



ST. EDWARD'S PARISH

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A' **1st February 2026**

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

For the 5th Sunday of the month - Masses only at St Edward's.

Blessed are...

The poor in spirit...

Those who mourn...

The meek...

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...



The merciful...

The pure of heart...

The peacemakers...

Those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake...

You when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kind of evil against you falsely on my account...

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

To pray with Pope Leo, [please follow this link](#).

Saturday **05.00 pm - / Burton Latimer** / - Nick Freville get well int.
06.30 pm - Jimmy Delaney RIP

Sunday **08.30 am** - Teresa and John Antill RIP
10.30 am - Eileen and William Walsh RIP
12.15 pm - / **Rothwell** / - For the Parish

Monday / Private Mass / - Canon Thomas Walmsley Carter /
- Mark Anthony Villanueva RIP, 5th anniv.

Tuesday **09.30 am - Exposition and Adoration**
10.00 am - Catherine Kiernan RIP / - All the Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 10.00 am - Gary Hayes get well int. /
- Michael Dowler RIP 3rd anniv.

Thursday 07.00 pm - Noreen Murphy RIP

Friday **06.00 pm - First Friday Adoration and Benediction**
07.00 pm - Ike Family for journey's mercies & divine protection /
- Anna Vazhappilly & Isakk Vazhappilly RIP

Saturday **05.00 pm - / Desborough** / - For the Parish
06.30 pm - Claire Cheetham RIP

Sunday **08.30 am** - Mary Kitson get well int.
10.30 am - Sue Rodgers 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.

CONFESIONS 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.



+ Colin Reed - His Funeral will be held at **St Edward's Church**
on Thursday, 19th February at 11.30 am.

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

THREE SCENARIOS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners, A big thank you to all those who attended the meetings on 29th January. We did reflect and comment on the three realistic scenarios of the future of St Edward's Parish as outlined below. Hopefully, these will be soon turned into a concrete plan, which Bishop David will enact locally. Please continue to keep our parish in your prayers. - Fr Gregory

New Wineskins for St Edward's Parish

"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins...but new wine is for fresh wineskins."

Mark 2:22

These are three possibilities that have emerged as realistic options

Option A
1 Priest
1 Church

What does the future look like for St Edward's parish?

Option B
1 Priest
1 Church
3 community led satellites

Option C
1 Priest
2 Churches

We are - one Body of Christ
one Catholic family - one living Church

Where is the Holy Spirit leading St Edward's Parish next?

OPTION A

1 priest, 1 church
Focus on St Edward's to build community and mission

Church: St Edward's
One centre to focus the Catholic life of the area to create new connections and build community.
Focus on really welcoming those coming from the satellite churches (not to be treated "like refugees").

OPTION B

1 priest, 1 church + 3 community-led satellite hubs
Maintaining the 3 satellite churches as mission hubs while not having Sunday Mass there (not possible with one priest). This would entail repairing the buildings to the tune of £54,415 without assurance that there would be a long term plan for them. The community would be responsible for the ongoing life and maintenance of the hubs.

OPTION C

1 priest, 2 churches.
Focus on St Edward's with mission outpost in Desborough

Churches: St Edward's, Holy Trinity community potentially in larger rented building

Focus on building the faith life of the parish at St Edward's.
A weekly Mass at 12.30pm to be said in Desborough (furthest away from Kettering) as a mission outreach to wider area.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF WORD



During term-time on the third and fourth Sundays, a feature of the 10:30 am Mass at St. Edward's is Children's Liturgy. We follow a simple format so the children know the routine of Children's Liturgy. Children listen and pray together, learning the prayers and actions we say during Mass. Children listen to the Gospel reading for Sunday. Through talk and craft activities they explore the message of the Gospel.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We need additional helpers and leaders to ensure that the sessions continue effectively. No special qualifications are necessary as guidance and support are given. We have termly planning sessions when we share ideas and discuss what we are going to do. We are given the Gospel readings with background notes and suggestions. We have a fund to help us buy resources if we need them. In addition, 'taster' sessions and training can be provided. If you are curious/interested/eager please speak to a member of the group after Mass. It goes without saying, that if you would like to be involved, you would need to obtain a DBS certificate. We can help you with that. We have the support of Fr Gregory and Fr Elvis.

KETTERING FOOD BANK



Kettering Food Bank very much appreciate the continued support from St Edward's Church in helping them to meet the ever-increasing demand on their services to supply basic food products. Contributions of non-perishable items such as tinned products. Preferably in ring-pull cans of meats, fish, vegetables, beans, soups, small containers of coffees, Long-life milk. Dry products such as pastas, rice, cereals, biscuits are also very welcome. Please place any donated items in large marked box at back of St Edwards Church. Many thanks.



A PARISH RETREAT LED BY CANON JOHN UDRIS



I invited **Canon John Udris** from Marlow Parish to lead a parish retreat for us on [Saturday, 21st February](#). Canon John was an assistant priest at St Edward's in the 1990s. He was also a parish priest at Northampton Cathedral, then spiritual director at Oscott College. Our day of retreat will be held on the first Saturday of Lent. I am sure that we will all benefit from his wisdom and spirituality. Hopefully, he will also share his memories of his times in our parish. Please put the date in your diary. More information will follow.

- *Fr Gregory*

COME AND SEE - DISCERNMENT DAY FOR MEN



Are you a man who is wondering whether God may be calling you to the priesthood? The Diocese warmly invites you to **“Come and See” - a day of prayer, reflection, and questions** for men who are thinking about or discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

Date: Saturday 28th March, 2026

Programme: A day including prayer, reflection, input on priestly vocation, and an open **Q&A**

Who is it for? Men who are exploring, questioning, or discerning a call to the priesthood

Where? Our Lady of Christian and St Lawrence, Olney

This day offers a relaxed and supportive opportunity to reflect on God's call, to learn more about priestly life, and to ask honest questions in a prayerful setting. To register your interest or for more information, please contact Fr Pius

 vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org

 01753 523147

MASS CHANGES

important

Fr Elvis is currently on a well-earned rest in India. Since Fr Gregory is on his own in the parish, the Sunday 9 am Masses in Desborough and Burton Latimer will now be Vigil Masses at **5 pm on Saturdays**.

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**

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



First Holy Communion - Catechism classes on Saturdays are very important; however, the most crucial formation takes place during regular attendance at Sunday Mass. The next registration will be in January 2027.

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.

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 **Desborough Community** after 10.00 am Mass on **4th February**.

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, 6th February 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, 2nd February 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

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/>



LAST CALL FOR ONLINE MARRIAGE PROGRAMME



Does your marriage need some TLC? Need help with communication and trust? **Retrouvaille helps marriages**. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983



DIOCESAN NEWS



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

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.

Catechist Formation - Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1)

Are you called to be a catechist? Do you want to grow in confidence and understanding as you accompany others on their faith journey?

This online training course draws from Scripture, Church documents, and lived experience. It is ideal for both new and experienced catechists.

Course Dates:

- 7 virtual sessions from 7.30–9.00pm
- Starts Friday 27 February 2026
- Subsequent sessions: 6, 13, 20, 27 March; 10, 17 April 2026

Includes Zoom links, course materials, and refreshments. No fixed fee - donations welcomed.

[Visit our diocesan website for further information](#)

Encounter Ministry Healing Service

Friday 28 February 2026

Encounter Ministry is hosting a special Healing Service at Northampton Cathedral on Friday 28 February at 7.30pm, and all are warmly invited to attend. This event is free, with no sign-up required. It forms part of a wider healing school taking place on Friday and Saturday, welcoming over 100 participants from across the UK who will serve as prayer ministers on Saturday evening.

Journey with Jesus Through Lent

During Lent, the Pastoral Development Vicariate is offering you the opportunity for weekly online small-group sessions (various days & times are available) to help deepen your relationship with Jesus through Scripture. Using St Beuno's Outreach Prego resources, each 45-minute session invites you to pray and reflect on Scripture for the coming Sunday. The programme runs once a week for six weeks, starting the w.c 16th February. Sign up at <https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>



FREE FRAUD PROTECTION ADVICE TRAINING IN KETTERING



We have been offered access to free **Fraud Protect Advice** training by the police. Richard Kubon, Fraud Protect Development Officer from Leicestershire police will be delivering accessible training on the following days and times:

Tuesday, 14 April at 10.30am - 12pm at the St Thomas Centre in **Northampton**.

Wednesday, 22 April at 6.30pm - 8pm at the St Edward's parish hall in **Kettering**.

In order to cater for refreshments (tea/coffee), please register your interest for one of sessions by emailing laura.lester@northamptondiocese.org



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.



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!

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

BEREAVEMENT MASSES



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:

5th of March at 7 pm, **4th of June at 7 pm,**
3rd of September at 7 pm, **2nd of November (*All Souls Day*) at 7 pm,**
3rd of December at 7 pm.

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**:

3rd July	
6th February <<	7th August
6th March	4th September
<u>/No meetings in April/</u>	2nd October
1st May	6th November
5th June	4th December

A NEW ROSARY GROUP IN OUR PARISH



At present we pray

~ 220 ~

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 -

We have our first group of five: **Maria, Rebecca, Lily, Augustina, Mariella** who share between them 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.

Come and See

Is God calling you to
the priesthood?

