateful for your understanding.

CONFESSIONS AT ST EDWARD'S



**Confessions at St Edward's are on Saturdays
after the Vigil Mass which is at 6.30 pm.**

You can always request confession before or after any weekday Mass.

“The first step we must take to build the Kingdom of God on earth is to rediscover and appreciate the importance of the sacrament of confession, which will allow us to appreciate the sacrament of the Eucharist. *We cannot appreciate the Eucharist while removing the sacrament of Confession from our spiritual life*”.

- Fr Gregory



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In our prayers, let us remember our deceased parishioners, family members and friends. Let us especially remember those who have recently passed away.

- + **Patricia Matthews** - Her Funeral Service will be held at **St Edward's** on
Friday, **28th March** at **11 am.**
- + **Gillian Pancoust** - Her Funeral Service will be held at **St Edward's** on
Wednesday, **2nd April** at **12 pm.**
- + **Patrick Fogarty** - His Funeral Service will be held at the **Crematorium** on
Friday, **4th April** at **11 am.**

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

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



+ Prayer for the health of Pope Francis +

Loving and Merciful God, we come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigour to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom. We place Pope Francis into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always. We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFIRMATION - REGISTRATION 2025



This took place in the Parish Hall last **Monday**. However, you can still register on this **Monday, 24th March at 6 pm**, and then the list of candidates for 2025 will be closed.

Confirmation will be on Thursday 3rd July 2025

**Reflections from the Open Meeting (*pre-visitation meeting*)
at St. Brendan's School Corby with Bishop David 18th March 2025**



About 100 people attended the open session from across St. Lukes Pastoral area, which covers Corby, Kettering, Rushden, Wellingborough and many villages and small towns. Our parish was very well represented. Thank you to those who attended.

This is what we found out. There were once 13 priests covering this pastoral area, but now there are only 8. This is an important and crucial point within the Catholic Church as it fundamentally needs to shift, so that parishioners take a more active role in church life, delivering its activities, and supporting the Priests, because in its current form the work load is unsustainable for the 8 Priests. Towards the end of the meeting the Bishop announced a big change for Corby. One of the parish priests will be moved elsewhere, and there will be only one parish priest for the whole town. He might be supported by an assistant priest. This year there will be three priests of major parishes retiring in the diocese. Unfortunately, there will be no priestly ordinations this year. The bishop also mentioned that he is only allowed to invite three new priests from overseas in a given year due to visa restrictions. Our dean, Father Mark Floody reminded us though, that all these statistics should not be seen as something negative, indicating that the church is in decline. Rather, it is a call for all us Catholics to enter an exciting process of waking up and exploring new ways of promoting our catholic faith and reaching out to others, and becoming missionary disciples.

The meeting was the start of this process where we were invited to join the conversation to reflect on our parish's community life and mission into the future. It includes priestly provision, property and finance, together with all that we need to be outward-looking, flourishing and resilient Catholic communities.

On Tuesday we were asked to present three strengths and three challenges from St. Edwards Parish which includes Desborough, Rothwell, Burton Latimer and Kettering. One of our strengths in the past year within our Parish has been the many new pastoral initiatives to promote community involvement and faith enrichment such as: Mission Kettering (2024), hospital ministry (re-established after the pandemic) the youth group (re-established in 2024) bereavement masses (2024) themed masses or musical events on particular feast or Saints days e.g. St. Cecilia's feast day (2024), Mass for Marriages in Marriage Week (2025), St Valentine's Day (2025), Stations of the Cross led by different communities (2025).

Over the coming months we will be planning and preparing to facilitate listening groups which we want you to be part of, yes, this means you. Your voices and experiences are essential to this process and we want you to join the conversation.

Therefore, we are looking to gather a team of listeners, specifically to help deliver these groups. If you have good listening skills, (perhaps bilingual), are open to embracing the conversations that lie ahead, and are able and willing to help, please contact Father Gregory.

There is training for listeners, which it is not mandatory, but might be useful. It will be online next Thursday, 27th March from 7.30 pm - 9 pm. Please use the link below.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1600697>

For more information about the process of listening, please scroll down towards the end of the newsletter, or take a leaflet from the church.



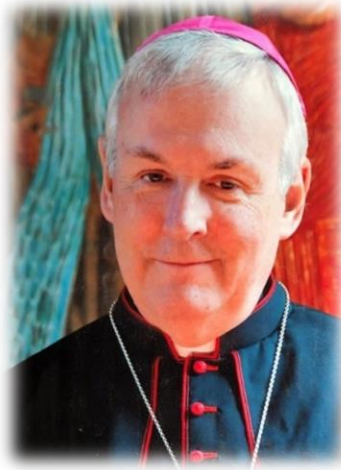
SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY IN OUR PARISH



On the weekend of **29th/30th of March** our parish will be hosting

Sister Mary Sebastian Ogwuiké IHM (*Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ*). The Sisters support the poor and marginalized in different countries of the world, serving the homeless, destitute, vulnerable children and adults, refugees, widows and elderly people. Sister Mary will give a short reflection on the liturgy and a talk about the vocation of being a missionary. There will be a second collection which will go towards the work of the Sisters.

BISHOP DAVID'S CANONICAL VISITATION IN MAY



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

THE BIG LENT WALK



The Big Lent Walk has begun. This is a challenge to walk 200 km in Lent, sponsored to raise money for CAFOD. Please consider sponsoring someone. To sponsor Vivien click on [Vivien's Big Lent Walk is fundraising for CAFOD](#) . Alternatively, sponsor Gareth - details next time. *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.*

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, 7th April** 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 **Legion of Mary** after 10.00 am Mass on **2nd April**.



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, 4th April at 6.30 pm.**



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/>

PILGRIM CROSS 2025



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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT DESBOROUGH AND ROTHWELL



Friday, 28th March at 11 am - Rothwell

Friday, 4th April at 5 pm - Desborough Friday, 11th April at 11 am - Rothwell

Good Friday, 18th April

18th April at 11 am - The Stations of the Cross in Burton Latimer and Rothwell

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



A FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE ON PALM SUNDAY



This year 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. Any donation would be very much appreciated by the flower group.

Stations of the Cross at St Edward's in 2025

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



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

2nd April - **Ernie Clement** (*int. for those who are sick and those who care for them*)

9th April - **Wanda Leckie** (*int. for our parish, all volunteers and for new vocations*)

16th April - **Paul Robbins** (*int. for all the faithful departed*)



>> **The Stations of the Cross** will be led **from the lectern** in the following order:

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

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

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

Stations of the Cross at St Edward's in 2025

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



28th March - **The Filipino community**

4th April - **The Indian community**

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

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



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THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING BEFORE EASTER

+ CONFESSION AND ANOINTING +



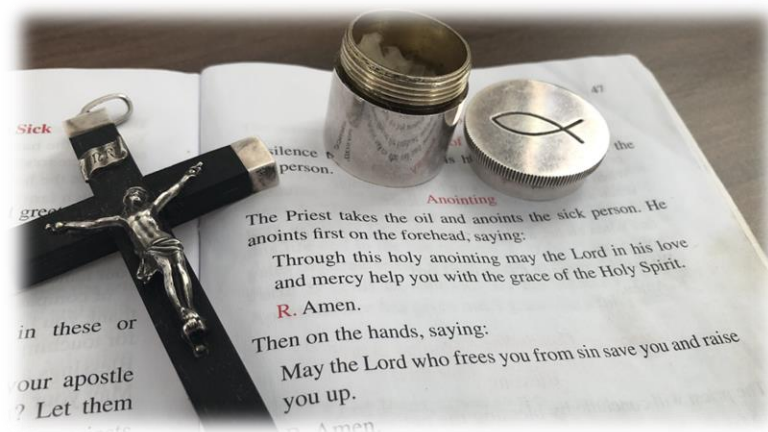
+ **Saturday, 29th March** Confession after **6.30 pm** Mass

+ **Saturday, 5th April** Confession after **6.30 pm** Mass

Tuesday, 8th April after Mass at 10 am - *We would like to offer confessions and the sacrament of anointing to those who are housebound. If you know anyone who would like a visit by a priest, please contact the parish and provide us with the relevant details, like name, address and telephone number of the person who would like the sacraments, before Friday 28th March, and we arrange a visit.*

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

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



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

THE TRIDUUM AND EASTER 2025



>>> **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral** - A reminder that the Chrism Mass this year will take place on **Wednesday 16th April at midday**. You are very welcome to attend this joyful diocesan celebration.

Maundy Thursday - 7.00 pm - Mass

Good Friday - 3.00 pm - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

7.00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - 8.00 pm - Easter Vigil

>>> ***EASTER SUNDAY, 20th April*** <<<



Masses at St Edward's at **8.30 am** and **10.30 am**

Burton Latimer - 9.00 am,

Desborough - 9.00 am,

Rothwell - 12.15 pm.

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 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



40 HOURS DEVOTION AT ST EDWARD'S 21st/22nd JUNE 2025



On the Friday and Saturday before **Corpus Christi Sunday**, our parish will be holding a **40 Hours Devotion** as a part of the **Jubilee Year Celebrations**. We still have a lot of time to prepare our parish for this event, but I wanted to give you a glimpse of what is planned for the weekend of **21st/22nd June**.

What I would like you to do in the coming weeks is to look at the schedule at the end of the online newsletter and to let me know if you and your community can accept my invitation to support our prayer initiative. Any ideas for your particular time slot would be welcome. For instance, you could lead: the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Stations of the Cross, you can play and sing Eucharistic hymns, read and meditate on the Scriptures. You should also make time for silent prayer. The most important thing is to adore God present among us in the mystery of the Eucharist, and that is why the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone during those forty hours.

- Fr Gregory

What is the 40 Hours Devotion? The Forty Hours devotion is a special form of solemn exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament for about forty hours, during which continuous prayer is offered in adoration before the Eucharistic Jesus.

Why forty hours? According to St Augustine of Hippo, forty hours was the time Jesus spent in the Holy Sepulchre from burial on Good Friday to his resurrection on Easter day.

Symbolism of the number 40 in the Bible: The number 40 in the Bible represents a period of purification and atonement (reparation), of tribulation and spiritual trial, of penance and fasting, with the purpose of leading the faithful to repentance of one's sins and so to a renewed conversion to God:

- the Great Flood lasted forty days and forty nights (Genesis 7:12)
- Moses spent forty days on Mount Sinai waiting to receive the Law (Exodus 24:18);
- the journey in the desert of the prophet Elijah (1 Kings 19:8)
- the period of penance in the city of Nineveh lasted forty days (Jonah 3);
- the journey in the desert of the Jews lasted forty years;
- the period of fasting of Our Lord Jesus, after the Baptism, lasted forty days and nights (Matthew 4:2);
- the appearance of Christ to his disciples occurred for forty days after the resurrection (Acts 1:3).

A bit of history: There is uncertainty on how the devotion originated, possibly around the XII century in Dalmatia. However, the Forty Hours' devotion as it is known today began in Italy during the XVI century as a penitential period in preparation for the Paschal Triduum. In those times when there was great turmoil, instability and war in Europe, priests started exposing the Blessed Sacrament during the forty hours, beseeching the Lord especially for peace in the world. It was also used to draw people away from profane customs and, in fact, it spread as reparation to atone for the sins committed during "Carnevale" (carnival), but also as a remedy for the Reformation. Some of the people who started, developed and promoted the devotion were diocesan priests, others belonged to orders like the Barnabites, the Capuchins and the Jesuits. The Forty Hours' devotion is the origin of Perpetual Adoration.

Saints associated with the development of the Forty Hours: Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Saint Charles Borromeo, Saint Philip Neri, Saint Ignatius Loyola, Saint Alphonsus Liguori.



DIOCESAN NEWS



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham



This year our diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 14 June. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at the Basilica in the Catholic Shrine at midday followed by lunch and at 3pm pilgrims process from the Shrine, on the holy mile to the Abbey Grounds for the final service. Parish groups are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring parish banners with them for the procession. All are welcome.

National Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk

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

Four main routes begin at the Catholic cathedrals in Cardiff, Leeds, Norwich, and London, following established hiking trails and incorporating blessings with the Sign of the Cross and the Gospels. 'Perpetual pilgrims' will walk the full distance, while others can join for sections, including accessible routes for wheelchairs and buggies. Non-walkers can contribute through support, hospitality, and prayer, with additional feeder routes allowing participation from every diocese.

This pilgrimage coincides with the 2025 Jubilee, marking 1700 years since the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea and 175 years since the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy in England & Wales.

[Link to our pilgrimage route](#)

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.



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Saturday 28th June 2025 11:00am
followed by refreshments in the St Thomas centre

for further information and booking please contact
Deacon Peter Griffin pfgriffin@hotmail.co.uk

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.

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

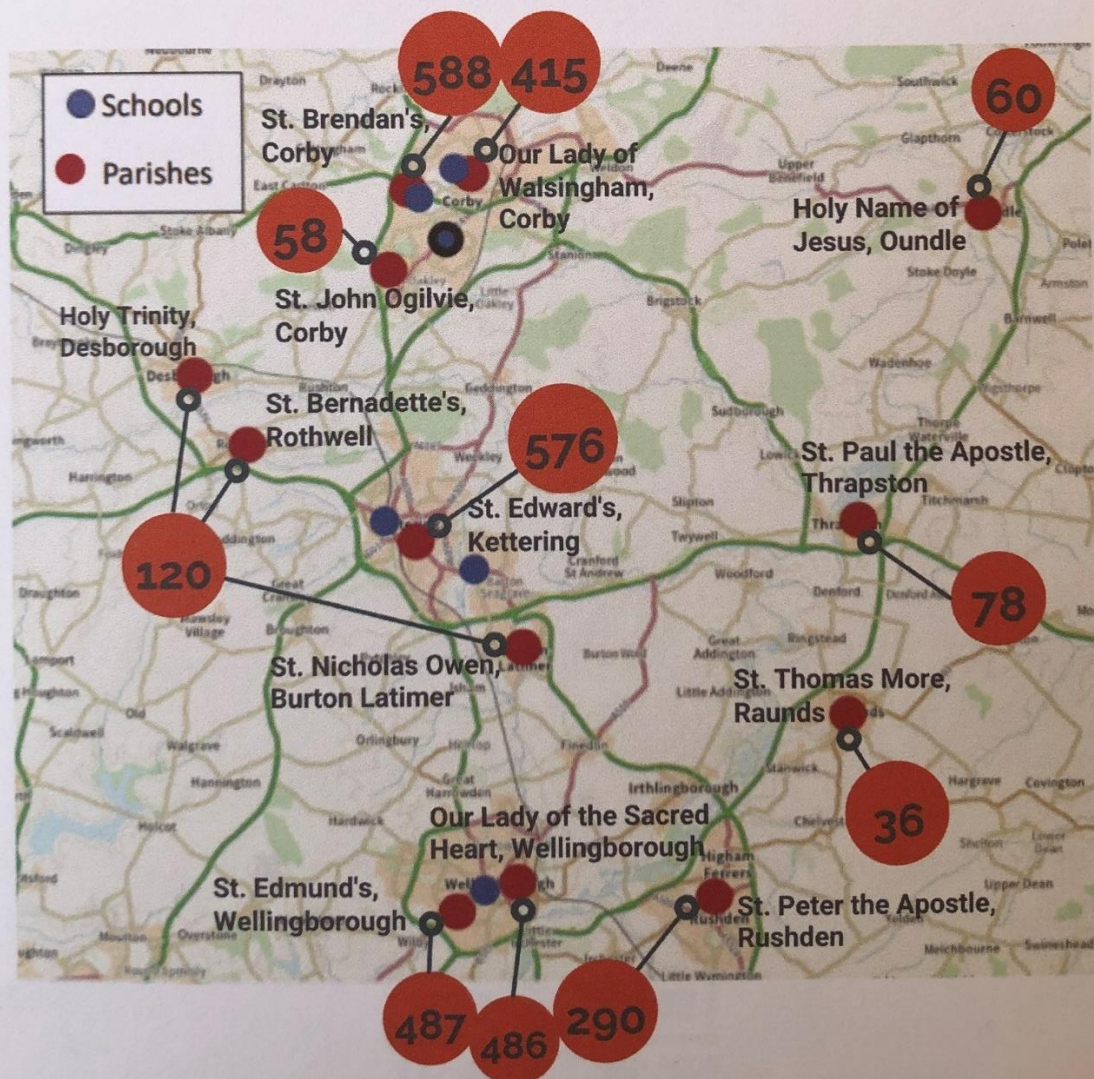


Changes to our Catholic Community

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**

Friday 20 th June 2025	
7.00 am	Exposition UCM
8.00 am	UCM
9.00 am	UCM
10.00 am	Rothwell community
11.00 am	Rothwell community
12.00 pm	Desborough community
1.00 pm	Desborough community
2.00 pm	Burton Latimer community
3.00 pm	Burton Latimer community
4.00 pm	St Thomas More Primary School (children, parents and staff)
5.00 pm	St Edward's Primary School (children, parents and staff)
6.00 pm	Barry, altar servers and their parents
7.00 pm	Mass
8.00 pm	Filipino community
9.00 pm	Filipino community
10.00 pm	Indian community
11.00 pm	Indian community

Saturday 21 st June 2025	
12.00 am	Legion of Mary
1.00 am	Legion of Mary
2.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
3.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
4.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
5.00 am	We ask for volunteers / individuals / groups
6.00 am	Andy - office of Readings followed by meditative Rosary
7.00 am	Andy - Lauds followed by info on Pier Giorgio Frassati who is to be canonised this year and introduction to contemplative prayer before Mass
8.00 am	UCM
9.00 am	SVP
10.00 am	Parish choir
11.00 am	Polish community
12 noon	Flower group
1.00 pm	Soup Kitchen
2.00 pm	Readers
3.00 pm	Eucharistic ministers
4.00 pm	NHS staff from the parish
5.00 pm	Filipino community
6.30 pm	Vigil Mass (<i>Corpus Christi</i>)
8.00 pm	Nigerian community
9.00 pm	Indian community
10.00 pm	Mission Kettering group
11.00 pm	Legion of Mary
12.00 am	BENEDICTION

COFFEE MORNINGS 2025



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

Everyone is welcome!

2nd April - Legion of Mary

7th May - S V P

4th June - U C M

2nd July - Burton Latimer

6th August - Desborough

3rd September - Rothwell

1st October - Soup Kitchen

5th November - Flower Arrangers and Readers

3rd December - Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy



BEREAVEMENT MASSES

At St Edward's Catholic Church



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

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

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

Masses in 2025

Thursday, 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 April

2nd May

6th June

4th July

1st August

5th September

3rd October

7th November

5th December



Jubilee Year Indulgence



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

HOW CAN I OBTAIN AN INDULGENCE?

Making A Pilgrimage

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

PERFORMING ACTS OF MERCY, FORMATION AND PENANCE

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

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

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

What must I do?

Be detached
from all sin

Make a
Sacramental
Confession

Receive
Holy
Communion

Pray for the
Pope's
Intentions

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

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



Our Jubilee Churches



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

THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST THOMAS



1 Primrose Hill,
Northampton,
NN2 6AG

Parish Priest: Fr Simon Penhalagan

email: parish.cathedralhub@northamptondiocese.org

Tel: 01604 714556

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

Pilgrims Mass: Friday at midday

First Saturday Devotions: Every First Saturday at 9.30am

THE HOLY CHILD AND ST JOSEPH

2 Bremerton Road,
Bedford,
MK40 1HU

Parish Priest: Canon Seamus Keenan

email: parish.stjosephbedford@northamptondiocese.org

Tel: 01234 352569

Confessions: Saturday 11.30-12.30pm

Weekday Mass: Mon-Fri, 10.45am

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

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



ST PETER



7 St Peter Street
Marlow
Buckinghamshire
SL7 1NQ

Parish Priest: Canon John Udris

email: parish.stpetermarlow@northamptondiocese.org

Tel: 01628 483696

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

Holy Hour: First Friday of the month at 6pm

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

Skills

Talents

Interests



Welcome!

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

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

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

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

Your voice matters

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

We would love to hear your ideas

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

Email: parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org

Be part of our rich, diverse and vibrant catholic community