

ST. EDWARD'S PARISH

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1st Sunday of Lent 'A' *22nd 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

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



At that time: Jesus, was led up
by the Spirit into the wilderness
to be tempted by the devil.

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 **10.30 am - / Parish Retreat /** - for the Parish / - Nigel Hinson RIP
06.30 pm - William and Bridget Hammond RIP

Sunday **08.30 am** - Nellie Saunders and Elizabeth Blackman RIP
09.00 am - / Desborough / - For the Parish

10.30 am - Melanie Burn RIP / - Janice Cox & Family thanksgiving int.

Monday / Private Mass / - John Francis Day

Tuesday **09.30 am - Exposition and Adoration**
10.00 am - Nuala Hammond RIP

Wednesday **09.15 am - Stations of the Cross**

10.00 am - For all the Souls in Purgatory /
- Thanksgiving from Biju and Family

Thursday **06.30 pm - Stations of the Cross on screen**

07.00 pm - Kurt Gerndt RIP

Friday **06.15 pm - Stations of the Cross led by the Filipino community**
07.00 pm - Aleekutty RIP, Chacko RIP

Saturday **06.30 pm** - David Dicks int. / - For safe journeys and refreshing holidays

Sunday **08.30 am** - Kathleen Feehan RIP

09.00 am - / Burton Latimer/ - For the Holy Souls

10.30 am - Domingo Quintero RIP / - Paolo Messore and Maria Messore

12.15 pm - / Rothwell / - For the Parish

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.



- + Valerie York - Her Funeral will be held at **Wellingborough Crematorium** on Tuesday, **3rd March at 11 am.**
- + Joyce Ann Chester - Her Funeral will be held at **Kettering Crematorium** on Tuesday, **17th March at 12 noon.**
- + Nigel Hinson - Died on **Ash Wednesday** after receiving the sacraments.

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

POPE LEO XIV - MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026



In his Message for Lent 2026, Pope Leo XIV presents Lent as a renewed time of conversion centred on listening and fasting. He calls the Church to deeper attentiveness to the Word of God and to the cry of the poor, reminding us that true listening forms compassionate and discerning hearts.

Fasting, he teaches, orders our desires and must be lived with humility and rooted in the Word, not as mere external discipline. Of particular pastoral relevance is his invitation to fast from words that wound, urging us to “disarm our language” and foster speech that builds communion.

Lent, the Holy Father concludes, is a shared ecclesial journey in which renewed listening and fasting can transform our relationships and communities as we move towards Easter.

Read the message here:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/02/13/260213d.html>

A PARISH RETREAT LED BY CANON JOHN UDRIS



~ Saturday, 21st February 2026 ~

10.30 am - Holy Mass

11.00 am - Tea/Coffee in the Parish Hall

11.30 am - Talk followed by Adoration

12.30 pm - Lunch (*people to bring packed lunch*)

1.30 pm - Talk followed by Q and A and sharing of memories

2.30 pm - Finish

FATHER GREGORY' INSTALLATION AS A CHAPTER CANON



Thank you for all your kindness, support and prayers.

Stations of the Cross at St Edward's in 2026

on Wednesdays at 9.15 am



**Please let Fr Gregory know if you would like to lead the
Stations on the following days:**

25th February -

4th March -

11th March -

18th March - Sister Aidan

25th March -



>> **The Stations of the Cross** will be led **from the lectern** in the following order:

1. Sign of the cross, introduction and intention. e.g. *Today we offer our stations for...*
2. Title of the Station e.g. *The first station - Jesus condemned to death*
3. Reader: **We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.**

All: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

4. Up to **2.5** minutes **Reflection** and a moment of silence
5. Alternately - *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*
6. One verse of '*At the cross her station keeping*' - Hymn **No 223**
during which the processional cross move on to the next station.
7. Holy Mass at **10 am.**

Stations of the Cross at St Edward's in 2026

on **Fridays** at **6.15 pm**



We would like to repeat what we had last year because it was very successful.

27th February - The Filipino community

6th March - The Nigerian community

13th March - The Filipino community

20th March - The Indian community

27th March - The Nigerian community

Good Friday, 3rd April at 7 pm - led by Theresa Kelleher



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3. Reader: **We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.**
All: **Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT DESBOROUGH AND ROTHWELL LED BY PARISHIONERS



Thursday 26th Feb. at 11 am -Rothwell

Thursday, 5th March at 4 pm -Desborough, Thursday 12th March at 11 am -Rothwell

Thursday, 19th March at 4 pm -Desborough, Thursday 26th March at 11 am -Rothwell



ANITA SMITH IN OUR PARISH



In 2013 our Union of Catholic Mothers invited **Anita Smith**, who lives in Orlingbury, to talk to us about her time since she went on holiday to Bansang in Africa, saw a 'hospital' in a village and has spent the rest of her life improving it. She is amazing. She started working with Kettering General Hospital, taking their used equipment, when they are replacing it, and taking it out to Bansang. Over the years she has spoken to groups all over the place, raising money for Bansang. We have asked her back to speak about the improvements she has made to the hospital. She has agreed to come to our UCM meeting on Monday 9th March at 1.30pm and do a presentation. Fr Gregory has very kindly offered us the use of the main hall for the presentation and we are inviting all our parishioners to come and hear her speak. She is fantastic, so down to earth. Please come along to the hall on **Monday 9th March** at **1.30pm**. Her presentation takes about an hour. We will have refreshments after her talk. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING BEFORE EASTER

+ CONFESSiON AND ANOINTiNG +



+ Saturday, 14th March Confession after 6.30 pm Mass

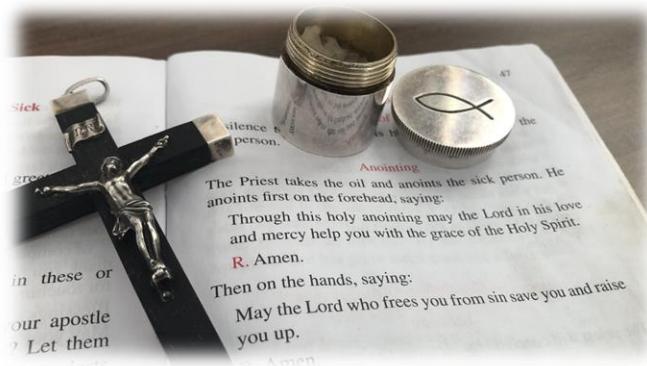
+ Saturday, 21st March Confession after 6.30 pm Mass

+ Saturday, 28th March Confession after 6.30 pm Mass

Tuesday, 10th March after Mass at 10 am - 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 Friday 28th February, and we arrange a visit.

+ Wednesday, 18th March, Confession 9 am - 10 am and after Mass

+ Thursday, 19th March, Confession 6 pm - 7 pm and after Mass



During Wednesday and Thursday 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.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING



We are pleased to invite those involved in parish ministries to an in-person safeguarding training day on Saturday 14 March, 10.00am – 1.00pm, at the St Thomas Centre, 1 Semilong Road, Semilong, Northampton, NN2 6AG.

Led by the diocesan safeguarding team of the Diocese of Northampton, this session offers a clear, practical and engaging introduction to safeguarding. Previous participants have described it as inspiring and the best safeguarding training they have attended.

There will be an opportunity to socialise after the session; please bring a packed lunch if you would like to stay.

Places are limited, so please sign up using the link below to secure your place: <https://www.tickttaillor.com/events/northamptondiocese/2056353>



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

NYMO



If you know of anyone who would like to subscribe to the newsletter, then please share the sign-up link with them: [News - NYMO](#). Our upcoming [events](#) schedule for 2025/2026 is [here](#) for your info, let us know if you have any questions, or want to get involved. Things to highlight:

- [NYMO Learning Community Online Meeting](#) - 13th May
- [Blaze](#) - 21st March (MK), 25th April (Northampton), 23rd May (Aylesbury)
- [Alpha](#) for Young Adults - 5th March
- [The Ascent and](#) Mentoring - for any individuals who want to go deeper in their faith

If you have any questions, any comments on the newsletter, or have anything you would like to see in the next issue- then just reach out. Happy Reading!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are currently recruiting three Property Area Coordinators, each responsible for the maintenance, compliance, and performance of a defined portfolio of properties within an allocated geographic area of the Diocese. The role ensures that buildings are safe, legally compliant, well maintained, and fit for mission and ministry, while providing support to parishes, clergy, and diocesan stakeholders. This is a full-time, 12-month fixed-term contract, with the possibility of extension or becoming permanent. As each role covers a different part of the Diocese, three area-specific Job Descriptions are available, and candidates should review the one relevant to their preferred location. The closing date for applications is Friday 7 March 2026. Interview dates will be confirmed in due course; however, we reserve the right to close the advert early should we receive a sufficient number of applications.

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs> All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org



This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



**REGISTRATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION
FOR CHILDREN FROM NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**



Registration for **Confirmation** takes place **before Easter**. For more information, please keep an eye on the parish newsletter at the beginning of March. The Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish will be on **Thursday, 9th July at 6.30 pm**.

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



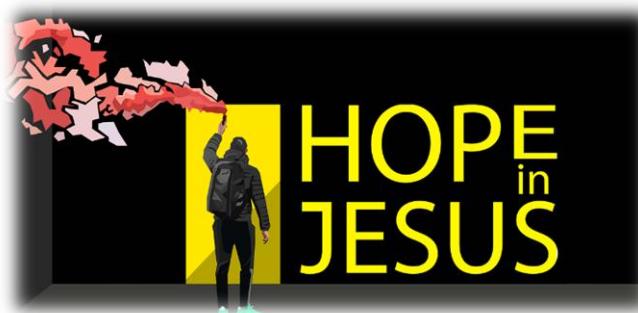
COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by the **Rothwell Community** after 10.00 am Mass on **4th March**.



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 March 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 March** 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/>

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/

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.



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 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,
3rd of September at 7 pm,
3rd of December at 7 pm.

4th of June at 7 pm,
2nd of November (*All Souls Day*) 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

7th August

6th March <<<

4th September

/No meetings in April/

2nd October

1st May

6th November

5th June

4th December

Come and See

Is God calling you to
the priesthood?



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.