

# *St Edward's Parish, Kettering*



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**Church Hall/ Upper Room Bookings: Contact the Parish Office**

**Parish Priest: Canon Gregory Marchwiński Assistant Priest: Fr. Elvis Jose**

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***Fourth Sunday of Easter 'A'      26<sup>th</sup> April 2026***

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

*Tuesday and Wednesday - 10.00 am*

*Thursday and Friday - 7.00 pm*

*Saturday Vigil Mass - 6.30 pm (After Mass - confession on request)*

**>>> Sunday Early Mass - 8.30 am**

**>>> Sunday Family Mass - 10.30 am**

Truly, truly, I say to you,  
I am the door of the sheep.



I am the door.

If anyone enters by me, he  
will be saved and will go in and  
out and find pasture.



## 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.**

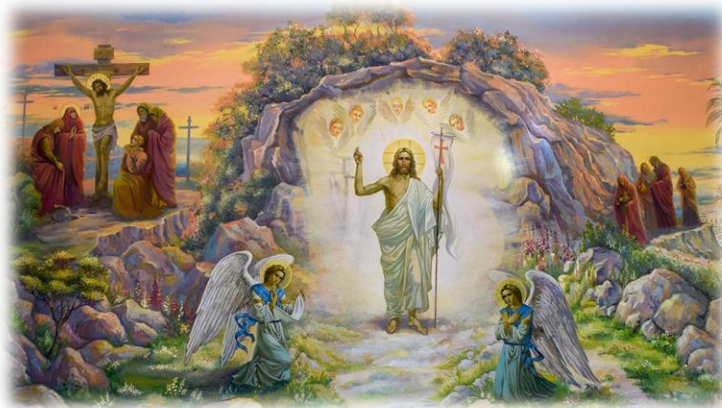
“The first step we must take to build the Kingdom of God on earth is to rediscover and appreciate the importance of the sacrament of confession, which will allow us to appreciate the sacrament of the Eucharist. *We cannot appreciate the Eucharist while removing the sacrament of Confession from our spiritual life*”.

- Fr Gregory



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

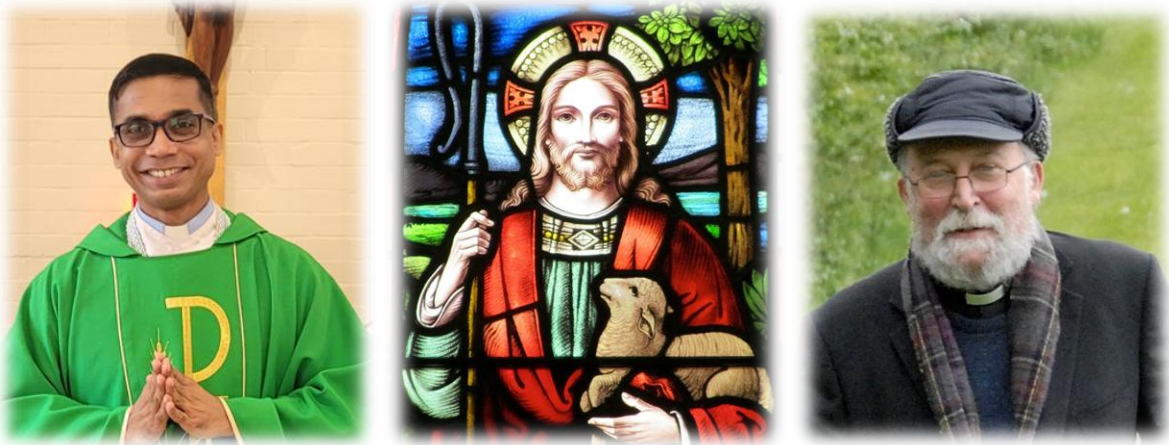
*In our prayers, let us remember our deceased parishioners, family members and friends. Let us especially remember those who have recently passed away.*



- + **Mary Frazer** - Her Funeral Service will be held at **St Edward's Church** on Wednesday, **6<sup>th</sup> May** at **1 pm**.
- + **Baby Martin Rooney** - His Funeral Service will be held at **St Edward's Church** on Thursday, **7<sup>th</sup> May** at **12 noon**.

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

## 63<sup>rd</sup> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



### **DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Heavenly Father, inspire the hearts of your people to answer your call to the priesthood, the diaconate and to the religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity and may those you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them to guide them in their own vocations. Enlighten their minds to show them what you desire for them; fill their hearts with the determination to answer your call in faith, hope and love.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## REMEMBERING BISHOP CHARLES GRANT



**Bishop Charles Grant** was installed as the 8<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Northampton on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1967, beginning a significant chapter in the life of our diocese during a time of great change and renewal in the Church. His ministry as bishop coincided with the years following the Second Vatican Council, and he guided the Diocese of Northampton with calm leadership, pastoral sensitivity, and a strong commitment to implementing the Council's vision at parish level. Bishop Grant placed particular emphasis on strengthening parish life, supporting clergy and religious, and encouraging the active participation of lay people in the mission of the Church. We give thanks for Bishop Charles Grant's faithful service to the Diocese of Northampton and remember him with gratitude for the foundations he helped to lay for future generations. Bishop Grant is close to the hearts of parishioners in Kettering where he was parish priest of St Edward's from 1945 until 1961. He is buried at the cemetery in Woburn Sands. A few years ago, I searched and found his grave and memorial stone.



## SUPPORT FOR PARENTS



Celebrate, a ministry that produces resources and runs courses to inspire and equip parents, grandparents, catechists and carers to help their children grow in their relationship with Jesus, have announced two upcoming webinars.

The first - Confident Parenting in a World of Screens - is on Wednesday 29th April at 8pm. Kate Duroux, of national charity Care for the Family, will consider how best to support teenagers through the challenges of the digital world, supported by practical advice and principles to apply within families.

The second, on Tuesday 2nd June at 8pm, is Raising Teenagers in a Catholic Family. Mike and Alicia Hernon of Messy Family Project, a family ministry in the US, will discuss the great journey from childhood to adulthood, providing guidance and empathy on how to navigate those difficult tween to teen years.

There is a non-refundable registration fee of £5 to cover expenses and places can be booked [through the Celebrate website](#).

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## CALLED & EQUIPPED 2026-27



Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? Our year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community. This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry.

If you would like to find out how Called and Equipped could benefit your parish or school, please contact Avril Baigent on [avril@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:avril@northamptondiocese.com) or Alex Shelton-Bourke on [alexandra.shelton-bourke@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:alexandra.shelton-bourke@northamptondiocese.org).

Two webinars are being held for those interested in the course – visit [www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese) to find out more.

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



The Diocese, after taking some time to reflect on the recommendations presented by the New Wineskins process, endorses the proposals to focus the parish at St Edward's Kettering. There will be a period of transition in which Mass times on Sunday mornings will be adjusted at St Edward's, and Masses will cease at

**St Nicholas Owen, St Bernadette's and Holy Trinity Churches:**

>>> **Thanksgiving Masses** for the **Burton Latimer Community** at 9 am,  
and the **Rothwell Community** at 12.15 pm,  
and their deceased members, were celebrated on **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

>>> **Thanksgiving Mass** for the **Desborough Community**  
and its deceased members will be celebrated at 9 am on **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

Our transition team had its first meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, and the process to finalise the changes is expected to conclude soon, and will be announced shortly.

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## 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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> May** at 10.30 am - **St Edward's**

**7<sup>th</sup> 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:

**26<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



## PRAY IN MAY WITH MARY'S MEALS



During the month of May, Mary's Meals invites parishes to pray for children living in poverty and to reflect on how prayer can lead to loving action.

Mary's Meals provides a nutritious daily school meal for children in some of the world's poorest communities, offered with gratitude to God and inspired by faith in action.

This May, our parish is invited to join Mary's Meals UK in their annual Pray in May campaign, praying for children worldwide who rely on a daily meal at school. Mary's Meals UK has produced a range of free prayer resources, including bidding prayers, rosary reflections and a prayer calendar, suitable for use in Masses, services, parish groups, and personal prayer. These resources help us reflect on how prayer can lead to hope and practical action for those most in need:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/churches-and-prayers/pray-in-may-resources>

## 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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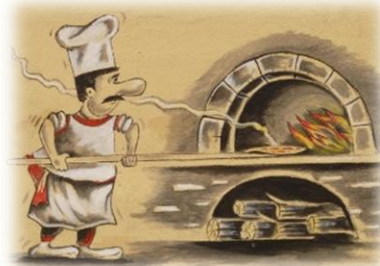
### COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by the **SVP** and **The Legion of Mary** after 10.00 am Mass on **6<sup>th</sup> May**.

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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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 4<sup>th</sup> May** 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 [www.caspar.church/me?ID=56026](https://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56026)

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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/>

## 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!

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

**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**



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES IN 2026



***Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June at 11 am - for Children from St Edward's School***

***Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10 am - for Children from non-Catholic schools***

***Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at 1 pm - for Children from St Thomas More School***

## CONFIRMATION 2026



Our Dean, Father Mark Floody from Corby is coming to St Edward's to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the children of St Edward's, St Thomas More and the children from non-Catholic schools on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30 pm.**

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## PLANNING YOUR WEDDING



If you are planning to get married abroad, in another parish or here at St Edward's Church, you must give us at least six months' notice. This is to ensure that all the preparation that couples are required to do, and the pre-marriage courses are completed along with the necessary paperwork. Please contact the parish office to get the relevant link to the course. You are always welcome to approach me after any Mass, so that you can begin making wedding plans. Please remember that to be legally married in this country, both parties have to be over 18 years old. Depending on circumstances if you have been married before, you may still have the opportunity to be married in the Catholic Church, but this will depend on your personal situation. At least one party must be Catholic. Although you can be married wherever you wish, all the paperwork has to be done by your parish priest in the place where you live.

## 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: **4<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7 pm.**

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## 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:**

**1<sup>st</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> August  
4<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> December**

## 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.](#)

**>>> 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.