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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 7th September 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.

Which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?



Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'.

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

Saturday **06.30 pm** - Kallely George RIP

Sunday **08.30 am** - Veronica and Jim Kemp

09.00 am - / **Burton Latimer** / - For the Parish

10.30 am - Vincent and Elizabeth Tierney RIP

12.15 pm - / **Rothwell** / - Lattanzi familia RIP

Monday *(No public Mass at St Edward's)* - For the Parish

Tuesday **09.30 am** - *Exposition and Adoration*

10.00 am - James Dellett RIP

Wednesday **10.00 am** - Jeanette Green RIP / - Sianna Brennan RIP

Thursday **07.00 pm** - Thanksgiving int.

Friday **06.30 pm** - *Adoration and Benediction*

07.00 pm - Armelinda Maiorani RIP 82nd birthday int.

Renato Mancini RIP 8th anniv. / - Mick Brody RIP 9th anniv.

Saturday **10.00 am** - **Bethesda Mass**

06.30 pm - Ewa Sitek RIP 1st anniv.

Sunday **08.30 am** - Jasmin Somauroo

09.00 am - / **Desborough** / - For the Parish

10.30 am - John Patrick Crane 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.

**>>> 2nd Collection on the weekend of 20th/21st of September will be
for [Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.](#)**

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.

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

THE CANONISATION OF CARLO ACUTIS AND PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI



On **7 September 2025**, the Church will celebrate a moment of great joy as Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati are canonised by Pope Leo XIV in St Peter's Square. Carlo, often called the "cyber-apostle of the Eucharist," was a teenager from Milan who used his love of technology to spread devotion to Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament. His deep Eucharistic faith and ordinary yet holy way of living have inspired countless young people around the world. Pier Giorgio Frassati, who died in 1925 at the age of 24 after contracting polio, is remembered for his zest for life, generosity to the poor, and devotion to prayer. Nicknamed "*the man of the Beatitudes*" by St John Paul II, he is a model of faith-filled action in the world. This canonisation, originally scheduled for April 27, was postponed following the death of Pope Francis on April 21. In announcing the new date, Pope Leo XIV highlighted how these two young Italians, one from the early 20th century, the other from our own time, demonstrate that holiness is possible in every age and circumstance.

As we approach 7 September, our Diocese unites with the universal Church in prayer and thanksgiving. Carlo and Pier Giorgio, two luminous witnesses of youthful holiness, remind us that sanctity is not reserved for a few but is a call for all the baptised. May their example encourage our young people to live their faith with courage, joy, and love for Christ.

DID YOU KNOW?

Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) Born in London, grew up in Milan / Loved computers and gaming, but above all the Eucharist / Created an online exhibition of Eucharistic miracles / Died of leukemia at age 15 / Called the "*cyber-apostle of the Eucharist*"

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) Born in Turin, Italy / Student, mountain climber, and lover of the outdoors / Tirelessly served the poor and sick of his city / Member of Catholic Action and the Dominican lay order / Died of polio at age 24, known as "*the man of the Beatitudes*"



PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR THE CANONISATION OF **CARLO ACUTIS** AND **PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI**

Loving Father, You call your sons and daughters to holiness in every time and place. We thank you for the shining witness of **Blessed Carlo Acutis** and **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**, who lived with joy, courage, and love for Christ. Through their example, inspire us to place the Eucharist at the heart of our lives, to serve the poor with generosity, and to live our faith with youthful zeal. Grant that, through their prayers, our families and communities may grow in holiness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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, 13th 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

WE ARE PLANNING TO PAINT AND RENOVATE OUR PARISH HALL



Our Parish Hall when it was a church, before 1946.

This week, we are planning to paint our Parish Hall and renovate the floor. Please be aware that the Hall will be reopened when all the work is completed, that is at the end of September.

We are very blessed as a parish to have such a space for various meetings and pastoral activities. The Hall is regularly used by our catechists and children for sacramental preparation. The UCM ladies hold their meetings in the meeting room. On every first Wednesday of the month, we have our coffee mornings. On every first Friday of the month, we invite the youth from our parish for their monthly activities with prayers, games and pizzas. Our Soup Kitchen teams cook and feed about 40 people who are in need and struggle financially. The Hall is used by the Brownies. It is also used by the Syro-Malabar community for catechism classes and Alcoholics Anonymous on Sundays.

It is worth knowing that before St Edward's church was built and consecrated on 24th September 1946 (*next year we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of this event*), our Hall was used as a church.

Before any work can be done, we need to clear the main hall completely. Therefore, I am asking for volunteers to help us to take down the paintings and the curtains and move all the furniture into the meeting room area. We will meet on Saturday, **6th September at 10 am** in the Hall. I am looking forward to seeing many willing parishioners. In addition, I ask you for your that during the week, vans might be parked outside the church. Please use the swimming pool car park.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND NEW READERS IN OUR DIVERSE PARISH



In **October** we would like to recruit new **Eucharistic Ministers** and new **Readers**. We are planning to organise a training session for each group. **We would like to invite all parishioners, and all our communities to come forward and become involved in the Eucharistic Ministry and in reading during Mass.**

In many listening sessions which we had within the Synodal Review, it was often noted how diverse our parish is, and that we need to engage more with all the communities such as the Filipino, Indian, Nigerian, Italian, Polish communities, and so on. This was very successful when we celebrated the *Feast of St Cecilia* and then when these communities led the *Stations of the Cross* with great devotion during Lent. This shows we can do it! All these communities are part of our parish, and they are always welcome to be involved.

Below you can find the dates and programmes for both training sessions. Meanwhile if you are interested and feel called to either or both of these ministries, please contact Fr Gregory.



TRAINING FOR NEW READERS

at St Edward's Church,

Saturday, 4th October 2025



Programme

10.00 - Welcome, Private prayers and preparation for Adoration

10.15 am - **Exposition**, 15 minutes **Adoration** in silence and **Benediction**
followed by **The Angelus**.

10.30 am - **1st Talk** - by **Sr Aidan** (*Our understanding of the Scriptures, the importance of being prepared before we proclaim the Word of God publicly, how we should approach the lectern before we read and how we should use the microphone, how does our rota work. What works well and what can be improved in our rota?*)

followed by **Q&A**

Nina - (*What parishioners expect from us when we read? The importance of correct diction*) followed by **Q&A**

10.45 am - **Lectio Divina** in small groups

11.00 am - **2nd Talk** - by **Eugene** (*Explanation of the cycle - Year A, B, C on Sundays, and year I and II on weekdays. New liturgical year always begins on 1st Sunday of Advent. Now in 2025 we have Year C on Sundays, and Year I on weekdays, understanding and presenting the bidding prayers*) followed by **Q&A**

11.15 am - Tea and Coffee in the Parish Hall

This training is mandatory for those who would like to join the team of readers, but we also invite our existing readers to refresh what they know about being a good reader.

TRAINING FOR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

at St Edward's Church,

Saturday, 18th October 2025



Programme

9.45 - Welcome, Private prayers and preparation for Adoration

10.00 am - **Exposition**, 15 minutes **Adoration** in silence and **Benediction**
followed by **The Angelus**.

10.20 am - **Film** about Eucharistic miracles - **Nigel**

10.30 am - **Testimony** by **Ron & Veronica** (*What does it mean to you to be a Eucharistic Minister? How does this ministry enrich you spiritually? How does it impact your daily life and your marriage and family? Why it is a privilege to be a Eucharistic minister? Why is this ministry increasingly needed and appreciated by our priests?*)

10.45 am - **1st Talk** - by **Rose** ('Theology' followed by **Q&A**)

11.00 am - **Lectio Divina** in small groups **J 6, 1-15** - **Kirsty** and **Collette**

11.15 am - **2nd Talk** - by **Joanie** ('Practicalities' followed by **Q&A**)

11.30 am - **Safeguarding Matters** - led by our Safeguarding Representatives

11.45 am - Tea and Coffee in the Parish Hall

A big **Thank You** to **Anne Randell** for her faithful service as a leader, formator and coordinator of the Eucharistic Ministers in our parish over many years.

This training is mandatory for those who would like to join the team of Eucharistic Ministers, but we also invite our existing Ministers to benefit from and maybe contribute to the session.

ALL OUR DIVERSE PARISH INVOLVED IN CLEANING GOD'S HOUSE



I am delighted that different parish communities have agreed to be part of a cleaning rota in **September**.

- before the 1st weekend of September - the **Filipino Community** thank you!
- before the 2nd weekend of September - the **Indian Community**
- before the 3rd weekend of September - the **Polish Community**
- before the 4th weekend of September - the **Nigerian Community**

Our regular cleaning volunteers who have always been very reliable and great to work with, will keep on top of everything, so that the church will always look immaculate. If all goes well in September, we can carry on. If there are any other parish communities who would like to become involved with cleaning the church, please let me know. Many hands make light work!



THANK YOU, GOD BLESS AND GOOD LUCK!



We have a number of our Altar Servers who will be leaving this year to study at university. We thank them for the many years of faithful service, for their guidance and example to the younger servers. We wish them well, and hope to see them when they come home to visit their families. I pray that they will get involved with their new catholic community, wherever they will be. As we say goodbye, **maybe there are boys and girls who have dreamed of becoming an altar server**. Many parishes have adult servers. **If you feel called to be an adult server, please contact Fr Gregory**. You would need to hold a DBS clearance. Please read the article below and I look forward to hearing from you.

7 REASONS FOR BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER



You have most likely seen them at Mass, up by the altar, helping Fr Gregory or Fr Elvis to keep the Mass running smoothly. Their age ranges from after they have made their First Holy Communion upwards, and they normally wear robes which look very similar to that of the priests, but have you ever considered doing the same?

Here are seven reasons why becoming an altar server might be one of the best things you could choose to do.

- 1.** You can learn a lot about the Mass by serving at the altar. For instance, why is incense used at times? By becoming an altar server, you begin to learn these things and it makes all the symbols of the Mass so much more understandable and interesting.
- 2.** You can get more out of Mass through serving at the altar. When you start to understand why we do something, you get so much more from it. More than this though, by serving at the altar you pay more attention to the whole Mass to help you remember where your part fits in. By focusing and understanding what is going on, the Mass can then lead you into a much deeper relationship with God and you feel the impact of Mass far greater!
- 3.** Altar serving can lead to making lots of new friends! By becoming an altar server, you will be meeting up with many of the same people every time you serve at Mass. With a great range of ages and experiences, you will meet some fantastic people you would probably meet nowhere else. As your friendship develops, you will end up having many friends who all share your faith and this can lead to some brilliant conversations and great memories.
- 4.** Altar serving can teach you lots of valuable skills - communication, teamwork, perceiving what needs to be done and doing it, punctuality, self-confidence, and more. Serving on the altar is a great place to start building these skills. You are supported by all your fellow servers, you have quite a large responsibility and rules to guide you. Even if you do something wrong, nobody in the congregation usually notices!

5. You can get to know your community better through altar serving. By taking up a responsibility at Mass you start to recognise more and more people in the church in general.

This slowly changes your experience of the church community, from a group of random people you stand next to during Mass, to a large and diverse family who you can meet and chat with every time you go and make you feel truly at home in your church.

6. Whether marriage, consecrated singlehood, religious life or priesthood, altar serving can help you understand your vocation. Every vocation (whether marriage, consecrated singlehood, religious life or priesthood) is awesome and leads us to a greater and deeper understanding and relationship with God. Altar Serving is a great way to begin to see that beauty more fully in both priesthood and religious life.

7. You can gain a greater appreciation of the priesthood by altar serving. Even if you are not discerning priesthood, by altar serving you learn so much more about the priest you work with. This is great because it allows you to both fully appreciate his human side while also appreciating much more the sacramental grace he has been given in holy orders!

Please share this with your family and friends. If anybody would like to serve at Mass, please contact Fr Gregory.



REGISTRATIONS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN FROM NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



>>> Registration for *First Holy Communion* takes place after Christmas on Saturday, **10th January 2026. For more information, please keep an eye on the parish newsletter at the beginning of December. *Children must be in year 3 or older.***

>>> Registration for *Confirmation* takes place **before Easter. For more information, please keep an eye on the parish newsletter at the beginning of March.**

If you have any questions regarding preparation for these two sacraments, please call the parish office on a Monday between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm and speak to Mrs Everington.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS WITH DBS



Volunteers who registered with the DBS **online update service**, please be aware that the service has altered. Instead of it automatically updating, you must take action when you receive an email about it. It's a simple click and confirm.

PLANNING YOUR WEDDING



If you are planning to get married abroad or at St Edward's Church, you must give us at least six months' notice. This is to ensure that all the preparation that couples are required to do, and the pre-marriage courses are completed along with the necessary paperwork. Please contact the parish office to get the relevant link to the course. You are always welcome to approach me after any Mass, so that you can begin making wedding plans. Please remember that to be legally married in this country, both parties have to be over 18 years old. Depending on circumstances if you have been married before, you may still have the opportunity to be married in the Catholic Church, but this will depend on your personal situation. At least one party must be Catholic. Although you can be married wherever you wish, all the paperwork has to be done by your parish priest in the place where you live.

A DAY PILGRIMAGE TO TYBURN CONVENT AND CRYPT



18 parishioners will take part in our day pilgrimage is to Tyburn Convent and crypt. The date for the pilgrimage will be **15th September 2025**.

BEREAVEMENT MASSES



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:

Monday, 3rd of November (*All Souls Day*) at 7 pm

Thursday, 4th of December at 7 pm

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 have our first group of five: **Beverley, Pearl, Bineetha, Danny, Shane** who share between them the 5 decades of the **Joyful Mysteries**. On the first Saturday of each month after the 6.30 pm Mass they will meet in Our Lady's chapel to say one decade of the Rosary together and exchange their cards.

[If you would like to be part of the next group of five parishioners, please come forward.](#)

+ + 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 -

So far, we have: **Rakiya, Gareth** but we need **three more** parishioners to make a group of five and 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 have our first group of five: **Chris, Sue, Diane, Moira, Augustina** who share between them the 5 decades of the **Mysteries of Light**. On the first Wednesday of each month after the 10 am Mass they will meet in Our Lady's chapel to say one decade of the Rosary together and exchange their cards.

If you would like to be part of the next group of five parishioners, please come forward.

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 **12 noon**.
Please take this opportunity to spend some time with the Lord

COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by the **Soup Kitchen** after 10.00 am Mass on **1st October**.

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, 3rd October 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, 6th October** 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

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/>

DIOCESAN NEWS



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

Cathedral Hub Business Manager

We are currently recruiting for a full-time, two-year fixed-term position to support the smooth running of the Cathedral Hub, covering three local parish sites. The role involves managing financial and operational tasks, overseeing contracts, SLAs, and facilities, and ensuring strong financial controls. Ideal for someone proactive, reliable, and ready to be a key part of the team.

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

Closing date for all applications is Monday 1st September at 9am.

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

CSSA Thematic Inspection: Survivor Engagement and Support

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has launched a public survey as part of its thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support. The survey invites victims and survivors of abuse, whether recent or historic, to share their experiences of contact with dioceses and Religious Life Groups.

Here in Northampton, we continue to walk alongside survivors through initiatives such as the Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral and Bishop David's A Time to Listen. We encourage as many survivors as possible to take part in the survey, helping to shape an ever-safer Church for all.

[Further details and link to the survey](#)

Mass for Marriage and Family Life

Bishop David will celebrate the Annual Mass for Marriage and Family Life on Saturday 6th September 2025 at 12 noon at *Northampton Cathedral*. All are welcome. If you are celebrating a special anniversary this year, please contact Sam at

mfl@northamptondiocese.org

Or visit:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/celebration-marriage-and-family-life/>

OUR 2nd 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, 21st 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 **1st 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.

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!

1st October - Soup Kitchen <<<

5th November - Flower Arrangers and Readers

3rd December - Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy

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:**

3rd October, 7th November, 5th 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

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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
SL7 1NQ

Parish Priest: Canon John Udris
email: 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

Be part of our rich, diverse and vibrant catholic community