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*Fourth Sunday of Advent A*

*21<sup>st</sup> December 2025*

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## **MASS TIMES AT ST. EDWARD'S, KETTERING**

- Tuesday and Wednesday - 10.00 am
- Thursday and Friday - 7.00 pm (*Thursday evening Mass is with music on screen*)
- Saturday Vigil Mass - 6.30 pm (*After Mass - confession on request*)
- **Sunday Early Mass - 8.30 am / Sunday Family Mass - 10.30 am**

## **MASS TIMES AT BURTON LATIMER**

The **1<sup>st</sup>** and **3<sup>rd</sup>** Sunday of every month - **9.00 am**

## **MASS TIMES AT DESBOROUGH**

The **2<sup>nd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup>** Sunday of every month - **9.00 am**

## **MASS TIMES AT ROTHWELL**

The **1<sup>st</sup>** and **3<sup>rd</sup>** Sunday of every month - **12.15 pm**

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*For the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - Masses only at St Edward's.*

Verbum Caro factum est



The Word became flesh



Merry Christmas!



## A warm and inviting winter scene. Three lit lanterns with yellow candles are placed on a wooden windowsill. A soft, grey, fluffy pillow rests on the sill between the lanterns. The window looks out onto a snowy landscape with bare trees. The room is dimly lit, with light from the lanterns and the window.

**Saturday**     **06.30 pm** - Philomena and Joseph Vazhappilly RIP

**Sunday**     **08.30 am** - Sandra Cameron int. / - For the Parish

**09.00 am** - / **Burton Latimer/** - Colin and Taylor Lovett RIP

**10.30 am** - Patricia and Jack Steele RIP

**12.15 pm** - / **Rothwell /** - Kevin Kirkham RIP

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

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

**10.00 am** - Charles Lynn RIP

**4.00 pm - / Kettering / - Mass for children - Emily Reynolds int.**  
**4.30 pm - / Rothwell / - Carol singing, Mass at 5.00 pm - Fitzpatrick Family RIP**  
**5.30 pm - / Burton Latimer / - Carol singing, Mass at 6.00 pm - Lynn Webster RIP**  
**7.30 pm - / Kettering / - Carols singing, Mass at 8.30 pm - Nuala Hammond RIP**

**8.30 am - / Kettering / - Pam Smith int.**  
**9.00 am - / Desborough / - For the Parish**  
**10.30 am - / Kettering / - Norma and Louis O'Donnell int. / - For the Parish**

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



## 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.*



**+ Pauline Widdop** - Her Funeral will be held at **St Edward's Church**  
on Wednesday, **7<sup>th</sup> January** at **11.30 am**.

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



### *Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

As we gather once again to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. The festive season is upon us, and although the challenges of our times may persist, the timeless message of Christmas continues to shine brightly, offering us hope, love, and peace. As St Augustine said: 'Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three dispositions of the soul, namely to believe, to hope and to love.' The cardinal virtues of faith, hope and love are fundamental to human happiness. Faith gives us confidence in God's promises, hope guards against despair and love protects us from a spiral of hate and resentment.

In the midst of the world's darkness, we find hope in the light that the birth of Jesus brings. Like the shepherds on that holy night, let us not be afraid, for the message of Christmas is a message of hope - a hope that transcends time and circumstances.

We pray that this Christmas fills your hearts with the warmth of love, the joy of hope, and the peace that surpasses all understanding. May the light of Christ shine brightly in your lives, bringing comfort and assurance in the days ahead.

Wishing you and your families a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

*Fr Gregory, Fr Elvis, Sr Aidan and Canon John*

## NEW WINESKINS DISCERNMENT PROCESS



Our New Wineskins process is reaching its final stages after Christmas. The discernment group has been working hard to produce three scenarios. These will be shared with the whole parish so that everyone has the chance to contribute ideas to the plans going forward.

>>> **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January** - 11 am - 12.30 pm and 7.30 pm - 9 pm  
- St Edward's Church, **Kettering** - open meeting.

Come and find out the results of the listening and the scenarios that have been proposed. In between the two meetings, there will be time to reflect, pray and talk with others about how we might live with the different scenarios

>>> **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> January** - **discernment groups**. A chance to meet with other parishioners and share the pros and cons of each scenario.

11 am - St Nicholas Owen, **Burton Latimer**

2 pm - St Bernadette's, **Rothwell**

5 pm - Holy Trinity, **Desborough**

7.30 pm - St Edward's, **Kettering**

All meetings are open to all parishioners regardless of where you usually go to Mass. Please choose the time that suits you best. Following these meetings, the discernment group will meet again to take on board all the feedback and finalise the plans going forward.



## 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 **4<sup>th</sup> January** Mass in **Burton Latimer** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**.

The **11<sup>th</sup> January** Mass in **Desborough** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January**.

The **18<sup>th</sup> January** Mass in **Burton Latimer** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January**.

The **25<sup>th</sup> January** Mass in **Desborough** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February**.

The **1<sup>st</sup> February** Mass in **Burton Latimer** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January**.

The **8<sup>th</sup> February** Mass in **Desborough** will be at **5 pm** on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February**.



## 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

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### 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 **7<sup>th</sup> January**.

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### YOUTH GROUP



If your son or daughter is between 'Year 6' - 17 years old, and if you would like him or her to take part in our youth group activities, please email the parish office and request a registration form. The next meeting will be on **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## REGISTRATION AT ST EDWARD'S PARISH



Please complete the registration form by clicking on this QR code above, or by typing the link into your browser

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## ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



**St. Edward - Kettering**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2762598427183322/>

**St. Nicholas Owen - Burton Latimer**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/809856073037388/>



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



Registration for **First Holy Communion** will take place after Christmas on Saturday, **10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 9 am** in the Parish Hall behind the church. For more information, please keep an eye on the parish newsletter. *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.

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### 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/](http://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](http://nimo.org/lux-belong-2026) or email [NYMO@northamptondiocese.com](mailto: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.**

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## **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!**

**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**

## **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**:

**9<sup>th</sup> January**

**6<sup>th</sup> February**

**6<sup>th</sup> March**

**/No meetings in April/**

**1<sup>st</sup> May**

**5<sup>th</sup> June**

**3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**7<sup>th</sup> August**

**4<sup>th</sup> September**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**6<sup>th</sup> November**

**4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**W**e 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.

**F**rom 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, 5<sup>th</sup> of March at 7 pm**

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> of June at 7 pm**

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of September at 7 pm**

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of November (*All Souls Day*) at 7 pm**

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.