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*The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A'*

*18<sup>th</sup> January 2026*

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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 **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**

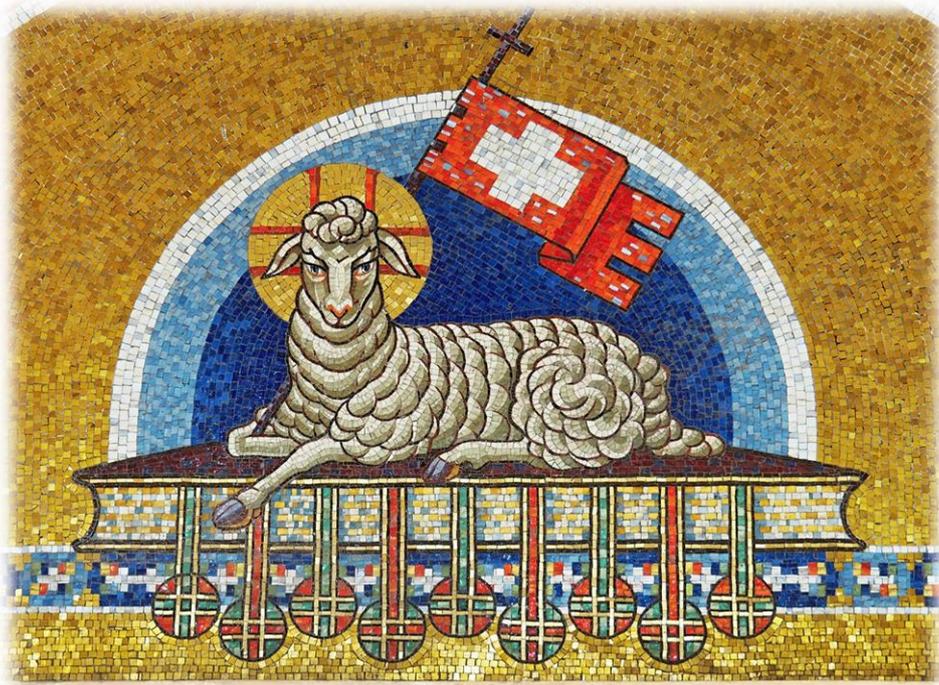
## **MASS TIMES AT ROTHWELL**

The **1st** and **3rd** Sunday of every month - **12.15 pm**

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

# *Ecce Agnus Dei*



*Behold the Lamb of God,*



*behold Him who takes away  
the sins of the world.*



## 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.*



- + **James Michael Kirby** - His Requiem Mass will be held at **St Edward's Church** on Tuesday, **20<sup>th</sup> January** at **12.30 pm**.
- + **Vittoria Hackett** - Her Funeral will be held at **St Edward's Church** on Wednesday, **21<sup>st</sup> January** at **12 noon**.
- + **Patricia Mary Waring** - Her Funeral will be held at **St Nicholas Owen, Burton Latimer** on Friday, **23<sup>rd</sup> January** at **12 noon**.
- + **Mary Kehoe (Doreen)** - Her Funeral will be held at the **Crematorium** on Monday, **26<sup>th</sup> January** at **11.30 am**.
- + **Rosalia Tonet** - Her Funeral will be held at **St Edward's Church** on Tuesday, **27<sup>th</sup> January** at **11 am**.

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

## THREE SCENARIOS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH AN INVITATION FROM FATHER GREGORY



*Dear Parishioners,*

This whole New Wineskins Discernment Process alludes to the parable when Jesus taught that new wine cannot be poured into old wineskins because it would soon spoil. New wine needs new wineskins. In the same way, we know that every parish evolves and changes and cannot remain stationary. What was possible or desirable in the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Kettering and the small towns that surround it, or before the war or even 25 years ago, has changed. We cannot stay still. Bishop David has given us a chance to have a say in how our parish will be shaped in the future. The same process is taking place in all parishes, in many dioceses.

For the last few weeks there has been a notice about various meetings taking place in the parish. May I remind you that in the spring of 2025, you were all invited to take part in a listening process. You had the opportunity to say what you were happy with in St Edward's Parish, but also you had the opportunity to say where there could be improvements. All the comments and advice were collated over the summer months by a small number of volunteers - the discernment group who represented all four communities within our parish. During our meetings we came up with three proposals - three scenarios for the future of our parish. This is why these meetings are to be held. **I strongly urge you to please attend one of the two meetings on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January in the church at St Edward's, so you can hear firsthand what is being proposed.** You will be given the chance to reflect and comment on the three scenarios on the following **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> January.**

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

>>> **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.*

*- 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org)

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## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place each year from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January and is observed by Christian churches worldwide. The theme for 2026 is taken from Ephesians 4:1-13, with particular emphasis on the words, “*There is one body and one Spirit*” (Ephesians 4:4).

**Churches Together** in **Rothwell** is holding a service at the **Methodist Church** in **Rothwell** this Sunday at **3.00 pm**. Everyone is welcome.

## 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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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



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



Registration for **First Holy Communion** took place on Saturday, **10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 9 am**. Catechism classes are very important; however, the most crucial formation takes place during regular attendance at Sunday Mass.

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.

## RECEPTION 2026 APPLICATIONS



Children who turn 4 on or before 31 August 2026 and are due to start Reception in September 2026 must apply for a school place by 15 January 2026 via North Northamptonshire Council website. Supplementary forms must also be completed and returned to the schools by this date. Paper or emailed copies of supplementary forms are available from the school office. For help or questions relating to **St Thomas More Catholic Primary School** or **St Edward's Catholic Primary School**, please contact the relevant school office.

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### 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 **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> January**.

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 **Desborough Community** after 10.00 am Mass on **4<sup>th</sup> February**.

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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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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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/>

## 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/](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).

### 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](#)

### Sunday of the Word of God

On Sunday 25 January 2026, the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God, with the theme "*The word of Christ dwells among you*" (Col 3:16). Clergy are warmly invited to engage with this celebration through several diocesan initiatives:

- Zoom Session: Wednesday 21 January, 7.30-9.00pm, offering an introduction to the Sunday and its theme.  
(For the link, please contact [deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org))
- Cathedral Liturgy: Sunday 25 January at 3.00pm, including reflections by Fr Jerome Ituah OCD and the commissioning of readers. This will also be livestreamed, with the service booklet available on the diocesan website.
- Day of Reflection for Readers: Saturday 31 January, 11.00am–3.00pm, at the Holy Ghost Centre, Luton. A time to reflect and share together (refreshments provided; booking details to follow).

[Resources are available here.](#)

## 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!

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**



## 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, 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



## **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**

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

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

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

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

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

**/No meetings in April/**

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

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

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

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

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