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4th Sunday of Easter, year C

11th May 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.

*Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice,
and I know them, and they follow me'.*



THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

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

Monday (No public Mass at St Edward's) - Jane Ostrowski

Tuesday 09.30 am - **Exposition and Adoration**

10.00 am - Shaiju Philip RIP / - K. A. Kuriakose RIP

Wednesday 10.00 am - Newborn baby Jiama

Thursday 07.00 pm - Nelson int. and Gwen RIP

Friday 06.30 pm - **Adoration and Benediction**

07.00 pm - Joseph, get well int.

Saturday 06.30 pm - For the Parish

Sunday 08.30 am - For the Holy Souls

09.00 am - / **Burton Latimer** / - Canon John, get well int.

10.30 am - Aldrin Crystal, special int. / - Tristan Hinson RIP

12.15 pm - / **Rothwell** / - Joe McDonnell, get well int. /

- Helen Line, special int.

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.

> **2nd Collection** this weekend will be for **Priests Training Fund.**

> **2nd Collection** on the **17th/ 18th 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



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.

- + **Marie Williams** - Her Funeral Service will be held at the
Nene Valley Crematorium, Wellingborough on **Monday, 12th May** at **4 pm**.
- + **Raffaele Angieri** - His Funeral will be held at **St Edward's Church** on
Wednesday, 14th May at **2.30 pm**.
- + **Denis Collins** - His Funeral will be held at **St Edward's Church** on
Friday, 23rd May at **1 pm**.

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

HABEMUS PAPAM



In a historic decision, the 133 cardinal electors gathered in the Sistine Chapel took just two days to elect **Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost** as the new Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church. His election marks him as the 267th successor to Saint Peter,

assuming the papal name of **Leo XIV**.

The announcement was made by French Cardinal Dominique Mamberti, who stepped onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica and delivered the traditional proclamation, "Habemus Papam" - "We have a Pope." A wave of jubilation swept through the vast crowd assembled in St. Peter's Square as the white smoke billowed from the chimney atop the Sistine Chapel, signaling the successful conclusion of the conclave. The smoke appeared just after 5 p.m. (UK time) on Thursday, 8 May.

Pope Leo XIV, aged 69, is a member of the Order of Saint Augustine. His ministry has been marked by a strong commitment to mission work, particularly in Peru, where he served with dedication and compassion. Known for his theological depth and pastoral heart, his missionary experiences have shaped his vision for the Church.

In his first address from the central loggia of St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Leo XIV expressed gratitude to the College of Cardinals for their trust and placed a strong emphasis on building bridges through dialogue.

He praised his predecessor, Pope Francis, for his courage and tireless commitment to social justice and inclusivity, vowing to continue along that path with humility and openness.

The new Pope's election comes at a pivotal time for the global Catholic Church, with many faithful looking to his leadership to further the mission of unity and compassion across cultural and national boundaries. With a pastoral heart and missionary spirit, Pope Leo XIV is expected to bring his wealth of experience and deep-rooted faith to the helm of the Church, steering it towards greater dialogue and solidarity in the years to come.

Pope Leo XIV's Biography



Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A., currently serves as the Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. He is also the Archbishop-Bishop emeritus of Chiclayo. Born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, Cardinal Prevost embarked on his religious journey by joining the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.) in the Province of Our Lady of Good Counsel, based in Saint Louis, in 1977. He professed his solemn vows on August 29, 1981.

Cardinal Prevost pursued his theological studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, earning a diploma in theology. At the age of 27, his path led him to Rome, where he studied canon law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum).

He was ordained to the priesthood on June 19, 1982. He continued his academic pursuit and received his licentiate in 1984 before being sent on a mission to Chulucanas, Piura, Peru, from 1985 to 1986.

In 1987, Cardinal Prevost was awarded a doctorate in canon law with a thesis titled "The Role of the Local Prior in the Order of Saint Augustine." That same year, he took on leadership roles as the Director of Vocations and Director of Missions for the Augustinian Province of Mother of Good Counsel in Olympia Fields, Illinois. His mission work expanded in 1988 when he was assigned to Trujillo, Peru, where he directed a joint formation project for Augustinian aspirants in the Vicariates of Chulucanas, Iquitos, and Apurímac. During his time in Trujillo, he served as Community Prior (1988–1992), Director of Formation (1988–1998), and Teacher of the Professed (1992–1998). He also held roles within the Archdiocese of Trujillo as Judicial Vicar (1989–1998) and Professor of Canon Law, Patristics, and Moral Theology at the "San Carlos e San Marcelo" Major Seminary.

In 1999, Cardinal Prevost was elected Provincial Prior of the Mother of Good Counsel Province in Chicago. His leadership qualities were soon recognized globally, leading to his election as Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine during the Ordinary General Chapter, a role he fulfilled for two consecutive terms after being re-elected in 2007.

After returning to Chicago in October 2013, he continued to serve the community as Teacher of the Professed and Provincial Vicar. On November 3, 2014, Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru, elevating him to the rank of Bishop and assigning him the titular diocese of Sufar. He took canonical possession of the diocese on November 7, 2014, in the presence of Apostolic Nuncio James Patrick Green, and was consecrated as Bishop on December 12, 2014, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the Cathedral of Chiclayo.

Cardinal Prevost faithfully led the Diocese of Chiclayo from November 26, 2015, and in March 2018, he was appointed Second Vice President of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference. His contributions to the

Church were further acknowledged when Pope Francis named him a member of the Congregation for the Clergy in 2019 and the Congregation for Bishops in 2020. On April 15, 2020, he was entrusted with the role of Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Callao.

Pope Francis appointed him Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America on January 30, 2023. He was created and proclaimed Cardinal by Pope Francis during the Consistory of September 30, 2023, with the Deaconry of Santa Monica. Cardinal Prevost is also a member of various Dicasteries, including Evangelization (Section for First Evangelization and New Particular Churches), Doctrine of the Faith, Eastern Churches, Clergy, Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, Culture and Education, and Legislative Texts. He is additionally a member of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State.

Cardinal Prevost's life is a testament to his unwavering commitment to the Church, his deep theological insight, and his compassionate service to communities around the world.



VOCATION SUNDAY

This Sunday, **11 May**, we celebrate **Good Shepherd Sunday**, a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, inspire the hearts of your people to answer your call to the priesthood, the diaconate and to the religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity and may those you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them to guide them in their own vocations. Enlighten their minds to show them what you desire for them; fill their hearts with the determination to answer your call in faith, hope and love.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thank You for Supporting Our Priests Training Appeal through your prayers and generous donations. The future of our Church depends on the men who respond to God's call to the priesthood. Priests are vital to the mission of the Church - they bring us the Sacraments, and without them, we have no Mass, which is the source and summit of our faith. Every penny you give directly supports the discernment, formation, and training of current and future priests.

Your generosity enables three key areas: 1. **Seminary Formation** 2. **Ongoing Priestly Formation** 3. **Vocation Promotion** It costs over £30,000 per year to train each seminarian. This vital time of academic, spiritual, and pastoral preparation equips them for the realities of parish life and the wider mission of the diocese. Our priests continue to grow throughout their ministry with ongoing formation - biblical, theological, canonical, and spiritual - along with regular retreats and opportunities for reflection. Sadly, our diocese has never had enough home-grown priests to meet the needs of all our parishes. Bishop David longs to provide every parish with a resident priest, but this is not yet possible. As vocations decline, more parishes must prepare for life without a full-time priest. Our vocations team is working on a range of initiatives to inspire and support men considering the priesthood - but they can't do it without your help. Please continue to pray for and support this vital work.

Please click on the links below:

[Vocations Sunday 2025 - Bishop David Oakley](#)

[Renva Pena Testimony](#)

[Oliver Patton Testimony - YouTube](#)

[Chris Colaco Testimony](#)

NEW WINESKINS PROCESS



Bishop David has asked us to reflect on all aspects of parish life to create a plan to ensure we are resilient and mission-focused into the future. There are many opportunities to take part in this process by joining a conversation. A small group of parishioners from across the churches will read all the listening reports and develop scenarios leading to a final plan. There will be two open meetings so that people can help shape this plan. This process is being supported by Avril Baigent, from the Office for Pastoral Development. You can find more information about the process here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/diocesan-discernment-processes/>

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.

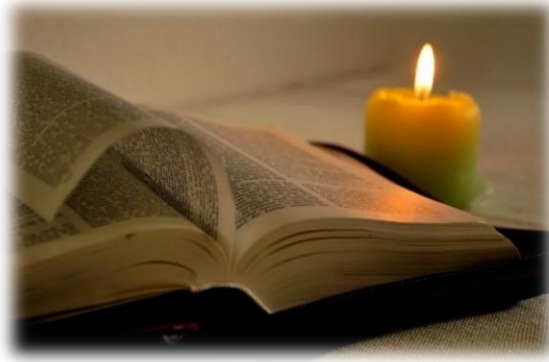
A simple programme for our listening sessions

- 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.



We would like to offer the opportunity to take part in our Synodal Listening to anyone who hasn't had this opportunity through the parish groups. There will be two open meetings held at St Edward's:

after the **10 am** Mass on **Wednesday, 14th May**

after the **7 pm** Mass on **Thursday, 15th May**

Everyone is welcome!

- Burton Latimer Community - **SCHEDULED** for Sunday, **18th May** after 9 am Mass
- Desborough Community - **WILLING** to participate
- Rothwell Community - **COMPLETED**
- St Thomas More School - **Session with parents COMPLETED**
 - **Session with children COMPLETED**
 - **Session with staff - TBC**
- St Edward's School -
- Filipino Community - **COMPLETED**
- Nigerian Community -
- Indian Community -
- Hospital staff -
- UCM -
- SVP - **COMPLETED**
- Legion of Mary - **WILLING** to participate
- Choir and all Music Groups -
- Eucharistic Ministers with Hospital Ministers -
- Readers - **SCHEDULED** for Wednesday, **28th May** at **2.30 pm**
- Mission Kettering - **WILLING** to participate
- Parish Finance Committee - **COMPLETED**
- Youth Group and Altar servers - **COMPLETED**
- Children's Liturgy and Catechists - **COMPLETED**
- Flower Group and Cleaners -
- Scouts and Brownies -
- Welcomers -
- Soup Kitchen teams - **SCHEDULED** for Wednesday, **21st May** at **6 pm.**

WEDDING BELLS



Congratulations to **Rajive & Rajini** who were married at **St Edward's** a week ago.
May God support their love for each other!

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

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, 6th June at 6.30 pm.**

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



If anyone wants their child to be Baptised, they will need to attend Mass every weekend for at least two months before attending a meeting. Please contact the office for further details. Our next Baptismal Preparation will be on **Monday, 12th May** at **7.00 pm** at St Edward's Church. You do not need to book in advance to attend the meeting. You can just turn up.

REGISTRATION AT ST EDWARD'S PARISH



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

COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by the **UCM** after 10.00 am Mass on 4th June.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY



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

ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



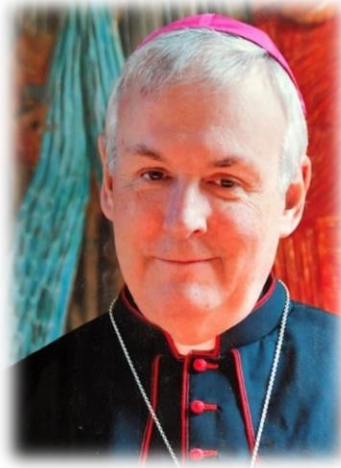
St. Edward - Kettering

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

St. Nicholas Owen - Burton Latimer

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BISHOP DAVID'S CANONICAL VISITATION



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

Saturday, 24th May, Vigil Mass

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

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

Sunday, 25th May

>>> 9.00 am - No Mass at Desborough

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

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

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

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

VIA LUCIS IN JUBILEE 2025

Stations of the Resurrection in the Peak District



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

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

>> Where will we start our adventure? We will go together by coach to

The Peak District to start our journey there.

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

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

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



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](#)

Diaconate Open Day



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

or franthy.brennan@northamptondiocese.org

Jesus Our Hope

As part of our celebrations for the 2025 Jubilee Year, you are warmly invited to an evening of celebration, inspiration, and hope. Each evening will include: Prayer, Reflection on God's Word, Personal testimony, Music, Time to socialise over refreshments. The event is free to attend, but to help us prepare refreshments, we kindly ask that you register in advance.

Event Dates and Locations:

- **Sunday, 12 May** – *Online*
- **Tuesday, 14 May** – 7:00–9:00 PM in Olney
- **Monday, 9 June** – 7:00–9:00 PM in Aylesbury

More information and registration details at: northamptondiocese.org/courses

Divine Mercy talk

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, Provincial Superior of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, will be visiting St. Joseph's Parish, Gerrards Cross on Tuesday, 3rd June at 7:30 PM. He will speak on "*The Significance of the Divine Mercy Devotion.*" The talk will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments. All are welcome.

RETROUVAILLE

Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more

www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

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.

**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PRAYING THE
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**

WITH FR CHRIS ALAR, MIC

**PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR OF THE MARIAN FATHERS OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AT THE NATIONAL
SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY, STOCKBRIDGE,
MASSACHUSETTS**



**TUESDAY 3RD JUNE
2025**

7.30PM - 9.15PM

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
AUSTENWOOD COMMON
CHALFONT ST PETER
GERRARDS CROSS
SL9 8RY**

Programme:

**7.30pm - Welcome & Prayer
led by Fr Bob Davies, OCD**

**7.40pm - Talk: The
Significance of Praying the
Divine Mercy Devotion,
Fr Chris Alar, MIC**

**8.30pm - Q&A Session with
Fr Chris Alar, MIC**

**8.45pm - Refreshments &
Book Signing Opportunity**

9.15pm - Depart



**Divine Mercy
Apostolate**

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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE

Life in the SPIRIT SEMINARS

MAY 13 - JUN 17 2025

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



Scan QR code to register

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

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

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

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

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

WOMEN

of Hope

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

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

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

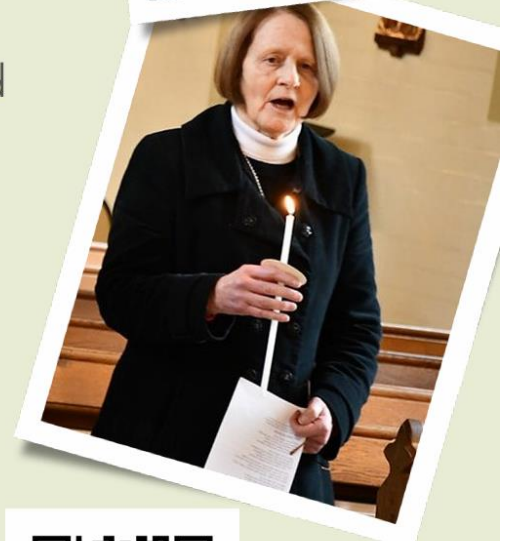
Our speaker will be **Avril Baigent**
who will lead us in an exploration of
our hopes for the future, using the
Synodal Listening Process.

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

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

ALL WELCOME

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



Scan the code to
book your place

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 19th 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	Mass

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

7.00 pm	Mass
8.00 pm	Filipino community
9.00 pm	Filipino community
10.00 pm	Indian community - confirmed
11.00 pm	Indian community – confirmed
12.00 am	Legion of Mary - confirmed

Saturday 21st June 2025	
6.00 am	Andy - office of Readings followed by meditative Rosary
7.00 am	Andy - Lauds followed by info on Pier Giorgio Frassati who is to be canonised this year and introduction to contemplative prayer before Mass
8.00 am	UCM - confirmed
9.00 am	SVP
10.00 am	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	Vigil Mass (<i>Corpus Christi</i>)
8.00 pm	Nigerian community
9.00 pm	Indian community
10.00 pm	Mission Kettering group
11.00 pm	Legion of Mary - confirmed
12.00 am	BENEDICTION

Take the four week challenge



Volunteer for just four weeks and be amazed at the difference you'll make.

Week 1 See what we get up to

Week 2 Start to help out

Week 3 Get a little more involved

Week 4 You'll know if Scouting is for you.

We have a wide range of flexible roles either supporting young people or behind the scenes. Any help is truly amazing.

Interested?

Contact Theresa McInally on 07904 585215
or email ketteringscouts16@hotmail.co.uk

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Scouts

16th Kettering (St
Edward's)

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!

4th June - U C M

2nd July - Burton Latimer

6th August - Desborough

3rd September - Rothwell

1st October - Soup Kitchen

5th November - Flower Arrangers and Readers

3rd December - Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy



BEREAVEMENT MASSES

At St Edward's Catholic Church



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

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

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

Masses in 2025

Thursday, 5th of June at 7 pm

Thursday, 4th of September at 7 pm

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

Thursday, 4th of December at 7 pm

ST EDWARD'S PARISH, KETTERING

YOUTH GROUP 2025



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

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

4th July

1st August

5th September

3rd October

7th November

5th December

>>6th June



Jubilee Year Indulgence



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

HOW CAN I OBTAIN AN INDULGENCE?

Making A Pilgrimage

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

PERFORMING ACTS OF MERCY, FORMATION AND PENANCE

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

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

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

What must I do?

Be detached from all sin

Make a Sacramental Confession

Receive Holy Communion

Pray for the Pope's Intentions

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

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



Our Jubilee Churches



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

THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST THOMAS



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

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

Pilgrims Mass: Friday at midday

First Saturday Devotions: Every First Saturday at 9.30am

THE HOLY CHILD AND ST JOSEPH

2 Bremerton Road,
Bedford,
MK40 1HU

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

Confessions: Saturday 11.30–12.30pm

Weekday Mass: Mon–Fri, 10.45am

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

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Every Thursday
11.30am–7pm and every Saturday, 11.30am–12.30pm



ST PETER



7 St Peter Street
Marlow
Buckinghamshire
SL71NQ

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

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

Holy Hour: First Friday of the month at 6pm

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

Skills

Talents

Interests



Welcome!

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

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

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

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

Your voice matters

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

We would love to hear your ideas

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

Email: parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org

Be part of our rich, diverse and vibrant catholic community