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***19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time 10<sup>th</sup> August 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.*

# THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> August

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

- Saturday**    **06.30 pm** - Noel Hammond RIP
- Sunday**     **08.30 am** - Ann Machell int. / - For the Parish  
                 **09.00 am** - / **Desborough** / - Eileen Philomena Stronge RIP, 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.  
                 **10.30 am** - John McGrenaghan RIP, birthday int.
- Monday**     *(No public Mass at St Edward's)* - Kath Navin RIP
- Tuesday**    **09.30 am** - **Exposition and Adoration**  
                 **10.00 am** - Thanksgiving int.
- Wednesday** **10.00 am** - Winifred Dixon
- Thursday**   **06.30 pm** - **Rosary led by the UCM**  
                 **07.00 pm** - U.C.M. int.
- Friday**       **09.30 am** - **Rosary led by the Legion of Mary**  
                 **10.00 am** - Ivan Gibbison  
                 **06.00 pm** - **Adoration, Rosary and Benediction**  
                 **07.00 pm** - For all the Souls in Purgatory
- Saturday**    **06.30 pm** - John Francis Hutchinson RIP / - Rosemaria Jiju, birthday int.
- Sunday**     **08.30 am** - George Nichols RIP  
                 **09.00 am** - / **Burton Latimer** / - For the Parish  
                 **10.30 am** - For peace in the family int. / - Angela Hill RIP, 13<sup>th</sup> anniv.  
                 **12.15 pm** - / **Rothwell** / - Carol Beetherick, get well intent.

*To request a Mass Intention please contact the parish office.*

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



## CONFESSIONS AT ST EDWARD'S



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

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

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

- Fr Gregory



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



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

**+ Arthur James Ryan (Jim)** - His Funeral Service will be held at **St Edward's**  
on Thursday, **28<sup>th</sup> August at 11 am.**

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

**FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



***Three Masses at St Edward's will be held on:***

***Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, Vigil Mass at 7 pm***

***Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> August at 10 am and 7 pm***



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

The dogma of the ***Assumption of the Mother of God*** was proclaimed on  
**1<sup>st</sup> November 1950**, by Pope **Pius XII** in the Apostolic Constitution -

***'Most Generous God'.***

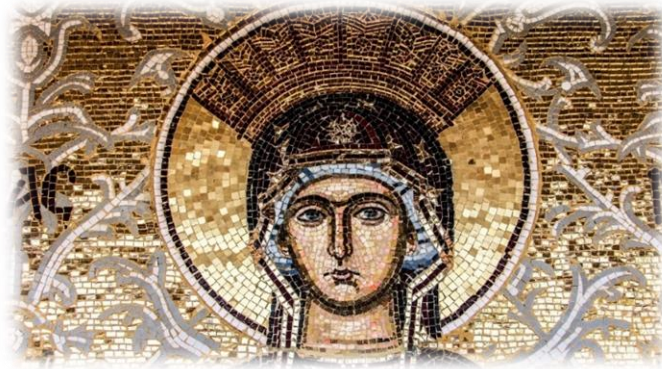
*"For the glory of Almighty God, who bestowed special grace upon the Virgin Mary, in honour of His Son, the immortal King of the ages and the Conqueror of sin and death, to increase the glory of His Blessed Mother, to the inexpressible joy of the whole Church, by the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and Ourselves, we proclaim, declare, and define as dogma the truth revealed by God that the Immaculate Mother of God, ever Virgin Mary, after completing her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."*

It is worth knowing that the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary says nothing about the death of the Mother of God. This issue is still the subject of debate among theologians. Some of them point to two possibilities:

**+++ If Mary died**, then her Assumption preceded her Resurrection, and all these events must have occurred within a short period of time.

**+++ If Mary did not die**, then the Assumption occurred at the moment when her earthly life ended. If this is the case, we cannot speak of death, but only of falling asleep.

The Church recognises that of all people, Mary was closest to the Holy Trinity. Therefore, she was granted the joy of seeing the Holy Trinity immediately after the end of her earthly life. Although the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was not proclaimed until the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, the feast in honour of Mary assumed into heaven was known already in the first centuries of Christianity. It was then called the **'Dormition of Mary'**. The proclamation of the dogma was only an official recognition of a truth that had long been recognised in the Church. Pope Pius XII recalled it and, with his authority, confirmed and sanctioned it as a dogma of faith.



The Assumption of Mary is not mentioned in Holy Scripture. All the events of the life of Our Lady described in the Gospels occurred during her earthly life. According to tradition, Mary lived for approximately 20 years after Christ's Resurrection. Throughout the many centuries of commemorating the end of Our Lady's life, the Church has not determined whether Mary died and was assumed into heaven body and soul after death, or whether she passed into heaven without dying, but merely 'falling asleep'.

**Pope John Paul II** took a clear stance on the possible death of Mary, on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1997, when he delivered his catechesis on 'The Dormition of the Virgin Mary'. The Holy Father noted that in the constitution 'Most Generous God', **Pius XII** '**does not consider it appropriate to solemnly affirm the death of the Mother of God as a truth that all the faithful must accept**'.

**'We wish to emphasize that the Mother of God certainly died because Christ also died. She passed through death because He also passed through death,'** - John Paul II said at the time. However, we need to remember that papal catechesis does not have the power to definitively decide, but rather that it belongs to the ordinary teaching of the Church. Therefore, although Mary's death has not been proclaimed as a dogma of faith, it is nevertheless part of the ordinary teaching of the Catholic Church.

- Fr Gregory



## A NEW DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH



On **31<sup>st</sup> July**, Pope **Leo XIV** proclaimed **Cardinal John Henry Newman** a **Doctor of the Church**. He became the **38<sup>th</sup>** Saint in the history of the Church to be awarded this honorary title. This event holds not only immense theological significance but also spiritual and cultural significance, especially for Catholics living in a world dominated by secularism and scepticism.

When the Church proclaims someone a doctor, it is not only about recognising their personal holiness. It is about something more, that their teachings are of unique value to the entire People of God. Cardinal Newman - a convert, theologian, modern philosopher, pastor, has just joined this elite group. He is one of the few Doctors who lived in times similar to ours - a time of a revolution of ideas, crisis of faith and tension between religion and science.

Cardinal Newman is a saint of our times not only because he lived in the modern era. He is so, because he teaches how to be faithful in a world that does not facilitate such faithfulness. He shows us that one can be both deeply Catholic and deeply intellectual, that conscience matters, but only when well-formed. He shows us that the Church is not an outdated institution, but the living body of Christ, leading to truth.

**The title of 'Doctor of the Church' is not only an honour. It is, above all, an invitation for us all to engage with his writings, to undertake the task of thinking with faith and believing with prudence. We are invited to remember, in a world of uncertainty and confusion, that "life here on earth is a pilgrimage, not a place of rest."**

**- Fr Gregory**

## THE SYMBOLIC DIMENSION OF THE UPCOMING CANONISATIONS

>>> **7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025** <<<



**Blessed Carlo Acutis** and Blessed **Pier Giorgio Frassati** will be canonised together on **7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**. Two young Catholics whose lives inspired millions will be officially recognized as saints of the Catholic Church.



*Carlo Acutis*



**Carlo Acutis** died in 2006 - when I was ordained a deacon - at the age of just 15 from leukaemia, but his life left a lasting mark on the hearts of the faithful. Born in London and raised in Milan, from a young age he was distinguished by a deep faith and an extraordinary relationship with the Eucharist. He was the one who said:

*‘The Eucharist is my highway to heaven’.*

Carlo was also a talented programmer. In his teens, he created a virtual exhibition documenting over 100 Eucharistic miracles, which has since visited thousands of parishes around the world. The Vatican recognised a second miracle through Carlo's intercession in May 2024 - the miraculous healing of 21-year-old Valeria Valverde from Costa Rica after a serious brain injury. Her mother prayed at Carlo's tomb in Assisi. Despite all prognoses, the girl recovered. Carlo inspired more than just his peers. His witness led to the conversion of his Hindu caregiver and the restoration of his parents' faith. Just before his death, he offered his suffering "for the Pope and the Church."





## *Pier Giorgio Frassati*



**Pier Giorgio Frassati**, who died at the age of 24 in 1925, was an active lay Dominican, an engineering student, and a mountain enthusiast. Born in Turin to a journalistic family (his father was the founder of the daily newspaper *La Stampa*), it was not his social standing, but his life of service to the poor that made him exceptional. Frassati was active in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul from the age of 17, receiving Holy Communion daily, and supporting the homeless, soldiers, and the sick. His spiritual motto was: **'To the Heights'**. He died of polio, which he likely contracted while ministering to the sick. Beatified by John Paul II in 1990, Frassati earned the title **"Man of the Beatitudes."**

Although separate ceremonies were originally planned - Carlo Acutis in April and Pier Giorgio Frassati in August - after the death of Pope Francis on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025, the Vatican decided to combine the ceremonies. The new date, **7<sup>th</sup> September**, takes on a symbolic dimension: **holiness is accessible to both the modern teenager with a computer and the young activist of the 1920s.**

**Carlo and Pier Giorgio**, though they lived in different eras, they show us that holiness does not depend on age, status, or era. One evangelised through the internet and technology, the other through service to those in need and love for the Eucharist. Their joint canonisations will not only be a joyful celebration for the Church but also a **powerful sign to young people in our parish and around the world that holiness is not an abstraction. It is possible, alive, and necessary.**

- Fr Gregory

## A NEW ROSARY GROUP IN OUR PARISH

An interesting proposal for those who like and want to pray but... live a busy life 😊. Even though our lives are very busy, together we can pray **200 Hail Marys** every day 😊!



**Do you know that the Rosary is an incredibly powerful prayer?** Do you have an important intention you'd like to pray for? It could be for your children, parents, for the sick, or for the deceased members of your family. It could be for the Pope, the Bishop, priests, for new vocations, for the sanctity of life. Or perhaps for our parish community, or for world peace? There may be many intentions for which you can pray.

**Would you like to be part of a prayer group, but on the other hand you are hesitant and have many doubts, because you realise how busy you are with your family, study, work and so on?** Do you know that as a parish, we can pray the entire Rosary every day? Do you know that it is possible, even though the Rosary consists of four mysteries, and each mystery consists of five decades. Yes, as a parish we can pray every day all 4 Mysteries, that is 20 Decades of the Holy Rosary (**200 Hail Marys every day!**)

**Do you know that we can do this without leaving home, coming to church every day, or meeting with fellow parishioners every day or even every week?** Would you like to help me start this prayer initiative in our parish? Would you be willing to commit to praying only one Decade of the Rosary every day. You can do this wherever you want, and wherever is convenient for you. It can be done at school or at work. It can be done on your way to work, shopping, or even on holiday. It can be done in the morning, at midday, in the afternoon, evening or at night.

### If you attend one of the following Masses:

**+ Saturday at 6:30 pm** - We need at least 5 parishioners to share between us the 5 decades of the **Joyful Mysteries**. On the first Saturday of each month after the 6.30 pm Mass we will meet in Our Lady's chapel to say one decade of the Rosary together and exchange our cards.

**+ + or Sunday at 8:30 am** - We need at least 5 parishioners to share between us the 5 decades of the **Sorrowful Mysteries**. On the first Sunday of each month after the 8.30 am Mass we will meet in Our Lady's chapel to say one decade of the Rosary together and exchange our cards.

**+++ or Sunday at 10:30 am** - We need at least 5 parishioners to share between us the 5 decades of the **Glorious Mysteries**. On the first Sunday of each month after the 10.30 pm Mass we will meet in Our Lady's chapel to say one decade of the Rosary together and exchange our cards.

**++++ or Wednesday at 10 am** - We need at least 5 parishioners to share between us the 5 decades of the **Mysteries of Light**. On the first Wednesday of each month after the 10 am Mass we will meet in Our Lady's chapel to say one decade of the Rosary together and exchange our cards.

*I encourage you to establish rosary groups among our communities in Burton Latimer, Desborough and Rothwell.*

**>>> If you're interested in joining, please let Fr Gregory know <<<**



***What can I find on the card? On one side of the card is the title of the Mystery of the Rosary, a relevant image, and a short reflection. On the back you can find the following:***

*I undertake to recite the following prayers every day:*

**+++ Sign of the Cross +++**

+ 1 Our Father,

+ 10 times Hail Mary,

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

### **MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

## 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

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### COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by the **Rothwell Community** after 10.00 am Mass on **6<sup>th</sup> September**.

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### 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, 5<sup>th</sup> September 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, 8<sup>th</sup> September** 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)

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### 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/>

## A DAY PILGRIMAGE TO TYBURN CONVENT AND CRYPT



This day pilgrimage is to Tyburn Convent and crypt, the home to many English Martyrs, two of whom are from Northamptonshire. The crypt contains many relics of the Martyrs. We can also visit the spot of the Tyburn tree, the Clink Museum and St Etheldreda's Church, which has the largest stained-glass window in a London Catholic Church. The trip is suitable for a wide age range of individuals and abilities, although there is walking between sites of interest. The date for the pilgrimage will be

**15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.** If you are interested, please email the parish office as soon as possible. If you have already signed up, you will have received an email with more details. Please let us know if you have not received it.

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### DIOCESAN NEWS



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
OF NORTHAMPTON

#### **Northampton Diocesan Pilgrimage to France**

Paray-le-Monial • Cluny • Taizé

With Bishop David Oakley | Sunday 19 - Friday 24 October 2025

Join Bishop David Oakley and pilgrims from across the diocese on a deeply spiritual journey marking the 350th Anniversary of the Apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St Margaret Mary Alacoque.

Places are limited; early booking is strongly recommended.

Details & Registration – [click here](#)

#### **Retreat for Permanent Deacons and Spouses 10-12 October 2025**

Theme: *The Eucharist and the Liturgy*

Led by Fr Matthew Jarvis OP, with reflections on Real Presence, Church unity, and pastoral practice. Optional early arrival on Thursday 9 October.

Christian Heritage Centre. Book by 31 July

[christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-eucharist-and-the-liturgy](https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-eucharist-and-the-liturgy)

### **Catechist Formation - Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1)**

Are you called to be a catechist? Do you want to grow in confidence and understanding as you accompany others on their faith journey? This blended training course combines virtual and in-person elements. Drawing from Scripture, Church documents, and lived experience, it is ideal for new and experienced catechists.

#### **Course Dates:**

- Starts Tuesday 14 October
- Then Tuesday evenings: 21 Oct, 4 Nov, 11 Nov, 18 Nov
- In-person Saturday session: 10am–4pm, 22 Nov at St Francis & St Therese RC Church Rooms, Northampton NN4 0RZ

Includes Zoom links, course materials, and refreshments

No fixed fee – donations welcomed

Info & Registration: [www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/bishops-certificate-in-catechesis-level-1-october-2025](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/bishops-certificate-in-catechesis-level-1-october-2025)

Course brochure: [www.northamptondiocese.org/catechesis](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/catechesis)

### **March for Life UK - 6 September, London**

Join **March for Life UK** on **Saturday, 6 September**, in London.

This year's theme is "**Human Rights for All Humans**"- highlighting the foundational right to life. It's a family-friendly event celebrating life from conception and supporting all affected by abortion.

[Find out more](#) | [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)

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## **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!**

**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**

## THE BETHESDA GROUP AND MASSES AT ST EDWARD'S FOR PARISHIONERS WITH SPECIAL AND ADDITIONAL NEEDS



One of my recent pastoral ideas is to establish a new parish group whose primary goal will be to provide support to people with special and additional needs. In our parish, we have quite a few people who face these kinds of experiences on a daily basis. Many of them we meet at Masses at St Edward's, but there are also those who although Catholics, don't have much contact with our parish. We would like to reach out to them. I would also like to organise regular Masses followed by gatherings in the Parish Hall so that both children and adults affected by any kind disability, and also their parents, siblings and friends can get to know each other, support each other, and share their experiences, joys, and struggles. Our first Mass will be held on

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September at 10 am**

Where did the name **Bethesda** come from? I found it in the Gospel of St John where Jesus healed a paralysed man. In Aramaic, Bethesda means '**House of Mercy**'.

Once I initiate this group and manage to find leaders, I will take a back seat and my role will be limited to being the spiritual director of the group. At this point I would like to invite:

- All parishioners with special and additional needs with their parents, siblings, friends or carers.
- Our Parish Safeguarding Representative.
- Catechists who would like to discuss the possibility of an individualised programme of sacramental preparation.
- Volunteers who are willing to help with Mass, refreshments in the Parish Hall, welcomers, school staff, and anyone who would like to contribute in any way to the meetings.

If you feel inspired by the Holy Spirit to help us with this venture, please contact me.

- Fr Gregory



## OUR 2<sup>nd</sup> CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST CECILIA AT ST EDWARD'S



*'He who sings, prays twice'* St Augustine

Once again, I would like to invite all our communities, our catholic schools, choirs, music groups, duets, soloists to take part in our celebration on

***Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> November at 6.30 pm.***

I would like to remind all who came last year what a celebration it was, what an uplifting experience! It was not a competition. That's what we want for this year too - for everybody to enjoy an evening of Christian music. It does not matter how big or small a choir or music group is, or how long it has been running. The important thing is that everybody comes out of church feeling uplifted.

This is to be a worship of God through beautiful singing, not a concert. Any music group or duet or soloist interested in taking part in our project, please inform Fr. Gregory by the **1<sup>st</sup> of October**, and send him a list of hymns they want to sing. Hymns cannot be repeated. If any group has already selected a particular hymn before you, you will be asked to change your selection. So, the sooner I know, the better. Like last year, the children from our schools will sing first, then order performances will be by random draw and the music groups will be informed in what order they will be singing a week beforehand.

***Programme:*** Each group will be given approximately 10 minutes to introduce itself and sing several hymns. The number of hymns will depend of how many choirs want to take part in this celebration of church music. Refreshments and hot chocolate in the Parish Hall will be hosted by the members of our parish groups.

## 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.**

# 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, 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**:

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

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

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

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





# Jubilee Year Indulgence



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

## HOW CAN I OBTAIN AN INDULGENCE?

### Making A Pilgrimage

- |                           |   |                                              |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------|
| 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,<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**