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*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*27<sup>th</sup> April 2025*

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## **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 **1<sup>st</sup>** and **3<sup>rd</sup>** Sunday of every month - **9.00 am**

## **MASS TIMES AT DESBOROUGH**

The **2<sup>nd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup>** Sunday of every month - **9.00 am**

## **MASS TIMES AT ROTHWELL**

The **1<sup>st</sup>** and **3<sup>rd</sup>** Sunday of every month - **12.15 pm**

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*For the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - Masses only at St Edward's.*

**May our dear Holy Father Pope Francis  
rest in God's eternal peace.**



**‘Death with life contended:  
combat strangely ended!  
Life’s own Champion, slain,  
yet lives to reign’.**

*(Easter Sequence)*

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>06.30 pm</b> - P. J. Rooney RIP / - Kay Kirwan RIP
<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	<b>08.30 am</b> - Florence Sauders RIP / - Margaret Cannon RIP <b>09.00 am</b> - / <b>Desborough</b> / - <b>Pope Francis RIP</b> <b>10.30 am</b> - For the Parish / - <b>Pope Francis RIP</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<i>(No public Mass at St Edward's)</i> - Launora Kaupiete
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09.30 am</b> - <b>Exposition and Adoration</b> <b>10.00 am</b> - Aleykutty RIP / - Martin & Janet Tay RIP, Valentine, Lawrence Tay
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> - Oakley and Sara Turner wedding int.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>07.00 pm</b> - Hanorah O'Leary RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>06.00 pm</b> - <b>First Friday Adoration and Benediction</b> <b>07.00 pm</b> - Filomena Mastrangelo RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>06.30 pm</b> - Madelene McCann / - Tommy McCarney anniv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>08.30 am</b> - Bolestaw Ostrowski RIP / - May Jefferies & Jean Ayrton RIP <b>09.00 am</b> - / <b>Burton Latimer</b> / - For the Parish / - <b>Pope Francis RIP</b> <b>10.30 am</b> - Leelamma Thomas RIP 2 <sup>nd</sup> anniv. <b>12.15 pm</b> - / <b>Rothwell</b> / - Bronte Elliott int. / - <b>Pope Francis RIP</b>

*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.*

**+ Bryon William Smith** - His Funeral Service will be held at the **Crematorium** on Wednesday, **7<sup>th</sup> May** at **11.30 am**.

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



## OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM BISHOP DAVID OAKLEY ON THE PASSING OF THE HOLY FATHER



*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

With deep sorrow, we receive the news of the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. His life was a testament to the Gospel's call to mercy, justice, and love, lived out in solidarity with the poor, the forgotten, and all those on the peripheries of society. His heart was always open to those who felt lost or excluded, reminding us that the Church is not a fortress but a home where all are welcomed, listened to, and valued.

Pope Francis called us to journey together, shaping a Church that walks with the wounded, discerns with the faithful, and serves with humility. He showed us what it means to be a truly synodal people—seeking the voice of the Spirit in communion with one another, always attentive to those the world so often overlooks. His vision of the Church was one of encounter and accompaniment, where God's mercy reaches every heart longing for hope. *Evangelii Gaudium* is such an inspiration for the would-be missionary disciple in a parish that seeks its true identity.

I was privileged to meet Pope Francis in September 2022 when I joined fellow newly appointed bishops in Rome for a time of formation and prayer. The Holy Father spent two and a half hours answering our questions, speaking with remarkable openness and fatherly wisdom, encouraging us to be shepherds who walk closely with our people, always prioritising those most in need.

As we grieve his passing, we also give thanks for his prophetic witness and the way he led us deeper into the love of Christ. I invite all in the Diocese of Northampton to gather in prayer, offering Masses, Rosaries, and personal intercessions for the repose of his soul. May we continue his legacy by building a Church that listens, loves, and walks with all God's people.

May the Lord whom he served so faithfully now welcome him into the fullness of His kingdom. May Our Lady, Mother of the Church, intercede for him and for us all.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

In Christ,  
**+ David Oakley**  
*Bishop of Northampton*

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### **'I WISH YOU A HAPPY PASSOVER'**

I was on my way to the Peak District in Derbyshire on Monday morning, when a friend of mine sent me a message informing me of the Pope's death. I instinctively took my rosary out of my pocket and prayed for his soul and for the Church. I was reminded of his last words to us on Easter Sunday, when he said: **'I wish you a happy Passover'**. Who would have thought that his own Passover - that is, the transition or passing over from earthly life to eternal life - would happen so quickly, the very next day. When I came back home, the image of our dear Pope Francis - who returned to the house of our Heavenly Father - became part of our Easter decoration. This is a very meaningful symbol because throughout his entire life the Holy Father was a faithful and steadfast witness to the Resurrection of Christ. Pax et bonum. - Fr Gregory

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### **ONLINE BOOK OF CONDOLENCE**



As we unite as the Catholic community across our diocese in prayer for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father, Francis, each of us will have a unique memory of his impact on us personally or our world. If you would like to leave a digital message on our diocesan book of condolence visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/book-of-condolence/>

## HOLY THURSDAY 2025



## GOOD FRIDAY 2025





## EASTER 2025





## MONDAY AFTER EASTER

Last Monday, the image of our Dear Holy Father Pope Francis, who returned to the house of our Heavenly Father, became part of our Easter decoration. Throughout his entire life the Holy Father was a faithful witness to the Resurrection of Jesus.







## THANK YOU



We wish to thank all those who have contributed to making our churches look so special for the Easter Season. To the welcome teams, our cleaners, the flower arrangers, the readers and eucharistic ministers, the altar servers, the musicians, and those who do all those little jobs that make all the difference. Thank you all so much.

The Flower Group would like to Thank you for your donations for flowers. Also, a special thanks to Starlight Dance and Musical Theatre school who lent us our props for the Easter display this year.



*Happy Easter*

## THE BIG LENT WALK IS DONE



The Big Lent Walk is done. Both Gareth and Vivien completed 200 km. Between us we raised £765 for **CAFOD**. Thank you to all our supporters who sponsored us so generously. *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.*



## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> 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”*.



## A LABOUR OF LOVE



I was wondering if there is anyone in the parish, who would mind helping me from time to time, with ironing the altar cloth, any other linen and vestments in the church. Most of the items are not like from the past when everything white needed to be starched or care had to be taken with embroidery. Now, nearly everything can go into the washing machine on ‘handwash’. We would really appreciate any help.

*Fr Gregory and Fr Elvis*

## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR OUTGOING PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE



I have been your PSR for a long time now and it's time for me to step down. Nobody quite remembers when I began, but my best guess is 20 years ago. At the start it was all about Child Protection. The role has evolved to be about safeguarding vulnerable adults too, and in fact safeguarding everyone. The CRB became the DBS. The CSAS became the CSSA. An emerging special focus has been on offering support to victims of abuse. The support from the Diocesan Safeguarding and Welfare office has been fantastic. They have arranged high quality training on many unpleasant topics, including domestic abuse, female genital mutilation, financial scams, and ritual and spiritual abuse. Also, of course, we have had training on how to respond if a disclosure is made, and engaging with victims of abuse.

The greatest privilege of serving in this role has been the opportunity to get to know so many of you wonderful parishioners who volunteer in a variety of ways. I thank you for working with me to make our parish of St Edward a safe place for all.

I will be handing over this responsibility to Claudia in the next few days. I trust you will treat her with the same kindness and cooperation you have always shown towards me. Let's all pray for Claudia as she takes on this new responsibility.

Best wishes to all of you! Vivien

**It was a privilege to work with you, Vivien. You were always willing to share your knowledge and give advice. We hope we haven't seen the back of you, we hope we will continue to see you in many other areas of our parish life. Fr Gregory**



## WEBSITE MAINTENANCE



Seminarian Joseph offered to make some improvements to our parish website. That means, that it will be **offline** on **Monday** and **Tuesday**. It should be back online on Wednesday. Please keep him in your prayers that this work is successful, and that our parish website is attractive, informative and most importantly, secure.



# LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT

*St Edward's Parish, Kettering*



Each group or community needs to choose a date and a time and venue for the meeting. Please speak to Fr Gregory if you would like to book the parish hall.

## **A simple programme for our listening sessions**

**1.** We begin our sessions with up to 15 minutes of prayer to the Holy Spirit. We can use the following prayer:

***Come Holy Spirit!** Fill us with the fire of your love. Amaze us, disturb us, occupy our hearts, teach us to be pilgrims of hope. Empower us to listen and speak graciously, to discern your will for our pastoral area. Inspire us to be the radical presence of Christ in our homes, in our parishes and throughout the world. All this we ask of you, in communion with the Father and the Son, forever and ever, Amen.*

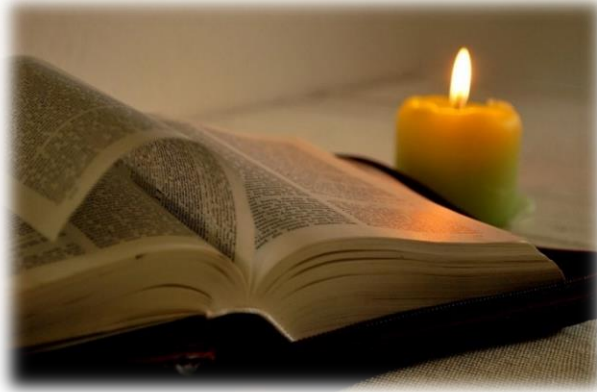
2. Reading from the Bible. It can be any passage from the Old or New Testament or the Gospel Reading of the day.
3. We read it twice with a moment of meditation in between.
4. We share what has resonated with us and what moved us during the time of silence.
5. We move on to what is the essence of the meeting which is the Conversation in the Spirit. This can last up to 45 minutes. We need to remember that we are asked to speak graciously and listen graciously. If the group is large, it can be divided into smaller groups.
6. At this point we discuss what Bishop Davis has asked us to reflect on by saying:
  - + **What is good about our Catholic community currently?**
  - + **What are the needs in our local area?**
  - + **How do we work together to seize new opportunities?**
7. Each person will be given a chance to speak without interruption. Then every person is allowed to say what resonated with them when they listened to each other.
8. There will be a pause for reflection during which everyone decides what were the common themes of the conversation and then one person will prepare a summary of our thoughts and feedback.
9. Closing prayer, for example: *Glory be to the Father...*

**A small discernment group will develop the key themes that have arisen from the meetings. These will be then turned into plans through ongoing consultation.**



## Our parish groups and communities and the stage that each has reached.

*Please keep Fr Gregory updated.*



- Burton Latimer Community - **SCHEDULED** for Sunday, **18<sup>th</sup> May** after 9 am Mass
- Desborough Community -
- Rothwell Community - **COMPLETED** on **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> April.**
- St Thomas More School - **WILLING** to participate
- St Edward's School -
- Filipino Community - **SCHEDULED** for Sunday, **4<sup>th</sup> May**  
after 10.30 am Mass in the Parish Hall
- Nigerian Community -
- Indian Community -
- Hospital staff -
- UCM -
- SVP - **WILLING** to participate
- Legion of Mary - **WILLING** to participate
- Choir and all Music Groups -
- Eucharistic Ministers with Hospital Ministers -
- Readers -
- Mission Kettering - **WILLING** to participate
- Parish Finance Committee - **SCHEDULED** for Wednesday, **7<sup>th</sup> May**
- Youth Group and Altar servers - **COMPLETED** on **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April.**
- Children's Liturgy and Catechists -
- Flower Group and Cleaners -
- Scouts and Brownies -
- Welcomers -
- Soup Kitchen teams - **WILLING** to participate



## GIVING BOX ARRANGEMENTS COMMENCING 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025



The New Weekly Offering Envelopes in boxes for the New Year Commencing 4th May 2025 next Sunday are still now available for collection from the entrance of St Edward's Church. 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



*Happy Easter*

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



*Happy Easter*

## COFFEE MORNINGS



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



*Happy Easter*

## ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



**St. Edward - Kettering**

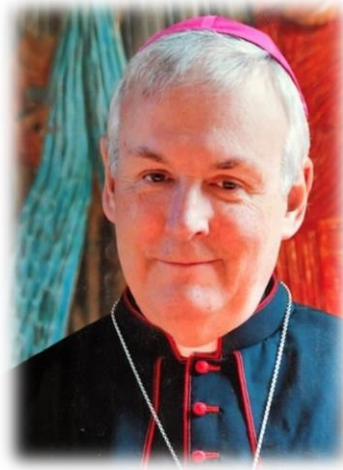
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**St. Nicholas Owen - Burton Latimer**

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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, 24<sup>th</sup> May, Vigil Mass

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

- Welcomers from both communities
- Organist - **Kirsty**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm - readers from St Edward's
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 25<sup>th</sup> May

**>>> 9.00 am - No Mass at Desborough**

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

- Welcomers from both communities
- Organist - **Kirsty**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - readers from St Edward's
- Psalm, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm - St Edward's
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, **12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 40 HOURS DEVOTION AT ST EDWARD'S 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> 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 **21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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

<b>MAY 13</b> TUESDAY	→	<b>GOD'S LOVE</b> Charles Whitehead
<b>MAY 20</b> TUESDAY	→	<b>SALVATION</b> Dr Maria Heath
<b>MAY 27</b> TUESDAY	→	<b>NEW LIFE IN CHRIST</b> Abhy Thomas
<b>JUNE 3</b> TUESDAY	→	<b>RECEIVE GOD'S GIFT</b> Dom McDermott
<b>JUNE 7</b> SATURDAY 1pm - 5pm	→	<b>BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT</b> Gary Stephens (New Dawn)
<b>JUNE 10</b> TUESDAY	→	<b>GROWTH</b> Jenny Baker
<b>JUNE 17</b> TUESDAY	→	<b>TRANSFORMATION</b> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 🕊️❤️ Saturday JUNE 7th Baptism in the Spirit - amazing day 🕊️❤️ Ending with June 10th, June 17<sup>th</sup>

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



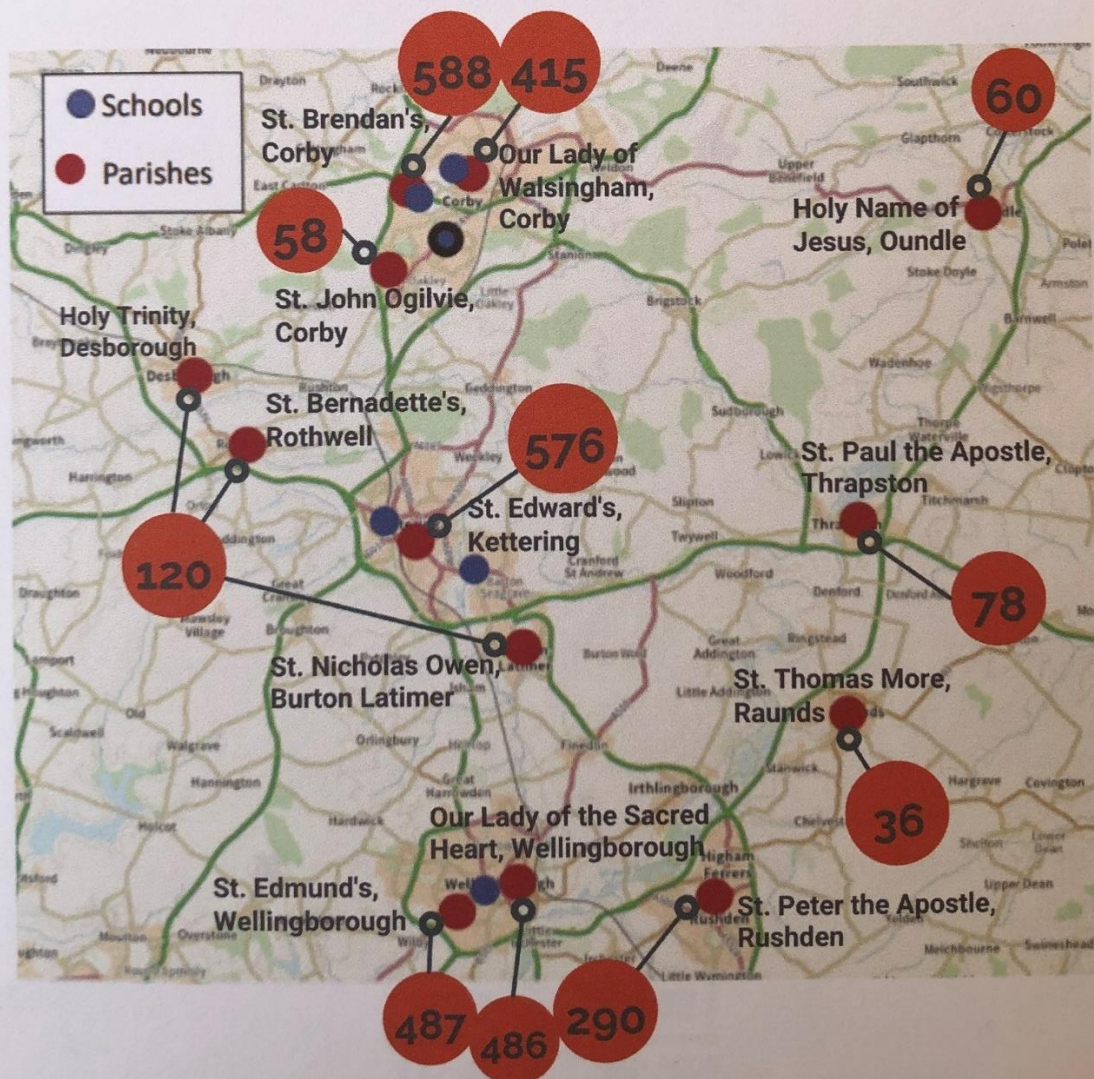


# Changes to our Catholic Community

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

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	
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	<b>Mass</b>

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Mass</b>
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 21 <sup>st</sup> 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	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	Parish choir
5.00 pm	Filipino community
6.30 pm	<b>Vigil Mass (<i>Corpus Christi</i>)</b>
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	<b>BENEDICTION</b>



# 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!**

**7<sup>th</sup> May - S V P**

**4<sup>th</sup> June - U C M**

**2<sup>nd</sup> July - Burton Latimer**

**6<sup>th</sup> August - Desborough**

**3<sup>rd</sup> September - Rothwell**

**1<sup>st</sup> October - Soup Kitchen**

**5<sup>th</sup> November - Flower Arrangers and Readers**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

**W**e 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.

**F**rom 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, 5<sup>th</sup> of June at 7 pm**

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> of September at 7 pm**

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of November (*All Souls Day*) at 7 pm**

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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**:

**4<sup>th</sup> July**

**1<sup>st</sup> August**

**5<sup>th</sup> September**

**3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**7<sup>th</sup> November**

**5<sup>th</sup> December**

**>>2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**6<sup>th</sup> 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

- |                           |   |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| 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

- |                                     |   |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| 4. Extraordinary works of mercy     | ➡ | ● Visiting prisoners the sick or lonely,<br>● Helping those in need<br>● Giving generous gift of your time or money          |
| 5. Diocesan or Parish formation     | ➡ | ● Participating in spiritual exercises<br>● 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org)

**Be part of our rich, diverse and vibrant catholic community**