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**Parish Priest: Fr. Gregory Marchwiński Assistant Priest: Fr. Elvis Jose**

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*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, year C*

*18<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.*

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.



By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

- Saturday**     **06.30 pm** - Dominggas Soares Piedade /  
                             - Maria Auxiladore De Castro and Clara De Castro
- Sunday**        **08.30 am** - Isabelle and all children doing A-levels this year  
                             **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.
- Monday**        *(No public Mass at St Edward's)* - Mgr. Canon William Hunting /  
                             - Fr. Borgia RIP / - Mariy Omma RIP / - Annamma RIP
- Tuesday**       **09.30 am** - **Exposition and Adoration**  
                             **10.00 am** - Noreen Munnelly private int. / - David Tinkler birthday int.
- Wednesday** **10.00 am** - Mark Anthony and Antonio Villanueva RIP
- Thursday**      **07.00 pm** - Shinson and Asha wedding anniv.
- Friday**         **06.30 pm** - **Adoration and Benediction**  
                             **07.00 pm** - For the Holy Souls

**>> BISHOP DAVID'S VISITATION** - Each Mass will be followed by refreshments.

- Saturday**       **06.30 pm** - Mark Anthony & Antonio Villanueva RIP
- Sunday**        **08.30 am** - Shaiju Philip RIP  
                             **09.00 am** - / **Desborough** / - **NO MASS <<<**  
                             **10.30 am** - Martin Earley RIP

*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** this weekend 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.*

**+ Denis Collins** - His Funeral will be held at **St Edward's Church** on

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 1 pm.**

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



## BISHOP DAVID'S CANONICAL VISITATION



*Bishop David and Fr Gregory in 2020. Since then, only the church has changed...*

**Bishop David** will be visiting our parish next weekend on **24-25 May 2025**. The Bishop visits us every year to confirm our children but this is an opportunity for him to meet everybody. I am sure we will give him a warm St Edward's Parish welcome! Due to this special occasion, everyone is invited to join Bishop David for refreshments in the parish hall after each Mass. 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

- Refreshments after Mass will be hosted by 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

- Refreshments after Mass will be hosted by the **Desborough** and **Indian** communities.

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

- Refreshments after Mass will be hosted by the **Rothwell**, **Filipino** and **Nigerian** communities

## GOOD NEWS AT ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL



We congratulate **Mrs Olsen** who has been appointed Headteacher of St. Edward's School from September 2025. We are confident that under Mrs Olsen's leadership, the school will continue to thrive and provide an exceptional Catholic learning and spiritual environment for the children.

### A JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL

Assistant Headteacher, St. Edward's Primary School. Applications to be submitted via the link to the Trust's recruitment portal, on *MyNewTerm* no later than 12 noon on Monday 19th May 2025; the link to the vacancy can be found here:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141634/EDV-2025-SECPS-35884>

**Please see more details towards the end of the online newsletter.**

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### 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



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.

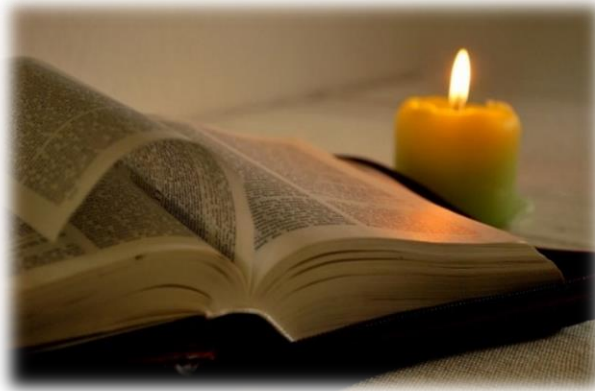
### **A simple programme for our listening sessions**

- 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.*



Last week we offered the opportunity to take part in our Synodal Listening to anyone who hasn't had this opportunity through the parish groups. There were two open meetings held at St Edward's:

- after the **10 am** Mass on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May** - **COMPLETED**
- after the **7 pm** Mass on **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May** - **COMPLETED**
- Burton Latimer Community - **SCHEDULED** for Sunday, **18<sup>th</sup> May** after 9 am Mass
- Desborough Community - **COMPLETED**
- Rothwell Community - **COMPLETED**
- St Thomas More School - **Session with parents COMPLETED**
  - **Session with children COMPLETED**
  - **Session with staff COMPLETED**
- St Edward's School - **WILLING** to participate
- Filipino Community - **COMPLETED**
- Nigerian Community -
- Indian Community -
- Hospital staff -
- UCM - **WILLING** to participate
- SVP - **COMPLETED**
- Legion of Mary - **WILLING** to participate
- Choir - **COMPLETED**
- Music Group - **SCHEDULED** for Sunday, **8<sup>th</sup> June** after 10.30 am Mass
- Eucharistic Ministers with Hospital Ministers -
- Readers - **SCHEDULED** for Wednesday, **28<sup>th</sup> May** at **2.30 pm**
- Mission Kettering - **SCHEDULED** for Saturday, **21<sup>st</sup> June** at **4 pm**.
- Parish Finance Committee - **COMPLETED**
- Youth Group and Altar servers - **COMPLETED**
- Children's Liturgy and Catechists - **COMPLETED**
- Flower Group and Cleaners - **SCHEDULED** for Tuesday, **20<sup>th</sup> May** at **6 pm**
- Scouts and Brownies -
- Welcomers - **SCHEDULED** for Thursday, **29<sup>th</sup> May** after 7 pm Mass
- Soup Kitchen teams - **SCHEDULED** for Wednesday, **21<sup>st</sup> May** at **6 pm**.



**Dominican Marian Retreat Day**  
**in Our Lady of Walsingham Church, Corby**  
**Saturday 31st May AD 2025**



**In our Lady's Parish at Corby**, on **Saturday 31st May**, the day on which The Church observes 'The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary' all are invited to spend an afternoon in the company of Our Lady, guided by two Dominicans from our Diocese. We pray that just as Our Lady visited her cousin Elizabeth in Ain Karim (Beth Jacob), a village located west of Jerusalem, so she may assist us by her prayers and favours.

**The Timetable**

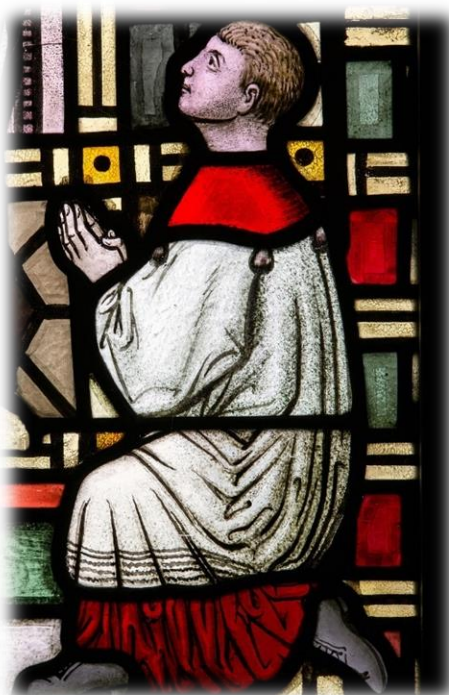
11.30am	Sacrament of Confession
11.45am	Chaplet of St. Dominic
12.00noon	Holy Mass
12.30pm	Lunch (Please bring your own packed lunch)
1.15pm	Talk by Father Richard Ounsworth, OP
2.00pm	Eucharistic Exposition & Confession
3.00pm	Tea, coffee and cake
3.30pm	Talk by Sister Philomena Benedict, OP
4.00pm	Holy Rosary
4.30pm	Dominican Blessing & Dismissal
5.30pm	Vigil Mass

## 'ROOM OF TEARS' OR RATHER ROOM OF LAUGHTER?



Although the photo above resembles the so-called '*Room of Tears*' in the Vatican where the newly elected Pope goes to don his white cassock for the first time, this is actually a photo of our sacristy at St. Edward's with the new albs for our altar servers. Last week we ordered several new albs for the older - or rather taller - altar servers, but in the future, we would like to order more for the younger ones. I hope that they will wear them with pride, joy, respect and a deep awareness that they serve the Lord who gave us the greatest example of love, service and sacrifice.

St Stephen pray for us!



## 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 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 **UCM** after 10.00 am Mass on 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

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



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



This will place during the 10.30 am Sunday Mass on the following dates: -

**18<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> July**

After the summer holidays, the Children Liturgy will restart on 21<sup>st</sup> September. The Children's Liturgy is for children in Year R, [accompanied by their parents] and children in Years 1,2,3. Due to the anxiety felt by some parents, it is suggested that if parents wish, they may accompany the children into the hall and as the children go into the Lower Room for Children's Liturgy; they remain in the hall and take part in the Celebration of Holy Mass via the screen. Everyone will return to the church via the sacristy door after the Bidding Prayers.

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## 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)

# 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, **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.

### **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.

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## 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](http://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.**

VISITATION OF THE  
CENTENARY PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF THE  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary*  
AND THE RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA AND FRANCISCO

Cathedral of Our Lady &  
St Thomas of Canterbury

NORTHAMPTON NN2 6AG

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025**

**Programme**

10:50	Welcome.
11:00 – 11:15	Procession.
11.15 – 12.00	Mass, followed by Veneration of the relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta Marto.
12.15 – 12.45	Rosary for world peace.
13.00 – 14.00	BREAK (BRING PACKED LUNCH)
14:00 – 14:35	Fatima Film.
14:35 – 15:20	Fatima Talk.
15:30 – 15.45	Enrol & Invest of the Brown Scapular.
16.00 – 17:00	Holy Hour / Reconciliation.
18:00 – 19:00	Sunday Vigil Mass (Celebrated by Bishop David)

For further details, please contact Ann Comerford on 01604 714556

email: [Parish.cathedralhub@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:Parish.cathedralhub@northamptondiocese.org)

Car parking is available at the front and rear of the Cathedral, as well  
as the Mayorhold Car Park.

Tea, coffee and soft drink provided, please bring a packed lunch.



Arranged by the World Apostolate of Fatima (England & Wales)  
A Public Association of the Faithful  
Registered Charity 1198986

Contact the World Apostolate of Fatima  
Mobile no. 07788473210 (9 am to 5 pm only, Mon to Fri)





## St Edward's Catholic Primary School

### Assistant Headteacher

September 2025

£49,781 - £52,301 (L1-L3)

St Edward's is a delightful, one form entry primary school located in Kettering, Northamptonshire. The school is part of the Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Academies Trust, formed by the merger of three former Catholic Trusts in February 2020. Our school works closely together with 11 other Catholic schools that are part of the Trust located across Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire.

The Trust is seeking an inspirational and dedicated Assistant Headteacher who is inspired to support the new Headteacher lead this delightful school on the next steps of its incredible journey of school improvement; we believe that St Edward's Catholic Primary School has the potential to provide an outstanding Catholic education for the primary school children of Kettering.

St Edward's is a warm and welcoming school embracing a strong Catholic ethos with good links to the Parish and local community. Underpinned by support from a centralised Trust team, you will work alongside professional experts in their own field for school improvement, finance, HR, IT, and operational services. As a leader in our family of schools you will work with us to shape the forward direction of the Trust and have the opportunity to work across schools to share expertise and promote good practice.

Further information about the school/Trust can be viewed on either the school website: <https://www.st-edwards.northants.sch.uk/> or on the Trust website: [www.olicatschools.org](http://www.olicatschools.org)

If you would like to arrange a school visit, please contact the school by telephoning 01536 481430.

Completed applications to be submitted via the link to the Trust's recruitment portal, on MyNewTerm no later than 12 noon on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025; the link to the vacancy can be found here: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141634/EDV-2025-SECPS-35884>

All appointments will be subject to an enhanced DBS clearance in line with our Safer Recruitment Policy.

Interviews are expected to be held either Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

***"Let all you do be done in love."***



## St Edward's Catholic Primary School

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8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share some important news about changes to our school leadership team.

We are delighted to announce Mrs Olsen has been appointed as the-Headteacher of St. Edward's from September 2025. This appointment is an exciting opportunity for our school community, as Mrs Olsen, currently Head of School, has been a vital part of our team for many years and has a deep understanding of our school's ethos and values. We are confident that under Mrs Olsen's leadership, our school will continue to thrive and provide an exceptional Catholic learning and spiritual environment for our children.

We will now begin the recruitment process for a Deputy Headteacher. This role is pivotal in supporting our Headteacher and ensuring that our high standards of education and care are maintained. We are committed to finding a candidate who shares our vision and is dedicated to nurturing our students' growth and development. We will keep you updated once the recruitment process has been finalised.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support for our school. Please consider joining us as a Governor, it is a wonderful opportunity to work alongside the leadership team of St Edward's.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely



Bill Nelson

Local Academy Governor acting Chair and OLICAT Director

# 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  
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# 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

<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025</b>	
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>

# 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 McNally on 07904 585215  
or email [ketteringscouts16@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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!**

**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**

**>>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**