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4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare 'A'

15th March 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.



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.



- + **Joyce Chester** - Her Funeral will be held at **Kettering Crematorium**
on Tuesday, **17th March** at **12 noon**.
- + **George Plester** - His Funeral will be held at **St Edward's Church**
on Wednesday, **18th March** at **12 noon**.
- + **Wanda Hyla** - *Beloved Mother of our Parish Secretary, Ewa.*
Her funeral will be held near Manchester.

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

THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING BEFORE EASTER

+ CONFESSION AND ANOINTING +



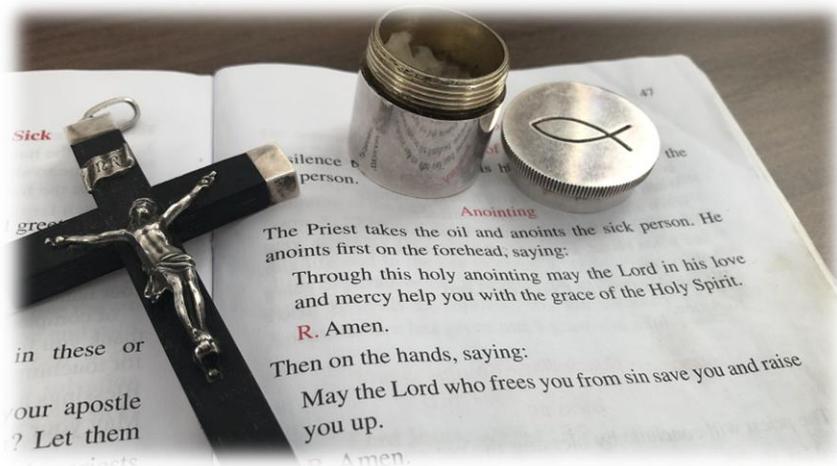
+ **Saturday, 14th March** Confession after **6.30 pm Mass**

+ **Saturday, 21st March** Confession after **6.30 pm Mass**

+ **Palm Saturday, 28th March** Confession after **6.30 pm Mass**

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

+ **Thursday, 19th March, Confession 6 pm - 7 pm and after Mass.** This will be a time of reflection and prayer, including the Stations of the Cross on screen at 6.30pm.



*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.*

FEAST DAY OF ST NICHOLAS OWEN ON 22nd MARCH



On Monday **23rd March**, the day after the feast of **St Nicholas Owen**, there will be Adoration in **Burton Latimer** from 5.30 pm and then all are welcome to evening Mass at **6 pm**. This will be followed by refreshments.



FEAST DAY OF ST BERNADETTE ON 16th APRIL



On Thursday **16th April** we will be celebrating the feast of **St Bernadette** in **Rothwell**. There will be Adoration from 5.30 pm and then all are welcome to evening Mass at **6 pm**. This will be followed by refreshments.

PASTORAL VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND AND SICK



Last Tuesday Fr Gregory visited several parishioners who are housebound and unable to come to church to receive the Sacraments. He is very grateful for the warm welcome he received. Please keep in your prayers: *Jean and Dave, David, Nuala, James, Pam, Mary, Betty, Clare, Ann, Mary, Alice, Derek and Eileen.*

They all wish us a holy and blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Thank you to all the Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to the sick and elderly on a regular basis, and those who provided Fr Gregory with names and addresses of those who requested his visit.



FREE FRAUD PROTECTION ADVICE IN KETTERING



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

Wednesday, 22 April at 6.30pm - 8pm
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

ANITA SMITH IN OUR PARISH - THANK YOU



The Union of Catholic Mothers invited parishioners to attend a presentation in the church hall by Anita Smith about Bansang Hospital in Gambia. Anita, who founded this charity 32 years ago, gave a fascinating talk and slide show about the history of the hospital and how healthcare outcomes have improved in that time. Despite the small attendance our collection raised approximately £400 for this very worthy locally sponsored charity. To donate visit:

[Bansang Hospital Appeal – Transforming Gambian healthcare since 1992](#)

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

ONE COMMUNITY, ONE BODY, ONE CHURCH AT ST EDWARD'S



Last March Bishop David invited us to reflect on our future as a parish - what do we need to be a resilient outward-looking parish ten years from now? What do we need to build community and focus on mission, especially to the new housing estates, considering priestly provision, finances and property. Fr Gregory organised listening groups across the communities, and a small group of parishioners have been working with him to develop scenarios. These were shared with the parish for your feedback. Thank you to all those who have taken part in various ways throughout, and have shared their thoughts. Special thanks to the discernment group who have worked very hard over the past few months.

The strong recommendation to emerge from the process is that the parish becomes

one community, one body, one church at St Edward's.

This will integrate the communities with a strong parish identity, enabling a focus on families and faith formation, and provide a sustainable workload for one priest into the future. These recommendations are being shared with Bishop David for his approval. A transition team will be coming together for the next few months to assist this process, particularly focussing on Mass times, addressing possible over-crowding, and helping the outlying communities to feel at home at St Edward's. If you would like to be part of this team, please speak to Fr Gregory.

Stations of the Cross at St Edward's in 2026
on **Wednesdays** at **9.15 am**



18th March - Sister Aidan

25th March - Legion of Mary

Stations of the Cross at St Edward's in 2026
on **Fridays** at **6.15 pm**



20th March - The Indian community

27th March - The Nigerian community

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT DESBOROUGH AND ROTHWELL LED BY PARISHIONERS



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

THE CHOIR ARE LOOKING FOR A PIANIST



The choir are looking for a pianist to rehearse with us once a week and to play for us every third Sunday, at 10.30 am mass. Presently, we rehearse every Tuesday at 7.30 pm but we would be willing to change that to suit you if you are a piano player who is willing to join us. Please get in touch with the parish office or speak to a member of the choir or Father Gregory if you can help us out.

A FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE ON PALM SUNDAY 2026



Once again, on **Palm Sunday** we will be raising funds towards flowers and decorations for our church. There will be a basket available at the back for donations for the palm crosses. On behalf of the flower group, Thank you for your donations towards Easter Flowers on this Palm Sunday.

SCHOOL MASSES AT ST EDWARD'S



These are the upcoming dates of the school Masses, which some of you would like to attend, while others would rather avoid because they are very busy.

3rd May at 10.30 am - **St Edward's**

7th June at 10.30 am - **St Thomas More**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



This will place during the 10.30 am Sunday Mass on the following dates: -

15th March, 22nd March, 19th April, 26th April, 17th May

The Children's Liturgy is for children in Year R, [accompanied by their parents] and children in Years 1,2,3. Due to the anxiety felt by some parents, it is suggested that if parents wish, they may accompany the children into the hall and as the children go into the Lower Room for Children's Liturgy; they remain in the hall and take part in the Celebration of Holy Mass via the screen. Everyone will return to the church via the sacristy door after the Bidding Prayers.

THE TRIDUUM AND EASTER 2026



>>> **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral** - will take place on **Wednesday 1st April** at **midday**. You are very welcome to attend this joyful diocesan celebration with all the clergy from our Diocese.

>>> **Maundy Thursday - 7.00 pm - Mass**

>>> **Good Friday - 3.00 pm - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord**

*(Collection on **Good Friday** will be as always for the Holy Land)*

+++ 7.00 pm - Stations of the Cross led by Theresa



Holy Saturday - 8.00 pm - Easter Vigil at St Edward's

>>> ***EASTER SUNDAY, 5th April*** <<<



Masses at St Edward's at **8.30 am** and **10.30 am**

Desborough - 9.00 am,

Burton Latimer - 11.00 am,

Rothwell - 12.15 pm.



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)
- [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!



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 **SVP** and **The Legion of Mary** after 10.00 am Mass on **6th May**.

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, 1st May 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, 13th April** at **7.00 pm** in St Edward's Church. You do not need to book in advance to attend the meeting. You can just turn up.

REGISTRATION AT ST EDWARD'S PARISH



Please complete the registration form by clicking on this QR code above, or by typing the link into your browser www.caspar.church/me?ID=56026

ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



St. Edward - Kettering

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

St. Nicholas Owen - Burton Latimer

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

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/



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!

6th May - **S V P** and **The Legion of Mary** <<<

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:

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

7th August

4th September

2nd October

/No meetings in April/

1st May

6th November

5th June

4th December





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**APPLY BY
APRIL 30TH**

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP FORMATION

Year 12 / Lower Sixth Students

10TH – 15TH AUGUST

The Common Good

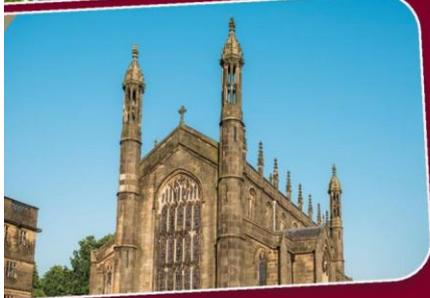
Exploring the nature of human
dignity, rights and civil law

Year 13 / Upper Sixth Students

5TH – 10TH JULY

The Human Ecology

Exploring social issues around the
family, economy and environment



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OUR PARISH ROSARY GROUP



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.