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*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, year C*

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

**MASS TIMES AT DESBOROUGH**

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

**MASS TIMES AT ROTHWELL**

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

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

*O Mary we crown thee  
with blossoms today...*





## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

- Saturday**     **06.30 pm** - Madelene McCann / - Tommy McCarney anniv.
- Sunday**        **08.30 am** - Bolestaw Ostrowski RIP / - May Jefferies & Jean Ayrton RIP  
**09.00 am** - / **Burton Latimer** / - For the Parish / - **Pope Francis RIP**  
**10.30 am** - Nina Appiah birthday int. / - Leelamma Thomas RIP 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.  
**12.15 pm** - / **Rothwell** / - Bronte Elliott int. / - **Pope Francis RIP**
- Monday**        *(No public Mass at St Edward's)* - Herbert and Helen Winterhalder
- Tuesday**       **09.30 am** - **Exposition and Adoration**  
**10.00 am** - Alexa birthday thanksgiving int.
- Wednesday**   **10.00 am** - Biju and Litty wedding anniv. thanksgiving int.
- Thursday**      **07.00 pm** - Marion Forsdyke RIP / - Richard Sykes RIP
- Friday**         **06.30 pm** - **Adoration and Benediction**  
**07.00 pm** - Paweł Żołnierczyk RIP and for his parents
- Saturday**      **06.30 pm** - For the Parish / - Helen Line RIP
- Sunday**        **08.30 am** - Bridget Wilsdon RIP  
**09.00 am** - / **Desborough** / - Sheila Merry & Hatsell family RIP  
**10.30 am** - Thanksgiving int. / - Donato DeMaio

*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.*

> **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** next weekend will be for **Priests Training Fund.**

> **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** on the **17<sup>th</sup>/ 18<sup>th</sup> May** will be

for **Bishop's Maintenance Fund.**

## CONFESSIONS AT ST EDWARD'S



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

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

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

- Fr Gregory

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



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

- + **Bryon William Smith** - His Funeral Service will be held at the **Crematorium** on **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May** at **11.30 am**.
- + **Giovannina Ielapi** - Her Funeral Service will be held at **St Edward's** on **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May** at **10 am**.
- + **Marie Williams** - Her Funeral Service will be held at the **Nene Valley Crematorium, Wellingborough** on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May** at **4 pm**.  
*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

## UPCOMING CONCLAVE

The Cardinals present in Rome have agreed to begin the Conclave on **7 May 2025**. This decision was made during the Fifth General Congregation, held on Monday morning in the Vatican's Synod Hall. The Conclave will take place in the Sistine Chapel, which will be closed to visitors during this time.



The College of Cardinals gathered in Rome, engaged in the General Congregations in preparation for the Conclave, wishes to invite the People of God to live this ecclesial moment as an event of grace and spiritual discernment, listening to the will of God.

For this reason, the Cardinals, conscious of the responsibility to which they are called, feel the need to be supported by the prayers of all the faithful. This is the true force that in the Church promotes the unity of all the members of the one Body of Christ (cf. 1 Cor 12:12).

Faced with the enormity of the task ahead and the urgency of the present time, it is first of all necessary to make ourselves humble instruments of the infinite wisdom and providence of our Heavenly Father, in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, he is the protagonist of the life of the People of God, the One to whom we must listen, accepting what he is saying to the Church (cf. Rev 3:6). May the Blessed Virgin Mary accompany these prayers with her maternal intercession.



## ADOPT A CARDINAL



An online app is available to help the faithful pray for individual Cardinals during the Conclave period.

**Pray for a Cardinal here:** <https://praycardinal.com>

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## PRAYER FOR THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS



*Lord God, you are our eternal shepherd and guide. In your mercy, grant to your Church a shepherd who will walk in your ways and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing. We ask you to guide the College of Cardinals as they select the next Pope. May they be led by the Holy Spirit to choose a faithful servant who will lead your Church with love and compassion.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## 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*

## A NEW, IMPROVED PARISH WEBSITE



A big thank you to **Seminarian Joseph** for making a massive improvement to our parish website. We all know how powerful such a way of communicating is. More importantly, it can be used as an instrument of evangelisation. I hope that everyone will go online and explore the new website. Since he came to our parish, Seminarian Joseph has been working hard, praying, studying and supporting both Fr Elvis and myself. We all in the parish house enjoy his company.

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## 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*



## GUTTERS ON ST EDWARD'S

Last week we made a few more improvements. This time we renovated the gutters all around the church. I am sure you can see the difference! Thank you for the very kind donation of £ 1000 which was left to the parish. This has helped a lot in covering the costs of this renovation.

**As always, before and after...**







# LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT

*St Edward's Parish, Kettering*



Each group or community is encouraged to choose a date and a time and venue for the meeting **by the end of May**. 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 - Session with parents on **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May** at **9 am**
  - Session with children on **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May** at **12.15 pm**
  - Session with staff - **TBC**
- 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 - **COMPLETED** on **Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April.**
- Legion of Mary - **WILLING** to participate
- Choir and all Music Groups -
- Eucharistic Ministers with Hospital Ministers -
- Readers - **SCHEDULED** for Wednesday, **28<sup>th</sup> May** at **2.30 pm**
- 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 next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025, are still 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. Please check and let the church office know if the number is incorrect. 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. 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).

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## NYMO D-SUMMER WEEKEND



Calling all young people of the Northampton Diocese!  
We'll be gathering young people from across the diocese for a residential weekend of games, discussions, activities, socialising, and prayer. Come meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and share in a mountaintop moment.

**When:** 11 - 13 July 2025 **Where:** Sion Catholic Community, SENT, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX (Transport provided) **Who:** Ages 11 - 18 **Cost:** £90 (£80 without transport)

**More info:** [nymo.org/d-summer](https://nymo.org/d-summer)



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

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## 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.

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## 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)

## 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.



## ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



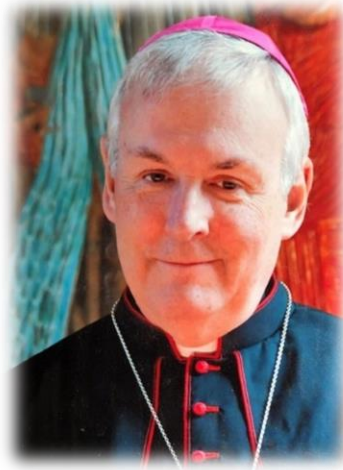
**St. Edward - Kettering**

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

**St. Nicholas Owen - Burton Latimer**

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

## 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.

### **Essential Training for Catechists (National Course)**

From the *Light of Truth* – Dominican Sisters of St Joseph

A 6-session, **free course**, starting **1 May at 7:30pm**.

Open to all involved in catechesis (or simply curious!). Covers fundamental principles and practices across all forms of catechesis. Book here [Essential Training for Catechists](#)

### **Society of Saint Gregory - Annual Summer School 2025** **Liverpool Hope University**

**30 July (from 2pm) – 2 August 2025 (lunchtime)**

**Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope**

This year's theme of *Hope* will shape the liturgies and music, inviting us to reflect and carry this message to our parish communities.

**Keynote:** David Wells

**Director of Music:** Martin Barry

**Workshops:** Proclaiming the Word, Chant, Singing Psalms, Liturgy Directory, Volunteer Organist, and more.

Residential, Non-Residential, and Day Delegates welcome.

**Bursary funding available.**

**More info and booking:** [Summer School | Society of St Gregory](#) or email [summerschool@ssg.org.uk](mailto:summerschool@ssg.org.uk)

**Booking deadline: 1 June 2025**

### **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](#)

### **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

# *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**