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Second Sunday of Advent, A

7th December 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.

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!



Monday, 8th December
The Solemnity of
the Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

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

Monday 12.00 noon - Mass at **Northampton Cathedral**

06.00 pm - Carols by candlelight - **St Thomas More School**

About 07.00 pm - **Mass** - Thanksgiving for Alina and all Souls

Tuesday 09.30 am - **Exposition and Adoration**

10.00 am - Maureen Hughes RIP /

- Private int. of the Legion of Mary, Kettering

Wednesday 10.00 am - Ernie & Phil Clement private int. /

- Hazel 80th birthday int.

Thursday 07.00 pm - Sr. Carmen and Sr. Joan int. /

- All the Souls in Purgatory

Friday 06.30 pm - **Adoration and Benediction**

07.00 pm - John and Susan Garvie RIP / - Burtcher family int.

Saturday 06.30 pm - Domenico, Filomena and Valentina Berardi

Sunday 08.30 am - Ringrose family private int. / - Gordon Allen RIP

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

10.30 am - Philomen George and Millicent Pierre - Louis RIP /
- Ken Lynch RIP birthday int.

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.



+ Renato Loischeider - RIP

+ Pauline Widdop - RIP

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



You are warmly invited to the celebration of the [Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#), our diocesan Co-patron, with a Midday Mass at the **Cathedral** on Monday, **8th December**. This feast is an important moment in our diocesan calendar, giving us the opportunity to honour Our Lady and unite as a diocesan family in prayer.

Mass at **St Edward's** will be at about **7 pm**, that is after the
Carols by Candlelight Service.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT AT ST EDWARD'S



Please come and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere.

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

FATHER GREGORY HAS BEEN APPOINTED A CANON

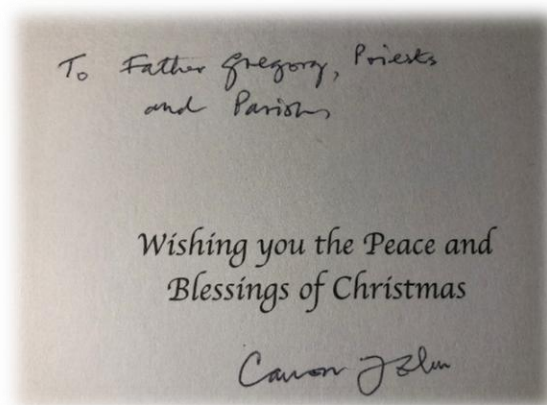


I not only felt honoured but also humbled to be appointed a Canon but I have no doubt that our parish deserves to have a Canon as its Parish Priest. I am grateful to all the Canons of our Diocese who invited me to join the Chapter and to Bishop David who approved my election. My official installation will take place at Northampton Cathedral in February in the presence of all the other Canons.

This appointment was an unexpected surprise, and indeed is a great honour, however I would be grateful if you were to continue to call me Father Gregory. I was given this title on the day of my priestly ordination nearly 19 years ago, and it has a very deep pastoral and spiritual meaning for me. Despite my being younger than many of my parishioners, it is always my desire and a great privilege to be a spiritual father to you.

- Fr Gregory

THANK YOU, CANON JOHN



A HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO YOU TOO!

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.**



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**



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 **Burton Latimer Community** after 10.00 am Mass on **7th January**.

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, 9th January at 6.30 pm** 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, 5th January** 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



>>> 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.

DIOCESAN NEWS



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF NORTHAMPTON

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

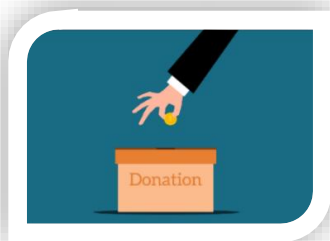
www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/mission-conference-2026/

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.

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.

FORWARD PLANNING FOR 2026

important

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**.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School are recruiting for a Lunch Time Supervisor, starting in December, for more information please visit <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141635/EDV-2025-STM CPS-67162> contact Mrs Herbert, Office Manager 01536 512 112.

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!

7th January - Burton Latimer

4th February - Desborough

4th March - Rothwell

1st April - Legion of Mary

6th May - S V P

3rd June - U C M

1st July - Burton Latimer

5th August - Desborough

2nd September - Rothwell

7th October - Soup Kitchen

4th November - Flower Arrangers and Readers

2nd December - Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy



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

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:

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

A NEW ROSARY GROUP IN OUR PARISH



At present we pray

~ 210 ~

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.

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, 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.