

St Edward's Parish, Kettering



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22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A 30th 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 / 9 am from September

>>> Sunday Family Mass - 10.30 am / 11 am from September



Jesus told
his disciples:
If anyone
would come
after me,
let him deny
himself and
take up his
cross and
follow me.

For whoever would save his life
will lose it, but whoever loses
his life for my sake will find it.



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 - Jean Hendry RIP / - For the Parish

SUNDAY

08.30 am - James Kirrane RIP / - George Burtcher RIP

10.30 am - Mambilly John RIP / - Canon John Koenig 80th birthday int.

Monday / Private Mass / - For the Holy Souls

Tuesday **09.15 am** - Adoration

10.00 am - Ann Machell RIP / - Vivien Villanueva for welfare, wellbeing and healing

Wednesday **10.00 am** - Bridie Keenaghan RIP / - Fidelia Akorah RIP

Thursday **07.00 pm** - /Bereavement Mass/ - Simon Tilley RIP / - All the Souls in Purgatory

Friday **06.00 pm** - First Friday Adoration and Benediction

07.00 pm - For the Holy Souls

SATURDAY

12.00 noon - Nuptial Mass

06.30 pm - Canon John Koenig 80th birthday int. / - Cathy Mir get well int.

SUNDAY

09.00 am - Wanda Leckie personal int.

11.00 am - For the Parish

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:*

+ David Watson - His **Requiem Mass** will be held at **St Edward's Church** on
Thursday, 17th September at 10 am.

+ Carol Bretherick - **RIP**

+ George Burtcher - **RIP**

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

!!! CHANGE OF MASS TIMES !!!

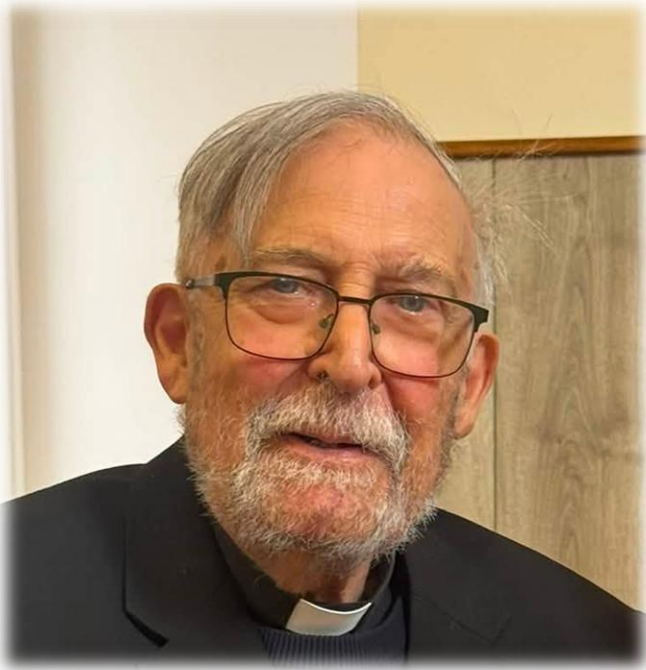


From 8.30 am to **9 am** and from 10.30 am to **11 am**

This will begin next weekend for a trial period.

It will be reviewed in January.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, CANON JOHN!!!



Dear Canon John,

May the Lord guide your steps and fill your days with peace,
love, and divine purpose as you celebrate another year of life.

Fr Gregory, Fr Elvis, Sr Aidan, and all Parishioners of St Edward's.

MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

All are warmly invited to the Diocesan Mass for Marriage and Families at Northampton Cathedral on Saturday **5th September** at **12 noon**. The Mass will be a special celebration of the gift of marriage and family life, with couples marking milestone anniversaries especially welcome. Please register online at: [Celebration of Marriage and Family Life](#) to let us know about your anniversary and to book refreshments.



ARCHBISHOP WELCOMES CALL FOR BETTER PALLIATIVE CARE



Archbishop John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool and Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has welcomed the Prime Minister's call for greater investment in

palliative and social care ahead of Parliament's consideration of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. The Bill, which seeks to legalise assisted suicide, is due to return to the House of Commons for its Second Reading on Friday 11th September. Speaking ahead of the debate, the Prime Minister said that palliative care and social care funding need to be "fixed" so that vulnerable people can have "peace of mind" about the care they receive towards the end of their lives. Responding to these comments, Archbishop Sherrington said it was "highly significant" that the need for properly funded palliative and social care had been recognised before Parliament debates what he described as the "fundamentally flawed" Bill. He said: *"People who are dying are vulnerable and need compassionate care and spiritual accompaniment until their last breath". "We have consistently called for meaningful investment in palliative and end of life care as an appropriate focus to uphold the dignity of all at the end of life and opposed a bill seeking to legalise assisted suicide."*

The Archbishop warned that while many Catholic hospices and care homes already provide exceptional end-of-life care, the sector remains significantly underfunded. He also expressed concern that legalising assisted suicide could threaten the future of hospices and other providers whose mission is rooted in compassionate care.

The Catholic Church believes that every human life is a gift from God and possesses an inherent dignity that must be protected

from conception until natural death. Rather than changing the law to permit assisted suicide, the Church continues to advocate for high-quality palliative care, effective pain relief, emotional support, and spiritual accompaniment for those approaching the end of life.

Archbishop Sherrington has urged parliamentarians to reject the legislation when it returns to the House of Commons on 11th September, saying: *“I once more urge parliamentarians to vote against this dangerous legislation on 11th September and to work together to ensure that our palliative and social care services can be held up as examples of truly dignified care at the end of life for all”.*

Contact your MP

Ahead of the debate on 11th September, Catholics and all people of goodwill are encouraged to contact their Member of Parliament and respectfully ask them to vote against the Bill.

Both the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales and Right to Life UK provide simple online tools to help you write to your MP.

Please continue to pray for those who are seriously ill, for their families and carers, for healthcare professionals, and for all who have responsibility for shaping laws that uphold the dignity of every human life.

TOILETS REFRESHED - THANK YOU!



Thank you to the volunteers who came forward with the idea of painting the outside toilet and the toilets in the Parish Hall. This important work cost the parish nothing, just the time and aching arms of our volunteers. I am sure that everyone will notice the difference.

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!

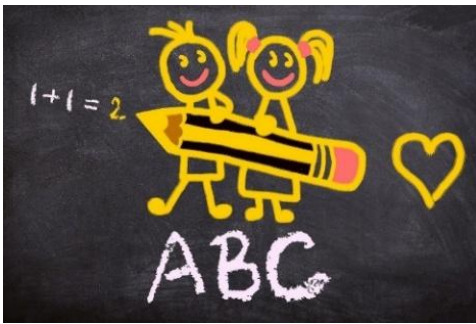
More information about catechism classes for children who do not attend our catholic schools will be announced in due course after Mass. If you have any questions regarding catechism classes for these two sacraments in the parish, please call the parish office on a Monday between 11 am and 12.30 pm and speak to Mrs Everington.

A PLACE OF CALM

Dear Parents of our youngest children, we realise how difficult it is for you when your children get 'lively' or 'upset'. Therefore, we invite you to take them upstairs to the organ loft, which is above the sacristy. It is a safe place with a triple sound-proof window overlooking the altar. There is a speaker up there, so you will be able to take an active part in the Mass and your children will become calm and comfortable. Please take care on the stone steps.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FR GREGORY ABOUT APPLICATIONS TO BISHOP STOPFORD SCHOOL



I am sure that parents are aware that on the application form there is a section about the church leader. When you fill this in, please come and see me at any time, before or after any Mass, with a photocopy of the form. I will then be able to keep a record of who is applying to the school and when they contact me with a list of applicants, it will be easy for me to check the names put forward. If I have not met someone, even very briefly, it is very hard for me to verify a name on the list. I would like to avoid confusion and disappointment at a later date. There is no need to make an appointment, a quick 'Hello Father' and a smile will do! *Fr Gregory*

BEREAVEMENT MASSES - NEXT THURSDAY

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, 3rd December.

JOIN OUR CAFOD VOLUNTEER TEAM



Would you like to help make a difference in our global community? Our CAFOD group is looking for new volunteers to help raise awareness of CAFOD's vital work. There are lots of ways you can get involved - and you can choose what works best for you:

- **Share the CAFOD message** by giving a short, pre-prepared talk in your parish twice a year.
- **Inspire prayer** by inviting your parish community to pray for people around the world when the need arises.
- **Speak up for justice** by raising awareness of the injustices CAFOD is highlighting, annually.

Everything you need is provided and no previous experience is necessary - just a willing heart! Come and be part of a friendly team.

We'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch:

Email: northampton@cafod.org.uk **Phone:** 07786 114 390

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.



TRAINING FOR NEW READERS

Saturday, 19th September 2026



This training is mandatory for those who would like to join the team of readers, but we also invite our existing readers to refresh what they know about being a good reader.

Programme

10am - Private prayers and preparation for Adoration

10.15 am - 15 minutes **Adoration** in silence and **Benediction**

followed by *The Angelus*.

10.30am - **1st Talk** - by **Sr Aidan** (*Our understanding of the Scriptures, the importance of being prepared before we proclaim the Word of God publicly, how we should approach the lectern before we read and how we should use the microphone, how does our rota work. What works well and what can be improved in our rota?*)

10.45am - **2nd Talk** - by **Nina (TBC)** (*What parishioners expect from us when we read? The importance of correct diction*)

11am - **Lectio Divina** in small groups

11.15am - **3rd Talk** - by **Kate (TBC)** (*Explanation of the cycle - Year A, B, C on Sundays, and year I and II on weekdays. New liturgical year always begins on 1st Sunday of Advent. Now in 2026 we have Year A on Sundays, and Year II on weekdays, understanding and presenting the bidding prayers*)

<>>> Time for Q&A

11.30am - Tea and Coffee in the Parish Hall



TRAINING FOR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, 26th September 2026

This training is mandatory for those who would like to join the team of Eucharistic Ministers, but we also invite our existing Ministers to benefit from and maybe contribute to the session.



Programme

10am - Private prayers and preparation for Adoration

10.15am - 15 minutes **Adoration** in silence and **Benediction**

followed by *The Angelus*.

10.30am - **Film** about Eucharistic miracles - **Nigel**

10.45am - **Testimony** by **Collette and John** (*What does it mean to you to be a Eucharistic Minister? How does this ministry enrich you spiritually? How does it impact your daily life and family? Why it is a privilege to be a Eucharistic minister? Why is this ministry increasingly needed and appreciated by our priests?*)

11am - **1st Talk** - by **Rose** 'Theology'

11.15am - **Lectio Divina** in small groups - **Ron and Veronica**

11.30am - **2nd Talk** - by **Pauline** 'Practicalities'

11.45am - **Safeguarding Matters** - by **Claudia** (TBC)

<>>> Time for Q&A

12pm - Tea and Coffee in the Parish Hall



FUNDRAISING FOR THE SVP

One of our parishioners, Stuart O'Mahoney is running 2 marathons (*1 half on 30th Aug and 1 full on 18th Oct*) to raise money for the SVP. So far, he has raised £1196 and his target is £2000 so is 60% of the way there. If you would like to support him and help him reach his goal, please go to his 'gofundme' page on:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/stuart-omahoney-SVP>



OUR LADY OF FATIMA - HOME PILGRIM



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

- >> Our next **daytime** meeting will be held on Wednesday, **9th September** after the **10 am** Mass.
- >> Our next **evening** meeting will be at **6 pm** on Thursday, **10th September**.



Both meetings will last 45 minutes and will be held in the Parish Hall.

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.



ROSARY GROUP AT ROTHWELL



A Rosary Group meets every Thursday at St Bernadette's Church at 11 am, followed by refreshments.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, pray for us.

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.



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

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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:

4th September, 2nd October,
6th November, 4th December.





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



ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP

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



COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** in the parish hall, will be run by our parish volunteers

from **Rothwell** and **Desborough**

after 10 am Mass on **2nd September**

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, 7th September at 7 pm
in **St Edward's Parish Hall.**

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



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!

2nd September - Rothwell & Desborough

7th October - Soup Kitchen

4th November - Flower Arrangers and Readers

2nd December - Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy

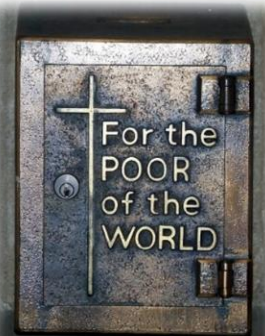
SECOND COLLECTIONS 2026

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



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2026



Let us thank God for providing us with His gifts - or as we say before the Eucharistic Prayer - 'the fruits of the earth and work of human hands'. Once again, we will be having Harvest Sunday during the Masses of **3rd/4th October**. I encourage you to bring a small offering of fresh fruit and vegetables, which will be blessed. After Mass we will transfer everything to the parish hall for the members of the Soup Kitchen. I thank you for your generosity in advance.

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.





DIOCESAN
SAFEGUARDING OFFICE



YOU ARE INVITED

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE 2026

- Parish Safeguarding Representatives
- Parish Volunteers
- Clergy
- Parish Secretaries
- Parishioners

KEY TOPICS & FOCUS AREAS

- ✎ Understanding Adult Safeguarding
- ✎ Survivors at the heart of the church
- ✎ Practices of healing and reconciliation

3RD OCTOBER 2026
ST THOMAS CENTRE AT
NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL

To Book Your Place Email

Laura.lester@northamptondiocese.org



Scan the QR code
to find out more



OUR 3rd CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST CECILIA



'He who sings, prays twice' St Augustine

Once again, I would like to invite all our communities, our catholic schools, choirs, music groups, duets, soloists to take part in our celebration on

Friday, 20th November at 6.30 pm.

I would like to remind all who came last year what a celebration it was, what an uplifting experience! It was not a competition. That's what we want for this year too - for everybody to enjoy an evening of Christian music. It does not matter how big or small a choir or music group is, or how long it has been running. The important thing is that everybody comes out of church feeling uplifted.

This is to be a worship of God through beautiful singing, not a concert. Any music group or duet or soloist interested in taking part in our project, please inform Fr. Gregory by the ***1st of October***, and send him a list of hymns they want to sing. Hymns cannot be repeated. If any group has already selected a particular hymn before you, you will be asked to change your selection. So, the sooner I know, the better. Like last year, the children from our schools will sing first, then order performances will be by random draw and the music groups will be informed in what order they will be singing a week beforehand.

Programme: Each group will be given approximately 10 minutes to introduce itself and sing several hymns. The number of hymns will depend of how many choirs want to take part in this celebration of church music. Refreshments and hot chocolate in the Parish Hall will be hosted by the members of our parish groups.