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First Sunday of Advent, A

30th November 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.

ADVENT 2025



Maranatha, come Lord Jesus, come!

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

Saturday 06.30 pm - Rev E. Pitt / - Jean Brookes RIP 3rd anniv.

Sunday 08.30 am - Teresa and John Antill RIP / - Sr. Rose RNDW int.

10.30 am - Moises Soares, Domingos Maia, Paulo Soares,

Carla Soares, Zezera, Anju / - For the Parish

Monday / Private Mass / - Kathrinamma

Tuesday 09.30 am - Exposition and Adoration

10.00 am - Gordon Allen RIP / - Maureen Hughes RIP

Wednesday 10.00 am - Mary Patterson RIP,

Mackenzie - Smith and Crawley families RIP / - Holy Souls

Thursday 07.00 pm - Tomasz Nalepa RIP / - Thanksgiving **Friday 06.00 pm** - **First Friday Adoration and Benediction**

07.00 pm - Paul Kaenan get well / - K.M. Mathew RIP 7th anniv. /

- Joy Devassy RIP 1st anniv.

Saturday 06.30 pm - Deceased members of the Azzopardi and Freville families /

- Mary Murphy RIP / - Anne Gallagher RIP

Sunday 08.30 am - Edward and Angela Manderson int. / - For the Parish

09.00 am - / Burton Latimer/ - Gordon Allen RIP
10.30 am - John McGrenaghan RIP 3rd anniv. /

- K.M. George RIP 24th anniv.

12.15 pm - / Rothwell / - Neil Edward Wright 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.

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.



+ Giuseppe Affronti - His Funeral will be held at St Edward's Church on Tuesday, 2nd December at 12 noon.

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

FEAST OF ST CECILIA 2025 - A GREAT SUCCESS!



We really enjoyed listening to the variety of hymns sung by our different groups on the feast of St. Cecilia. I feel it was a great success because once again we managed to bring together all the communities of our parish. Thank you to everyone for their contribution, singing, playing, listening, without forgetting our compère, those who made us feel welcome, and those who prepared refreshments. - *Fr Gregory*



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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT IN 2025 AT ST EDWARD'S



Both of our Catholic Schools would like to invite us to their Carols by Candlelight Services before Christmas. Please come and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere.

St Edward's School - Thursday, 4th December at 5.30 pm

St Thomas More School - Monday, 8th December at 6 pm

ADVENT NOVENA



We are pleased to share the *Crown of Advent Novena*, a beautiful reflection based on the Antiphons, created by parishioners of Our Lady of Walsingham Parish in Corby. Individuals are warmly invited to sign up to receive the novena by email each day from 17 December through Christmas Day. This offers a simple yet profound way to prepare spiritually for the Nativity of the Lord. Please learn more by clicking the link.

www.northamptondiocese.org/advent-novena/

ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES

Four free weekly online sessions on Wednesday evenings (7pm - 8pm) starting 26th November, which break open and explain each Advent Sunday Gospel reading before hearing them at Sunday Mass! Just look and listen — there is no discussion. Register for free at https://comeandsee.org/advent-bible-studies



ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

Monday 1st December, 7.30pm

Disrupted by Grace, week 2, Dr Avril Baigent will be joined by Michelle Moran who will continue exploring Jesus' more disreputable ancestors. Michelle will be unpacking the story of Rahab for us whilst exploring the presence of grace in our lives. Watch week 1's Advent Retreat and register here:

https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/

ADVENT CONFESSIONS AT ST EDWARD'S



<>>> Saturday, 6th December after 6.30 pm Mass

<>> Saturday, 13th December after 6.30 pm Mass

Tuesday and Wednesday, 9th and 10th December - We would like to offer confessions and the sacrament of anointing to those who are housebound. If you know anyone who would like a visit by a priest, please contact the parish and provide us with the relevant details, like name, address and telephone number of the person who would like the sacraments, before Sunday 7th December, and we will arrange a visit.

>> Tuesday, 16th December 9 am - 10 am

>> Wednesday, 17th December 9 am - 10 am

>> Thursday, 18th December 6 pm - 7 pm

<>>> Saturday, 20th December after 6.30 pm Mass

There will be Exposition and Adoration before Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Masses during confession.

During **Wednesday**, 17th December and **Thursday**, 18th December **Masses** we will give the opportunity to anyone who wishes to receive the **Sacrament of Anointing** to come forward after the Gospel Reading. You will be invited to approach as you do for Holy Communion. Please remember that this Sacrament is not only for those who are seriously or terminally ill. It is for anybody who feels the need to be strengthened by the Lord. When you come to the steps of the sanctuary, please hold out your hands which will be anointed. Your forehead will also be anointed.

The Priest takes the oil and anoints the sick person. He anoints first on the forehead, saying: *Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.* You will answer: *Amen.*

Then on the hands, saying: May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up. You will answer: **Amen.**



THINKING OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?



At the back of the Church are CAFOD's World Gifts Catalogues. Please take one home. World Gifts are a wonderful way for St Edward's parish to share the hope and joy of Christmas with God's family throughout the world.



ST EDWARD'S FOOD KITCHEN



We have placed a green plastic box at the back of the church for food donations. We would really appreciate any food items which you are able to donate. Tinned/non-perishable items would be most useful. With your help we are currently feeding between 45 - 50 people each week.

Many thanks for your continued support of the food kitchen.



SVP AND THE LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN



Thanks to your generous response to the Love Christmas campaign last year, the SVP were able to provide bags of gifts to 42 families and elderly people who were extremely grateful of your thoughts and support. As we did last year the SVP will work in partnership with our schools, Caritas Northampton, and the Northamptonshire Children's Trust to provide Christmas gifts to those most vulnerable families and spread some joy. Suggested donations are toys, books, toiletries, gloves, scarves, socks, biscuits, chocolates. A box will be available in St Edwards until 10th December.

SUPPORTING CRANSLEY HOSPICE



Thanks for bringing your used stamps to church. A large bag of them has just been taken to Cransley Hospice where they sell them for additional funding. We all get lots of used stamps at this time of year so please continue to save them and put them in the box at the back of the church. Many thanks for your support.



PRESENTS AT THE REPOSITORY



We have a selection of Christmas items, which would make good stocking fillers, plus Christmas cards and Advent calendars for children.

Shop early! When it's gone, it's gone!

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 **Church Cleaners** and **Children's Liturgy** after 10.00 am Mass on 3rd **December.**



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 begin with **Mass** on **Friday**, 5th **December** at **7 pm** and then we will continue in the parish hall.

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**, 1st December at **7.00 pm** in 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/

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.



DIOCESAN NEWS



Marriage Preparation Weekend Course

9 - 11 January 2026 The CHC's weekend marriage preparation course is intended for couples who wish to engage more deeply with the Catholic vision for marriage. Structured around the elements of the marriage rite, couples will reflect deeply on foundational Scriptural texts to gain a better understanding of both the natural and sacramental aspects of Matrimony. The weekend includes prayer, time for personal and shared reflection, group discussion, and a social gathering. It can be attended as a stand-alone experience or in support of an online or in-person course. Details and registration:

https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Men's Retreat

4 - 11 February 2026 A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a five-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), founded with the specific charism of offering this version of the Exercises and with a particular apostolate to men. The

retreat is open to men in all states of life who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world. Find out more:

https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius

Save the Date - Diocesan Mission Conference 2026

Mission Northampton warmly invites everyone across the diocese with a heart for sharing the Good News to our Annual Mission Conference on Saturday 14th March 2026, 10:30am - 4:00pm, at Sacred Heart Church, 5 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1HZ. Parking is available onsite. Come and be inspired, equipped, and encouraged in the work of mission. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. We look forward to welcoming you for a day of faith, fellowship, and renewal in our shared mission. More here

www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/mission-conference-2026/

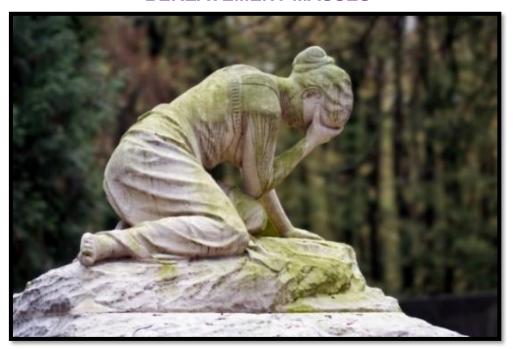
LUX Youth Residential Weekend

Our diocesan residential weekend for young people in school years 7–13 will take place from 13–15 February at Kings Park Centre, Northampton. Packed with workshops, drama, music, worship, Mass, games, and time with friends, this year's theme is *Belong*. The cost is £110. For more information or to book, visit

nimo.org/lux-belong-2026 or email NYMO@northamptondiocese.com.



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:

Thursday, 4th of **December** at 7 pm *Masses in 2026*

Thursday, 5th of March at 7 pm

Thursday, 4th of June at 7 pm

Thursday, 3rd of September at 7 pm

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

Thursday, 3rd of December at 7 pm

WEEKLY/MONTHLY DONATIONS AND LOOSE COLLECTIONS



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.

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.

Thank you for any help you can give.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS 2025







Wednesday, CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00 pm - Kettering, Mass for Children

+ Burton Latimer - Family Carol singing at 5.30 pm
Christmas Eve Mass at 6.00 pm

+ Rothwell - Christmas Eve Mass at 5.00 pm

7.30 pm - Kettering, Christmas Carols

8.30 pm - Kettering, Midnight Mass



Thursday, CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30 am - Kettering, Christmas Mass

+ Desborough - Christmas Mass at 9.00 am

10.30 am - Kettering, Christmas Mass



FORWARD PLANNING FOR 2026



Fr Elvis will be going for a well-earned rest to India after **Christmas 2025**. Since I will be on my own in the parish, the Sunday 9 am Masses in Desborough and Burton Latimer will become Vigil Masses at **5 pm** on **Saturdays**.

The 4th January Mass in Burton Latimer will be at 5 pm on Saturday 3rd January.

The 11th January Mass in Desborough will be at 5 pm on Saturday 10th January.

The 18th January Mass in Burton Latimer will be at 5 pm on Saturday 17th January.

The 25th January Mass in Desborough will be at 5 pm on Saturday 24th February.

The 1st February Mass in Burton Latimer will be at 5 pm on Saturday 31st January.

The 8th February Mass in Desborough will be at 5 pm on Saturday 7th February.



COFFEE MORNINGS 2026



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!

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7<sup>th</sup> January - Burton Latimer

4<sup>th</sup> February - Desborough

4<sup>th</sup> March - Rothwell

1<sup>st</sup> April - Legion of Mary
6<sup>th</sup> May - S V P
3<sup>rd</sup> June - U C M
1<sup>st</sup> July - Burton Latimer
5<sup>th</sup> August - Desborough
2<sup>nd</sup> September - Rothwell
7<sup>th</sup> October - Soup Kitchen
4<sup>th</sup> November - Flower Arrangers and Readers
2<sup>nd</sup> December - Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy
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ST EDWARD'S PARISH, KETTERING YOUTH GROUP 2026



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:

9th January

6th February

6th March

/No meetings in April/

1st May

5th June

3rd July

7th August

4th September

2nd October

6th November

4th December

A NEW ROSARY GROUP IN OUR PARISH



At present we pray



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, And Betty, Claire, Daisy, Katharine

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, Rebecca, Lily, Augustina* but we need **one more** parishioner.

<u>We need at least 5 parishioners</u> to share between us the 5 decades of the <u>Sorrowful Mysteries</u>. 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 <u>Sunday at 10:30 am</u> -

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.