

St Edward's Parish, Kettering



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SS Peter and Paul

28th June 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



PETER

the Apostle...



...and

PAUL

the teacher
of the Gentiles...



...these have taught us
your law, O Lord.

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:

- + Dorothy McCartin - Her **Funeral Service** will be held at **St Edward's Church** on Tuesday, 30th June at 11.30 am.
- + Rhona Clennell - Her **Funeral Service** will be held at **St Edward's Church** on Thursday, 2nd July at 10.30 am.
- + Paul Watts - His **Funeral Service** will be held at **St Edward's Church** on Thursday, 16th July at 12.30 pm.
- + Edwin Jowitt - His **Requiem Mass** will be held at **St Edward's Church** on Friday, 24th July at 12.00 noon.

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

DIOCESAN STATEMENT



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

The Diocese of Northampton can confirm that Bishop David Oakley has been charged after an investigation into non-recent safeguarding allegations. We understand that this will be very distressing for all concerned but cannot comment further on an active legal process.



OUR SECOND 40 HOURS DEVOTION AT ST EDWARD'S



Thank you to those who came to spend time with Jesus over the last few days in adoration. Hopefully this has now become another of our parish traditions. It is a little early to put it in our diaries, but hopefully next year the weather will be a bit cooler.



SECOND COLLECTION FOR DAY OF LIFE

Thanks to your generosity the parish raised **£ 319.29** for the above charity last weekend.



AN UPDATE FROM OUR TRANSITION TEAM



CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

A plan was discussed to move the Sunday Mass times:

from 8.30 am to **9 am** and

from 10.30 am to **11 am**

This is to help rebalance the numbers between the Masses, with a slightly later time for families and elderly people to come to church. **This will begin in September** for a trial period and will be well advertised. It will be reviewed in January.



PERMANENT DIACONATE



Many of us see deacons serving at the altar, but their call is truly to be a 'guardian of service' in the Church. A deacon's ministry isn't just within the walls of the church building; it is out in the world - in our workplaces, our hospitals, our schools and with the marginalised within our community. It is a unique vocation for men, many of whom are married and have families, who feel called to serve God

through the Word, through service at the Altar, and doing works of charity within the community. If you have ever felt a nudge in your heart to serve more deeply, or if others have told you that you have a 'servant's heart,' the Lord may be calling you. For married men, this is a journey shared with your wife, and her support is a vital part of the discernment. We invite all men and their families to pray about this vocation. Please join us after Mass for a coffee and a casual conversation if you'd like to learn more. You can also find information on:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/diaconate/>

or speak directly with your parish priest.

Alternatively, you can join us at our 'Taster Morning' on Saturday 4th July at The Holy Family church, Langley, Slough. SL3 7UD, beginning at 10:00am. You can email Dcn. Erik Kerr at deaconerik.kerr@northamptondiocese.org for more details.

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 Bernardette**, 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.*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES



We congratulate our children from
St Edward's School,
non-Catholic schools
and **St Thomas More School**
on making their
First Holy Communion.

FEAST DAY OF ST CHRISTOPHER BLESSING OF VEHICLES ON 25th JULY



St. Christopher is considered a 'Christ-bearer'. According to legend, Christopher was a strong and tall man who sought to serve the greatest king he could find. His journey eventually led him to serve Jesus Christ. Apparently, St. Christopher helped travellers traverse a dangerous river. One day, a small child asked Christopher to carry him across. As they crossed the river, this child became increasingly heavy, and Christopher struggled to reach the other side. When they finally arrived, the child revealed

Himself as Christ, carrying the weight of the world's sins. This miraculous encounter transformed Christopher into a faithful Christian, dedicating his life to serving God.

We are blessed to have a very unique **wooden carving of St Christopher**, which was donated by 'Pop' Dolan and American veterans who had been stationed at Grafton Underwood during World War II. Last year, **Kathleen Lev** (*the lady on the photo above*) - the granddaughter of **Colonel Dolan** - came from America to visit our parish. She was very proud of her grandfather, and was deeply touched when she saw this carving of St Christopher.

Since **St Christopher** is patron saint of drivers, I would like to organise a **blessing of vehicles** at the **swimming pool car park** after each Mass on **25th July**. This would involve me coming across to the exit of the car park and blessing any departing car or motorbike with holy water. By my side I will have one of our altar servers who will hold a basket for donations. We would like to raise funds towards a very large **television screen** for the parish hall where our Sunday Masses are streamed. We hope this will encourage parishioners to use the Hall more often when the church seems crowded.



CONFIRMATION MASS 2026



Our Dean, **Canon 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 **Wednesday, 8th July at 6 pm.**



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 our parish volunteers from *Burton Latimer & Barton Seagrave* after 10.00 am Mass on **1st July.**

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, 3rd July at 6.30 pm
in the parish hall.



BAPTISMS AT ST EDWARD'S



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, 6th July
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.

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!

1st July - **Burton Latimer** & **Barton Seagrave**

5th August - **Desborough** & **Rothwell**

2nd September - **Rothwell** & **Desborough**

7th October - **Soup Kitchen**

4th November - **Flower Arrangers and Readers**

2nd December - **Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy**



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.



REGISTRATION AT ST EDWARD'S PARISH

Please complete the registration form by clicking on this QR code, or by typing the link into your browser:

www.caspar.church/me?ID=56026

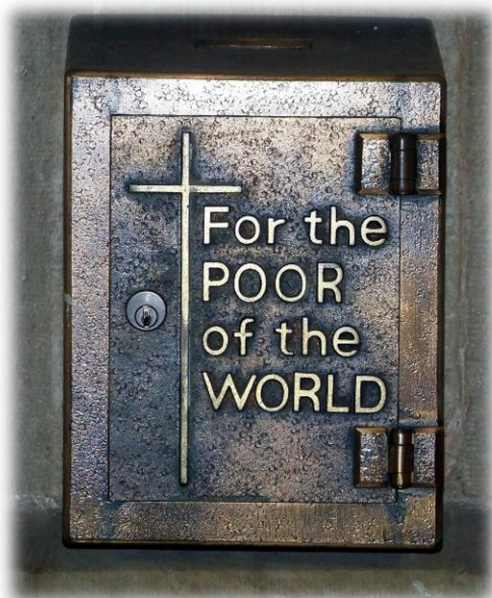


ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



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

SECOND COLLECTIONS 2026



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

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.



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:

3rd September at 7 pm,

2nd November at 7 pm,

3rd 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, 6th November, 4th December.

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD



CAFOD has a petition about the global debt crisis which is causing immense suffering for our brothers and sisters in low-income countries. Money that should be spent on healthcare and education is flowing out of countries that can least afford it. Complex factors have caused this crisis and now governments have an impossible choice between serving their people or paying their creditors. Often, they have paid their original debt back, but spiralling interest means they will never break the cycle. Cardinal Stephen from South Sudan says, "When debt repayment takes priority over essential services, the poorest suffer most." Practical solutions are available.

Please sign the petition at cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt

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.

+ Saturday at 6:30 pm - 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.

+ + or Sunday at 8:30 am - 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 - 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 - 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.



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.