

# St Edward's Parish, Kettering



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*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time*

*5<sup>th</sup> July 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**



**C**ome to me,  
all who labour  
and are  
overburdened,  
and I will give  
you rest.

**S**houlder my yoke and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and  
humble in heart, and  
you will find rest for  
your souls.





## 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:*

- + David Kearns - His **Requiem Mass** will be held at **St Edward's Church**  
on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30 pm.
- + Paul Watts - His **Funeral Service** will be held at **St Edward's Church**  
on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30 pm.
- + Edwin Jowitt - His **Requiem Mass** will be held at **St Edward's Church**  
on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30 pm.

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

# POPE LEO APPOINTS ARCHBISHOP RICHARD MOTH APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON



His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed **Archbishop Richard Moth** as Apostolic Administrator *sede plena et ad nutum Sanctæ Sedis* of the Diocese of Northampton.

This is a temporary role, by which the Holy See ensures that the pastoral governance of a diocese will continue, when it is not possible for a diocesan Bishop to exercise his office. Therefore, the governance of the Diocese of Northampton is now canonically entrusted to Archbishop Moth.

On hearing of his appointment, Archbishop Richard said:

*“I am humbled by the trust which His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has placed in me by assigning me this mission as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Northampton, in addition to my ministry as the Archbishop of Westminster”.*

*“I ask those whom I am called to serve to pray for me, that the Lord will continue to give me His spiritual guidance and wisdom needed to fulfil these duties.”*

Archbishop Moth will continue to live and work at Archbishop’s House in Westminster while providing support to the people and clergy of Northampton.



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30 pm.**

The rehearsal - which is compulsory for the candidates

- will be on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July at 6 pm.**

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## 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.

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## SECOND COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE



**Thanks to your generosity the parish raised £ 533.68 for the above charity last weekend.**



## IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS

## **MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD**



The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX. It is said that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. We will be praying the Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus after weekday Masses.

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### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ON WEDNESDAYS**

Collette, our Coordinator has appealed for more Eucharistic Ministers who could visit the sick and housebound on Wednesdays after Mass. If you are a Eucharistic Minister or would like to train to become one, please contact the parish office.



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### **PRACTICAL AND AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR BUILDINGS**



Every year we not only try to keep on top of H&S matters. We also like to make practical and aesthetic improvements to our buildings. What we are planning to do is to upgrade the parish toilet - and it certainly does need upgrading! The other project is to replace the current factory lights in the main body of the church with more suitable and more aesthetic lighting for a place of worship. The toilet will be refurbished in the near future, but the lights will take a little bit longer.

## EMMAUS WEEKEND MEN'S RETREAT 2026



*When the disciples asked Jesus, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child to Himself and said, "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:4). Jesus emphasised that true greatness is not measured by status, power, or authority, but by humility, trust, and dependence on God, qualities exemplified by children*

This retreat is an opportunity to step away from the demands of everyday life and explore God's calling for men who desire to follow Christ and become men after His own heart. The weekend will be led by **David Wells**, one of the Church's most respected Catholic speakers, authors, and retreat leaders. Known for his engaging, insightful, and often humorous approach, he has inspired audiences throughout the UK and beyond, helping people encounter the Gospel in a fresh and meaningful way. **Bishop Timothy Menezes**, Birmingham, will also be in attendance. Throughout the weekend we will:

- Explore how Jesus provides us with an alternative understanding of success, influence, and leadership from those we commonly see and experience around us.
- Consider how the Gospels offer a greater purpose and setting for the strengths, gifts, and talents God has entrusted to us.
- Seek practical tools and spiritual disciplines that help us live in harmony with our deepest aspirations for a life lived fully and faithfully.
- Meet remarkable and inspiring male role models from the history of the Church and discover what their lives can teach us about courage, faithfulness, humility, and service.

- Share fellowship with other men who are seeking, often imperfectly and sometimes clumsily, to respond to God's love and purpose for their lives, ordinary, unique, remarkable, humble, and wonderfully imperfect men walking the journey of faith together.

This weekend will include inspiring talks, prayer, worship, reflection, fellowship, and time to listen for God's voice amidst the noise of everyday life. Whether you are firmly established in your faith or simply seeking a deeper sense of purpose and direction, we invite you to come and join us as we explore what it means to become the men God created us to be.

*Date:* Fri 6 Nov 2026 - Sun 8 Nov 2026

*Location:* The Hayes Conference Centre, DE55 1AU

*Cost:* £238

*Accommodation & Meals:* Individual en-suite room included, together with Friday evening dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and evening meal, and Sunday breakfast and lunch.

**[Register here](#)**

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## CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP



On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7 pm there will be a meeting for the Children's Liturgy group in the parish hall.

If you are interested or just curious about what we do please join us. There are three main roles in Children's Liturgy - Being a Leader, being a Helper, serving teas and coffees. These are essential roles because without volunteers we cannot offer this service of a Children's Liturgy to the Parish.

We would particularly like to invite parishioners from the outside communities and those who are newcomers to St Edward's Parish.

## RETRouvaille



### MARRIAGE IN A RUT?

Or need help with deeper issues?

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage.

Next dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> October.

[www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info)

Tel: 0788 7296983

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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.

## FEAST DAY OF ST CHRISTOPHER BLESSING OF VEHICLES ON 25<sup>th</sup> 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 **25<sup>th</sup> 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** to replace the old one for the parish hall where our Sunday Masses are streamed. We hope this will encourage parishioners to use the Hall more often.



## A THANK YOU TO MY MUM



When I went to Poland, my mum returned with me for a few days. She now recognises many faces and says that everyone has been very kind to her. As you know, she likes to stay busy. On this visit she washed and ironed all the vestments, linen and especially the altar servers' albs! If anyone would like to wash and iron them in the future, please let me know. I and the servers would really appreciate if someone came and checked them from time to time. You can wash and iron the albs either in the presbytery or at home. Unlike my mum, you do not have to do them all at once. Meanwhile, the presbytery has been turned into a launderette! - Fr Gregory

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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.

27<sup>th</sup> September at 11 am - St Edward's

22<sup>nd</sup> November at 11 am - St Thomas More

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24<sup>th</sup> January at 11 am - St Edward's

28<sup>th</sup> February at 11 am - St Thomas More

25<sup>th</sup> April at 11 am - St Edward's

27<sup>th</sup> June at 11 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.



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### 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 **5<sup>th</sup> August**

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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, 7<sup>th</sup> August 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, 6<sup>th</sup> July**  
**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.

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## 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!

**5<sup>th</sup> August** - Desborough & Rothwell

2<sup>nd</sup> September - Rothwell & Desborough

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

## 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](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56026)



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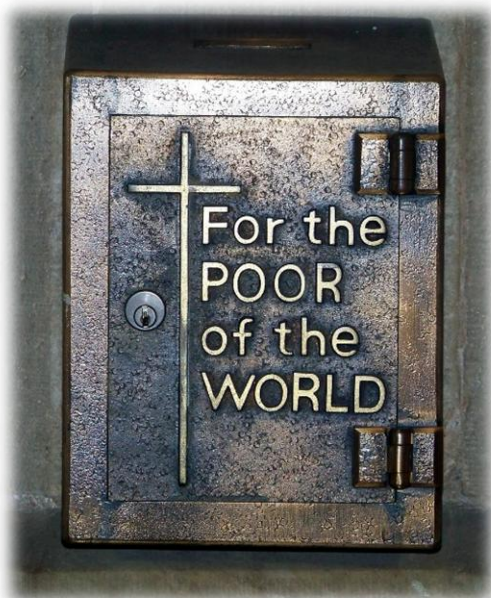
## ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



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

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## SECOND COLLECTIONS 2026



**11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July - Sea Sunday**

19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> September - Home Mission Sunday

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Fast Day

17<sup>th</sup>/ 18<sup>th</sup> October - World Mission Sunday

31<sup>st</sup> Oct/ 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

**3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7 pm,**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7 pm,**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 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.**

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## 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.*

## 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.