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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14th 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

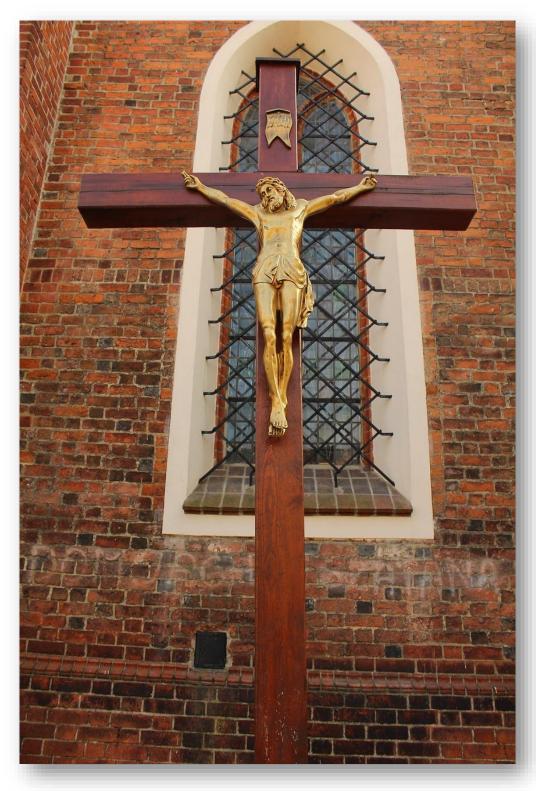
MASS TIMES AT ROTHWELL

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.

Ave Crux, spes unica



Hail to the Cross, our only hope

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



To see the readings for today's Mass, please follow this link.

Saturday 10.00 am - Bethesda Mass

06.30 pm - Ewa Sitek RIP 1st anniv.

Sunday 08.30 am - Jasmin Somauroo RIP / - Lucia Urso RIP

09.00 am - / Desborough / - For the Parish

10.30 am - John Patrick Creane RIP

Monday (No public Mass at St Edward's) - Holy Souls

Tuesday 09.30 am - Exposition and Adoration

10.00 am - Holy Souls / - Mary Peck int. and Sianna Brennan RIP

Wednesday 10.00 am - Liturgy of the Word and Communion led by a parishioner

Thursday 07.00 pm - Holy Souls

Friday 06.30 pm - Adoration and Benediction

07.00 pm - Angela Giacobbe RIP 10th anniv.

Saturday 06.30 pm - Mary Byrne, Thomas O'Connor and John O'Connor

Sunday 08.30 am - Kieth Wright RIP

09.00 am - / Burton Latimer / - private int. C. P.

10.30 am - Aldrin Christo, thanksgiving int.12.15 pm - / Rothwell / - For the Parish

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.

>>> 2nd Collection on the weekend of 4th/5th of October will be

for CAFOD.

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.

- **+ Mary Perry** Her Funeral Service will be held at **St Edward's church** on Tuesday, 30th September at 11 am.
- **+ Sean Stokes** His Requiem Mass will be held at **St Edward's church** on Friday, 10th October.

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

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 **15**th **September 2025**.



LOOSE CASH COLLECTIONS



We are appealing to our Parishioners who so generously give to our Parish through loose cash Collections taken at Mass. We are asking these Parishioners who may pay Income Tax to consider Gift Aiding their loose cash donations. This would greatly increase church funds which would benefit our Parish. If you can give this some thought and would like more details, then please let the church office know either by email or by letter providing your contact details. All enquiries will be dealt with in a strict and confidential manner. This is a suggestion made by the Diocesan appointed Auditors on their recent visit to the Parish.

WE ARE PAINTING AND RENOVATING OUR PARISH HALL



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



Our Parish Hall - last week.

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 **A**doration in silence and **B**enediction 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 - **2**nd **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 **A**doration in silence and **B**enediction 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 thank you!
- 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!



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



>>> <u>Registration</u> for *First Holy Communion* takes place after Christmas on Saturday, **10**th 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*.

>>> <u>Registration</u> 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.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



We are approaching October which is the month of the Holy Rosary. We will pray the Rosary in our church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I would like the following organisations to lead that prayer for us:

Tuesday at 9.30 am - Legion of Mary and UCM
Wednesday at 9.30 am - Readers and Eucharistic Ministers
Thursday at 6.30 pm - parishioners
Friday at 6.30 pm - parishioners

Rosary at Rothwell (St Bernadette's Church) is every Thursday at 11 am.

As we venerate the Queen of The Holy Rosary, we remember how Jesus said to Mary and St John on Calvary:

'Mother this is your son, Son this is your Mother'. And from that moment John took her to himself.

Following the example of St John, the Apostle we would like to take Our Lady to our homes as well, and pray through her intercession. Just like last year, on the table (next to the Sacred Heart) there will be a statue of Our Lady and a rosary blessed by Pope Francis. Each of us can take that statue and rosary for one evening and invite our family to pray the rosary together. You can cover your table with white cloth and light a candle if you wish. If you live alone, you can invite your friends. If you see they are available, please take the statue and rosary after a Mass and return both before the next. October has 31 days, so please don't miss out this opportunity of having our Blessed Mother at your home, and pray the Rosary.

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 -

So far, we have: *Maria* but we need **four more** parishioners

<u>We need at least 5 parishioners</u> 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, Debbie* but we need **two 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 **1**st **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**, **3**rd **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/

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



DIOCESAN NEWS



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

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

- ı.To Rome
- 2. Elsewhere in the world
- 3. Within our diocese



- The four papal Basilicas
- Jubilee Shrines in Italy and the Holy Land
- 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,
- 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 pilgirmage 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 BremertonRoad, Bedford, MK40 1HU Parish Priest: Canon Seamus Keenan

email: parish.stjosephbedford@northamptondiocese.org Tel: 01234 352569

> Confessions: Saturday 11.30–12.30pm Weekday Mass: Mon-Fri, 10.45am

The Rosary: Each weekday at 10.20am (before Mass) Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Every Thursday 11.30am-7pm and every Saturday. 11.30am-12.30pm



ST PETER



7 St Peter Street Marlow Buckinghamshire SL71NQ

Parish Priest: Canon John Udris

email: parish.stpetermarlow@northamptondiocese.org Tel: 01628483696

Monthly Jubilee Mass: First Friday of the Month at 7pm Holy Hour: First Friday of the month at 6pm Pilgrimages can be arranged by contacting the pariah 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.



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.

We would love to hear your ideas

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.

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

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Be part of our rich, diverse and vibrant catholic community