

St Edward's Parish, Kettering



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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time 'A' 2nd August 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



**THE DISCIPLES
CAME TO JESUS
AND SAID:
THIS IS A
DESOLATE PLACE,
AND THE DAY IS**

**NOW OVER; SEND THE CROWDS AWAY TO GO INTO
THE VILLAGES AND BUY FOOD FOR THEMSELVES.**

**BUT JESUS SAID:
THEY NEED NOT
TO GO AWAY;
YOU GIVE THEM
SOMETHING TO
EAT.**



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** - Graham Smith private int.

SUNDAY **08.30 am** - For the Parish / - De Gisi Attilio RIP
 10.30 am - Colin Lovett RIP on 87th birthday / - Rosa Soares RIP

Monday / Private Mass / - Burley and Elenora Smith

Tuesday **09.15 am** - [Adoration](#)
 10.00 am - Joseph and Annamma Phillipose RIP / - Ann Machell RIP

Wednesday **10.00 am** - For the Holy Souls / - Sister Stella Maria / - Joseph Kavilthazhe

Thursday **07.00 pm** - For the Holy Souls

Friday **06.00 pm** - [First Friday Adoration and Benediction](#)
 07.00 pm - José Estepa

SATURDAY **06.30 pm** - Noel Hammond RIP

SUNDAY **08.30 am** - Assunta De Santis RIP 3rd anniv.
 10.30 am - Deceased Cannon Family members

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.



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:*

+ Ann Machell - Her **Funeral** will be held in Manchester.

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

CHANGE OF 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.

FEAST DAY OF ST CHRISTOPHER BLESSING OF VEHICLES

We are on our diocesan website. Please click the link below:

[St Edward's Celebrates Feast of St Christopher With Vehicle Blessing | Northampton Diocese](#)

Thank you for your generosity last weekend. We managed to raise **£630.20** towards the new television. It was a new experience for me to stand by the exit of the carpark and bless your cars but Fr Elvis and I enjoyed it very much. Thank you for your smiling faces and for not honking your horns as you drove away!





OUR LADY OF FATIMA - HOME PILGRIM

In the near future we will be welcoming a Parish statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Canon Gregory will consecrate the statue, which will then be available to visit the homes of our parishioners to enable each family to pray, one week at a time, for the family's and the parish's intentions. This consecration of the Pilgrim Statue is part of the World Apostolate of Fatima. The statue will be taken from home to home each weekend and will be accompanied by a prayer book to help families who are unfamiliar with the prayers. If you would like to invite the parish pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home for a week, please sign the list at the back of the church. Augustina is a member of the World Apostolate of Fatima and will be the custodian and key contact for this initiative. She may be contacted on 07487616560.



TWO BIBLE GROUPS

We had our Bible Group meeting last Wednesday and the overall view was that we should hold two meetings – one in the morning and one in the evening, so that parishioners who work might have the opportunity to participate. Our first daytime meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12th August after the 10 am Mass.

Our first evening meeting will be at 6 pm on Thursday, 13th August. Both meetings will last 45 minutes and will be held in the Parish Hall.



NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND NEW READERS

At the end of **September**, we would like to recruit new **Eucharistic Ministers** and new **Readers**. We are planning to organise a training session for each group. We would like to invite all parishioners to come forward and become involved in the Eucharistic Ministry and in reading during Mass. More information will follow in the near future.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION



Preparation for **First Holy Communion** and the **Sacrament of Confirmation** begins in our parish in **September**. The most important part of the preparation is attendance at Holy Mass every Sunday.

Fr Gregory would like to get to know all the children and their families who would like to receive the Sacraments in 2027. This includes children who attend Catholic schools and non-Catholic schools. Please come and say hello after Mass - even in August! More information about catechism classes for children who do not attend our catholic schools will be announced in due course after Mass. If you have any questions regarding preparation for these two sacraments, please call the parish office on a Monday between 11 am and 12.30 pm and speak to Mrs Everington.

ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP

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



TIDYING THE CHURCH GROUNDS

I would be grateful if you could spare an hour to help tidy the church grounds and cut back the shrubs and flowers around the church and presbytery – and of course, remove any weeds, which seem to grow best in any weather! As the saying goes, 'Many hands make light work', so if you can, please come at **10 o'clock** on **Saturday 8th August**.



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.

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.



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF NORTHAMPTON



SAVE THE DATE

DIOCESAN *Music Day*

A DAY OF MUSIC, FORMATION,
RESOURCES AND FELLOWSHIP
FOR ALL INVOLVED IN
PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY



SATURDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER 2026



LOCATION TBD

All are welcome!

MUSICIANS, SINGERS, CHOIR MEMBERS,
CANTORS, ORGANISTS, DIRECTORS,
AND CLERGY.

*“Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.”*

— PSALM 96:1

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.

27th September at 11 am - St Edward's

22nd November at 11 am - St Thomas More

2021

24th January at 11 am - St Edward's

28th February at 11 am - St Thomas More

25th April at 11 am - St Edward's

27th June at 11 am - St Thomas More



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**: 7th August, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November, 4th December.



COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by our parish volunteers from **Desborough** and **Rothwell** after 10 am Mass on **5th August**

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, 3rd August at 7 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, or by typing the link into your browser:

www.caspar.church/me?ID=56026



PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT DAY

Men aged 16 and over who are considering a vocation to the priesthood are warmly invited to a Discernment Day on Saturday, **8th August**, from 10.30 am at St Augustine Catholic Church, Milton Keynes. The day will include prayer, reflection, Mass, fellowship, and opportunities to speak with priests and others discerning God's call.

To register or find out more, contact Fr Pius at vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org or **01753 523147**.

Please keep vocations in your prayers.



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!

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

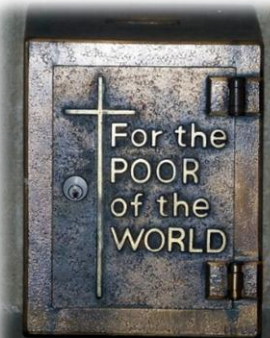
SECOND COLLECTIONS 2026

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 Donation 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.