

St Edward's Parish, Kettering



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Pentecost 'A'

24th May 2026

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



Veni Sancte Spiritus



Bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen,
warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore thee confess and thee
adore, with thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die; give us life with thee
on high; give us joys that never end.

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 **06.30 pm** - For the Parish / - Hattie int.

Pentecost Sunday **08.30 am** - Dorothy and Martin Mannion RIP
10.30 am - Antonio Villanueva RIP / - For the Parish

Monday / Private Mass / - Edward Henry Manning

Tuesday **09.15 am** - Exposition and Adoration

10.00 am - Lynne Dicks RIP 60th birthday / - Jean Descelles,
Lindsay Donat, Ena Grandsable, Lilette Davy RIP,
Louise, Olga, Anne and Paul
and for all the souls in Purgatory.

Wednesday **10.00 am** - Norah Noone / - Martin Earley RIP

Thursday **07.00 pm** - Patrick Feehan RIP

Friday **06.15 pm** - Adoration and Benediction

07.00 pm - Thanksgiving for Allan Sibiu int. / - Jinsy Thottam int.

Saturday **06.30 pm** - For the Holy Souls

Sunday **08.30 am** - For the Parish

10.30 am - Moises Soares Dos Reis RIP, Domingos Maia RIP

To request a Mass Intention please contact the parish office.

To respect people's wishes, there has usually been only one Mass Intention per Mass (This Intention might encompass even several people, but it will have been requested by one individual). There are occasional instances though, when there need to be two separate Intentions at a Mass. When this arises, I would be grateful for your understanding.

The **2nd Collection** this weekend is

for the **Catholic Communications Network.**

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.

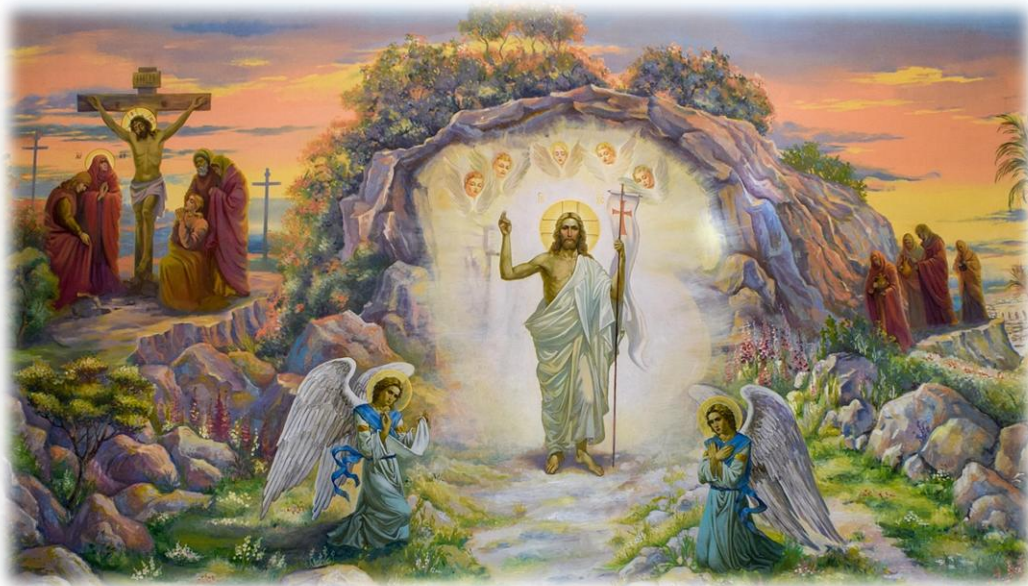
“The first step we must take to build the Kingdom of God on earth is to rediscover and appreciate the importance of the sacrament of confession, which will allow us to appreciate the sacrament of the Eucharist. *We cannot appreciate the Eucharist while removing the sacrament of Confession from our spiritual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



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

ARCHBISHOP SARAH'S VISIT TO OUR KGH



As you know, I am the chaplain for all Catholic patients at Kettering General Hospital. A week ago, I had the opportunity to meet **Sarah Mullally**, the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury who visited the Chaplaincy. I had the chance to hear her impressions of her visit to the Vatican to meet Pope Leo.

St Edward's supports all the Catholic patients. Fr Elvis and I take it in turns to be on call. We also have a team of Eucharistic Ministers led by our parishioner, Sarah who bring Holy Communion to the patients every Sunday and Wednesday. If anybody would like to join our Eucharistic Ministers please contact me. *Fr Gregory*

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham is on Saturday 13th June. It will begin at midday with Mass at the National Shrine, before pilgrims gather outside the Chapel of Reconciliation for a procession along the Pilgrim route to the Priory grounds, where there will be a short service at the site of the original Holy House. The annual diocesan pilgrimage to **Walsingham** is on **Saturday 13th June**. It will begin at midday with Mass at the National Shrine, before pilgrims gather outside the Chapel of Reconciliation for a procession along the Pilgrim route to the Priory grounds, where there will be a short service at the site of the original Holy House. For more information, please look at the posters displayed in the porch.

ONE PRIEST OR TWO IN OUR PARISH?



Fr Elvis' arrival in Kettering nearly three years ago

From time to time parishioners ask me: *Father Gregory, how many priests do we actually have in our parish - one or two?* To be honest, neither of these answers would be precise.

When Fr Elvis came to our parish three years ago, he was asked by his Bishop Joseph to undertake pastoral responsibilities and look after the Syro-Malabar community in Kettering, and also the Syro-Malabar community in Bedford. This means that among many other pastoral commitments, Fr Elvis celebrates two Masses in the Syro-Malabar Rite every Sunday: at 2.30 pm in **Kettering**, and at 5 pm in **Bedford**.

In addition, Fr Elvis helps me on weekends by celebrating one of the our 'English Masses' in the Latin Rite, as well as with confessions on Saturdays, and by celebrating weekday Masses occasionally. He visits the sick, he is a chaplain to the Hospital, and the chaplain of St Thomas More School. He is very much appreciated, and I am very grateful for his faithful ministry and hard work, even though his help and support are limited due to his own responsibilities. He is not an assistant priest at St Edward's, but rather a Parish Priest to his Syro-Malabar Communities.

Some of you might not be aware that at St Edward's church there is a Vigil Mass on Saturdays at 6.30 pm, and four Masses every Sunday:

8.30 am - 'English Mass' in the Latin Rite

10.30 am - 'English Mass' in the Latin Rite

1 pm - 'Polish Mass'. This Mass is celebrated by Fr Richard from Corby

2.30 pm - 'Indian Mass' in the Syro-Malabar Rite

I cannot expect Fr Elvis to support me in the same way as assistant priests used to support parish priests at St Edward's in the past. Please keep us both in your prayers.

Fr Gregory

A NEW PRIEST IN OUR DIOCESE AND OUR DEANERY



Please pray for **Deacon Chris** who is in his final stage of preparation for his priestly ordination. This will take place on **20th June** at Northampton Cathedral. It will be a great blessing for the diocese to celebrate the ordination of a new priest. After his ordination he will be assistant priest at the newly amalgamated parish of the Good Shepherd in Corby. This parish consists of two churches: Our Lady of Walsingham and St Brendan's. We send our best wishes and prayers to Deacon Chris and Father Mark, our dean.

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.

A PRAYER FOR UNITY WITHIN OUR PARISH



Lord Jesus, You prayed that all may be one, as You are in the Father and the Father in You. We stand before you and pray for all parishioners in Burton Latimer, Desborough, Rothwell, Kettering and all the surrounding villages. You have called us to build one family and one community, so that we may worship You together, love one another, listen patiently, and support each other in difficult times. Holy Spirit, kindle in us the desire to serve, grant us wisdom in making decisions and courage in bearing witness to our faith. May the diversity of our gifts and talents be a treasure, not a cause of division. Mary, Mother of the Church, envelop us in your mantle of protection and lead us to Your Son, so that in Him we may find true peace and unity. Saint Edward, pray for us. Saint Nicholas Owen, pray for us. Saint Bernadette, pray for us. 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.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH



Heavenly Father, we give thanks for our parish family: for all who have walked before us in faith, for the prayers, sacrifices, joys, and labours that have shaped our community through the years. We thank You for the gift of the present moment: for every person, every family, every culture and tradition that enriches our life together. Teach us to welcome one another with compassion, to listen with humility, and to grow together in unity and love. Bless the future of our parish community. Guide us in hope and courage, that we may continue to serve Christ faithfully, care for those in need, and be a living witness of the Gospel for generations to come. Through the intercession of Saint Edward, grant us wisdom, integrity, and peace. Through Saint Bernadette, teach us simplicity, prayer, and trust in Your presence. Through Saint Nicholas Owen, strengthen us in faithfulness, courage, and quiet service. May our parish family always remain rooted in Your love, open to Your grace, and united as one body in Christ. Holy Trinity, dwell among us and lead us always. Amen.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK



Catholic Legacy Week, 24-30 May, is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week using QR code or at cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES IN 2026



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

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

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

CONFIRMATION MASS 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 9th July at 6.30 pm.**

The rehearsal - which is compulsory for the candidates - will be on **Tuesday, 8th July at 6 pm.**

A MESSAGE FROM KIRSTY - ARE YOU AN ORGANIST?



My name is Kirsty, and I am one of the organists in the parish. This is a world away from the previous 30 years I spent playing in funk and disco event bands – often while wearing zebra-print outfits!

I would like to offer a brief insight into **lay music ministry**. This role gives me the privilege of spending many hours immersed in beautiful music while serving the parish. I gain deep fulfilment from planning music for the Masses I serve, carefully aligning hymns and songs with the liturgical season, the readings of the day, and the specific rituals of the Mass, alongside weekly preparation and practice.

Sacred music in the Catholic Church exists to glorify God, sanctify the faithful, and enhance the solemnity of the liturgy. It is not merely a backdrop to worship but an integral part of it, designed to elevate the soul, foster unity, and encourage active participation in the mysteries of faith.

Psalm music, particularly the Responsorial Psalm, holds a central place in the Liturgy of the Word. As a sung meditation and response to the first reading, it invites the congregation into prayerful reflection.

A key focus is always **active participation**. This is sometimes why a well-known tune may be used in place of another hymn tune, helping the congregation to sing with confidence. On occasion, a less familiar hymn may be introduced where it is liturgically appropriate.

Developing as a Catholic church musician has been a steep but rewarding learning curve. It requires balancing technical musical skills and creativity, including improvisation, with theological understanding, always remembering that this is a ministry, not a performance. I am motivated and eager to continue learning and improving.

The Second Vatican Council (1962–1965) reshaped Catholic church music by encouraging active participation by the laity, the use of vernacular languages alongside Latin, and musical forms that speak to the culture of the worshippers. At the

same time, it affirmed that Gregorian chant should retain pride of place and recognised the pipe organ as the Church's traditional instrument.

Being part of our parish's music ministry is a great privilege and blessing in my life. If you are an organist and are considering joining the rota, please speak with Fr Gregory. You will not regret stepping into this ministry.

I am deeply grateful for the encouragement and support of parishioners, which continues to give me the confidence to grow in this role. Although the relocation of the organ has meant losing the radiator behind me, it has also given me access to a microphone port, and the opportunity to sing the psalms on occasion. Singing the psalms brings a profound sense of joy and warmth in a different way. I look forward to continuing to serve at St Edward's Parish.

Kirsty

**SING, PRAY, LOVE -
HOW JOINING THE PARISH CHOIR COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE!**



Would I recommend joining a choir to anyone, at any time, at any age? you bet! Singing in a group is one of the great joys in life, a unique and rewarding experience like none other. You are part of a team, just like an athlete who plays a sport, but it's a team underpinned by a spiritual and sacred mindset as a form of music ministry to serve the church.

I was pleased and proud to help the choir navigate their way through Holy week, and witness them not only survive, but thrive and grow in confidence. With their blessing I have committed to lead them over the coming year up to and including Easter 2027.

Do you want to serve but not sure how?

Do you have a love of singing, want to praise God, glorify Him, and lead the congregation in active, sung prayer during the Mass?

Well, this could be your calling. If you love singing sacred music and interested in learning, we invite you to join the team!

St. Edwards Parish Choir is open to all. English does not need to be your primary language. (We may sing in Latin at times, which is no one's primary language! A piece we will be learning is 'Anima Christi' which is in Latin and refreshing ourselves with Ubi Caritas')

Key Requirements:

- Passion for music, positive attitude and a willingness to learn
- Being a 'team player'

Punctuality & Commitment

- Available to sing 3rd Sunday in the month at the 10.30am mass (and on other occasions throughout the year e.g. Christmas and Easter)
- Regular attendance at two Tuesday rehearsals a month (both Tuesdays prior to 3rd Sunday 10.30am mass)
- Be present at the start time of 1900 - End time 2015 (Additional rehearsals negotiated as and when needed)
- Willing to practice your part outside of focused rehearsal times using recorded material and resources provided

Benefits of joining

- Deepen Your Faith: Singing sacred music can serve as a form of prayer - as the saying goes, 'those who sing pray twice'.
- Active Service: Membership is a direct way to serve your parish community
- Stress Relief: Singing releases endorphins and oxytocin, which naturally lower stress levels (cortisol) and boost your mood.
- Respiratory & Heart Health: Regular practice improves lung capacity, breath control, and posture.
- Cognitive Workout: keeps the brain sharp, improving concentration, memory, and cognitive resilience as you age.
- Community Connection: Joining a choir is a powerful way to meet new people and forge lifelong friendships outside of digital interactions.
- And of course, to laugh together, have fun!

A cared for choir is a stable choir, and a stable choir strengthens worship and glorifies God more effectively. Thank you for your kindness, support and encouragement towards the choir. Please speak with Fr Gregory if you want to come along and serve through singing.

Kirsty



AN INVITATION FROM OUR GROUP LEADERS AND TRANSITION TEAM



My name is **Sr Aidan** and I am responsible for the rota for readers. On behalf of our Parish Transition Team, I would like to reach out to all those who used to read in **Burton Latimer, Desborough** and **Rothwell**, and also anyone who would like to be trained to join this ministry. You are very welcome to continue your mission or join as a new reader in Kettering. You are very much needed here. Please contact me via the parish office so I can add your name to the rota. Please provide Fr Gregory with your name and email or mobile number and he will pass them on to me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

My name is **Collette**, and I was entrusted with the role of coordinator of Eucharistic Ministers. Please contact me through Fr Gregory, if you would like to continue offering your ministry during Mass or with visiting the housebound, or indeed if you would like to start this role. We would be very pleased to hear from you.

Hi, I am **Rachel**, I am the coordinator of the Welcomers. I would love it if you would be willing to join our team. Your one qualification is to have a friendly smile. Please let Fr Gregory know if you are willing to continue or even start your ministry.

My name is **Maureen**. I do not need to remind you how important the Children's Liturgy is. You are very welcome to join our group of leaders or supporters and your children are always welcome to attend the liturgy. Please express your willingness to Fr Gregory who will pass on your details to me.

Hello, my name is **Marian**, and I am responsible for the flowers in the church. I am reaching out to anyone who would like to join our team. You would be very much appreciated. Please contact me through Fr Gregory.

Greetings, if anyone would like to join the organ rota, the choir or the music group, please contact **Kirsty** or **Gemma** through Fr Gregory. Remember, as he always says - prayer through music is worth twice as much as prayers alone!

Hi, I am **Stallon** and for many years I have been an altar server. If you have children - boys and girls - who would like to serve at Mass, please let Fr Gregory know and he will know what to do next!

We have several teams of cleaners here at St Edward's. If you would like to form your own or join one of the teams, please contact Fr Gregory. Without this humble service, our church would not be as beautiful as it is.

AN ACT OF KINDNESS



Dear Parishioners,

Our Parish would like to offer a lift to St Edward's church for parishioners from **Burton Latimer, Desborough** and **Rothwell** who have difficulties with transport. **So far only 3 parishioners have come forward to say that they need a lift.** Could you please keep asking around using our social media or word of mouth - how many might need a lift on Sunday. Please also ask if there are people willing to offer their vehicles. Kindly ask both groups of parishioners to contact Fr Gregory using the parish email, please. For the benefit of all, let us support each other. The sooner we organise transport, the better. Thank you for your kindness, help and support.

God bless,

Fr Gregory with our Parish Transition Team

WELCOME TO MORE OF OUR PARISH GROUPS



We would like to invite parishioners from **Burton Latimer, Desborough** and **Rothwell** to join some of our other groups. These include The Legion of Mary, The Rosary Group, The Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM), the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), and The Soup Kitchen. You will be warmly welcomed by whichever group you would like to join. Please contact the parish office and we will forward your details. If, by chance, you have an idea to set up and run a new group, you are very welcome to discuss this with Fr Gregory.

A MESSAGE FROM CARITAS



Office Tel: 01604 434362 Email: caritas@northamptondiocese.org

Fr Gregory Marchwinski
St Edwards Presbytery
2 The Grove
Kettering
NN15 7QQ

13th May 2026

Dear Fr Gregory

I am firstly introducing myself as the new strategic lead of Caritas Northampton. I have a connection with St Edward's having grown up in your parish. I wanted to provide an update on your parish's kind donation of £1939.18 in 2023 to Caritas Northampton for the Ukraine appeal. Your parishioner's generous donations were added to by more parishioners, schools and supporters, totalling almost £8,000. Caritas Northampton purchased a fully equipped ambulance, battery packs, clothes and supplies for Ukraine. With the support of Tove Benefice, who have previously supplied 7 previous ambulances to Ukraine, two volunteers drove the ambulance from Towcester on Easter Sunday, carrying 950kg of medical equipment including defibrillators and humanitarian aid. It was handed over to Ukraine-Mother (a Kyiv-based organisation) and frontline military paramedics on Wednesday 8th April 2026.

The items were put to use immediately, helping paramedics save lives and supporting medical stabilisation facilities which treat the injured before they are transferred to hospitals away from the frontline. On behalf of all the team at Caritas Northampton we thank everyone who has donated to this cause and prayed for Ukraine as we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters there. Further information and photographs can be found by clicking on the link below.

[The Diocese of Northampton fundraising helps send ambulance to Ukraine frontline | Northampton Diocese](#)

Finally, and importantly, Bishop David is keen for Caritas to help parishes be more involved in social action, and it would be great to grow a team of Caritas volunteers within your parish; this might be hands-on volunteering and outreach work, for example food banks or visiting those who are isolated. Or it may be a group that focuses on national campaigns and advocacy, such as migration and the Assisted Dying bill. If your parishioners have new ideas for social action, or are already involved in a project which Caritas could grow, they are very welcome to email and I am always happy to visit you and meet your parishioners.

Yours sincerely and with many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Rodrigues", is written over a horizontal line.

Dr Loralie Rodrigues
Strategic lead for Caritas Social Action
Caritas Northampton

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 or Alex Shelton-Bourke on alexandra.shelton-bourke@northamptondiocese.org.

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

***Ever wondered what God is calling
you to next?***

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Want to learn more about the programme? Sign-up to one of our information webinars by scanning the QR code today.



SCHOOL MASSES AT ST EDWARD'S



This is the upcoming date of the next school Mass, which some of you would like to attend, while others would rather avoid because they are very busy.

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

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY



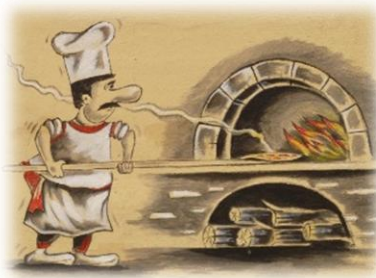
The church remains open on each **Wednesday** after Mass until **12 noon**.
Please take this opportunity to spend some time with the Lord.

COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by the **UCM** after 10.00 am Mass on **3rd June**.

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, 5th June 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, 1st June 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/>



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.

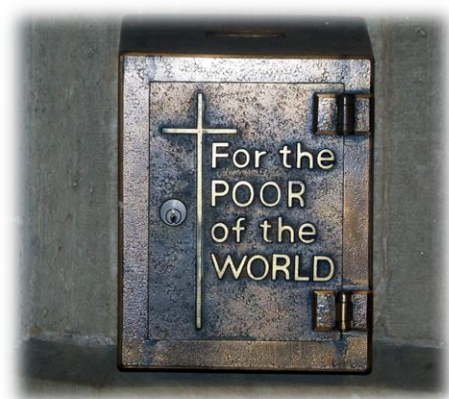
You can also support the Parish by **making a donation through the letterbox** of the Presbytery.

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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS 2026



23rd/ 24th May - Catholic Communications Network <<<

20th/21st June - Day for Life

27th/28th June - Peter's Pence

11th/12th July - Sea Sunday

19th/20th September - Home Mission Sunday

3rd/4th October - Harvest Fast Day

17th/ 18th October - World Mission Sunday

31st Oct/ 1st Nov - Sick and Retired Priests

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!

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

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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 June at 7 pm, 3rd September at 7 pm, 2nd November at 7 pm, 3rd December at 7 pm.**

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**5th June, 3rd July, 7th August
4th September, 2nd October, 6th November, 4th December.**

LET'S TALK ABOUT STUDY GROUP 5



Sr Marie Kolbe Zamora
Franciscan Sisters of
Christian Charity



Amy Cameron
Director Formation and
Mission Development H&N



Dr Avril Baigent
Director of the
School for Synodality

Join the National Board of Catholic Women as they reflect on and explore the recently published final report of Study Group 5: 'On women's participation in the life and leadership of the Church'.

This fruit of the Synod will be discussed through the perspectives of a panel of experts led by Helen Burgess, Vice President of the NBCW and Diocesan link Northampton Diocese.



10th June 2026



7pm to 8pm



Register Here



National Board of Catholic Women
Consultative Body to the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales
Consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC)

26th May
10am - 12pm

Violence against Women and the Bible

[Register
via churchsuite](#)

A seminar and discussion for anyone working in catholic parishes, services and education, including clergy

What does a biblical understanding of violence against women look like? And how might this understanding inform our responses as catholic communities to violence against women in our churches and in wider society?

Join us to hear from our panel of theologians and practitioners, and to discuss next steps for our communities in addressing violence against women.

Speakers

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Dr Amy Daughton
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Hosted by CSAN's Domestic Abuse Alliance and Safe In Faith



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.

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>>> 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.