

St Edward's Parish, Kettering



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17th Sunday of Ordinary Time 'A' 26th 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)*

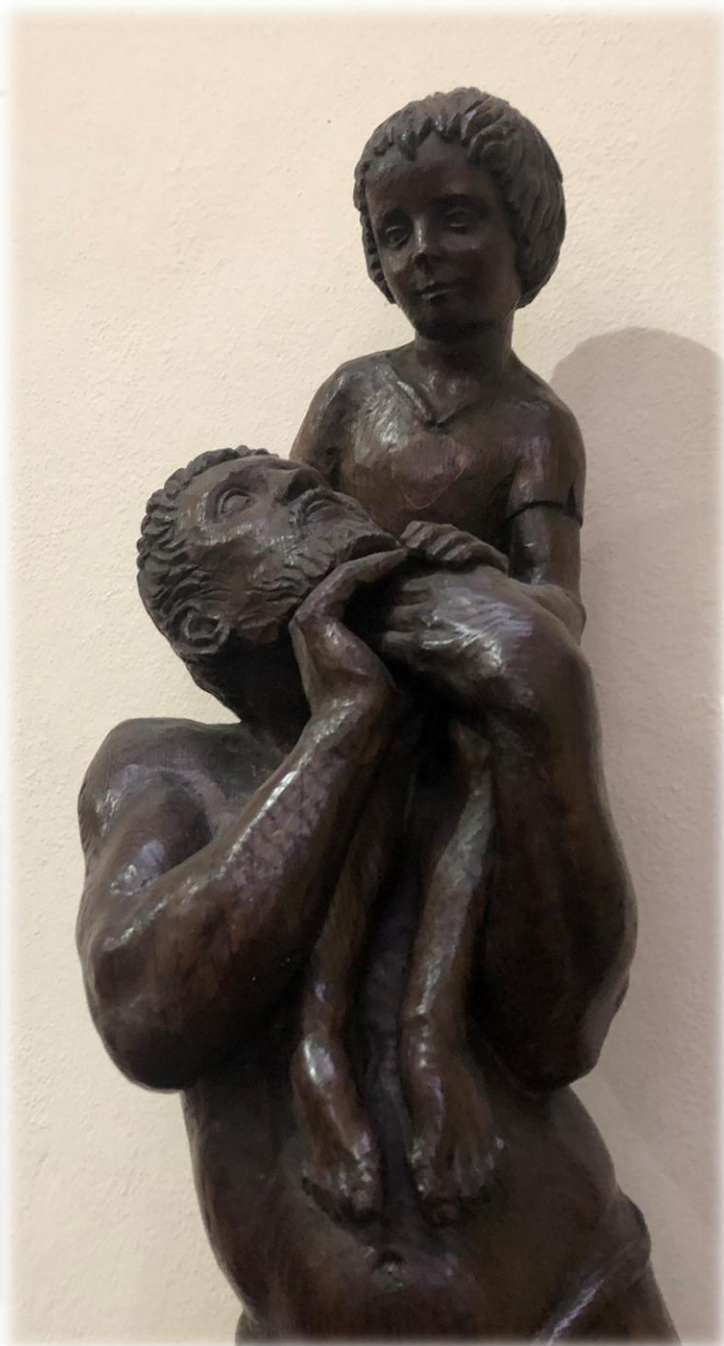
>>> Sunday Early Mass - 8.30 am

>>> Sunday Family Mass - 10.30 am

St Christopher *pray for us!*

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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 - Molly and Dominic wedding int.

SUNDAY

08.30 am - Simon Tilley RIP and Wanda

10.30 am - Ron & Veronica Steele 40th wedding anniv.

thanking the Lord for their many blessings

Monday / Private Mass / - Kath Navin

Tuesday **09.15 am** - [Adoration](#)

10.00 am - Simon Tilley RIP

Wednesday **10.00 am** - Nicole Herry RIP

Thursday **10.00 am** - Tom Doveston int.

07.00 pm - <<< <<< **NO MASS** <<< <<< <<<

Friday **06.15 pm** - [Adoration and Benediction](#)

07.00 pm - Everington Family private int.

SATURDAY

06.30 pm - Graham Smith private int.

SUNDAY

08.30 am - For the Parish

10.30 am - Colin Lovett RIP on 87th birthday / - Rosa Soares RIP

>>> Our St Christopher's 2nd Collection will be this weekend.

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

FEAST DAY OF ST CHRISTOPHER BLESSING OF VEHICLES THIS WEEKEND



Since St Christopher is patron saint of drivers, I will come across to the exit of the car park and bless any departing car or motorbike with holy water after each Mass. We will hold a second collection in the church. This will go towards a very large television screen for the parish hall to replace our very old

television. It will be used for Mass and many other activities including children's liturgy, catechism and for the youth group. We hope this will encourage parishioners to use the Hall more often.



NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE TO WALSINGHAM



This will be on Saturday **1st August** and will be led by Bishop Peter Collins, of the Diocese of East Anglia. Everyone is invited to join in this pilgrimage either in person or via the Shrine livestream

at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

Details of the day and travel arrangements can be found at www.prolifepilgerimage.org Please see the noticeboard for details of local travel arrangements. This pilgrimage is especially important this year because the 'right to die' legislation process will be returning to Parliament in September.

PRAYER FOR THE 6TH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Leo XIV has chosen *"I will never forget you"* (Is 49:15) as the theme for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, said the Vatican's Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life in a statement. The World Day, instituted by the late Pope Francis in 2021, is celebrated every fourth Sunday of July and is presented as an opportunity to bring the closeness of the Church to the elderly and to enhance their contribution within families and communities. This year, the date coincides with the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, **Sunday, July 26**, and the Holy Father invites everyone to celebrate the Day with a Eucharistic liturgy in the cathedral church of each individual diocese. Taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the chosen verse is meant to be a message of consolation and hope for all grandparents and elderly people, especially those who live in loneliness or feel forgotten. At the same time, it is a reminder to families and ecclesial communities not to forget them, recognizing in them a precious presence and a blessing.



Holy Father,

Who watches over every person
Watch over me too when I am elderly.
You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
And You were not discouraged by my frailties.
You hold me tenderly in your hands,
And You caress my lines.
You will never forget me! (see Is 49:15).
Grant that I may not fear my weakness;
Help me learn to love it
Just as You love it.

Help me learn to listen to it
Just as You listen to it.

Help me embrace it
Just as You have chosen it,
You who, though all-powerful,
Clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride and all division
So that we may live these years united in You.
You will never forget us! (see Is 49:15)



Amen.

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.



OUR BIBLE GROUP

There will be a meeting after the **10 o'clock** Mass on **Wednesday 29th July**. This will be an opportunity to plan for the near future. We will decide when the Bible Group will meet and how often. If you are interested in taking part and have any ideas, you are very welcome.



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.



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.

ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



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



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



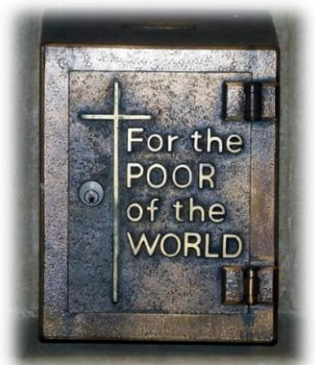
SECOND COLLECTIONS 2026

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.

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.