

St Edward's Parish, Kettering



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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A 20th September 2026

MASS TIMES AT ST. EDWARD'S, KETTERING

Tuesday and Wednesday - 10 am

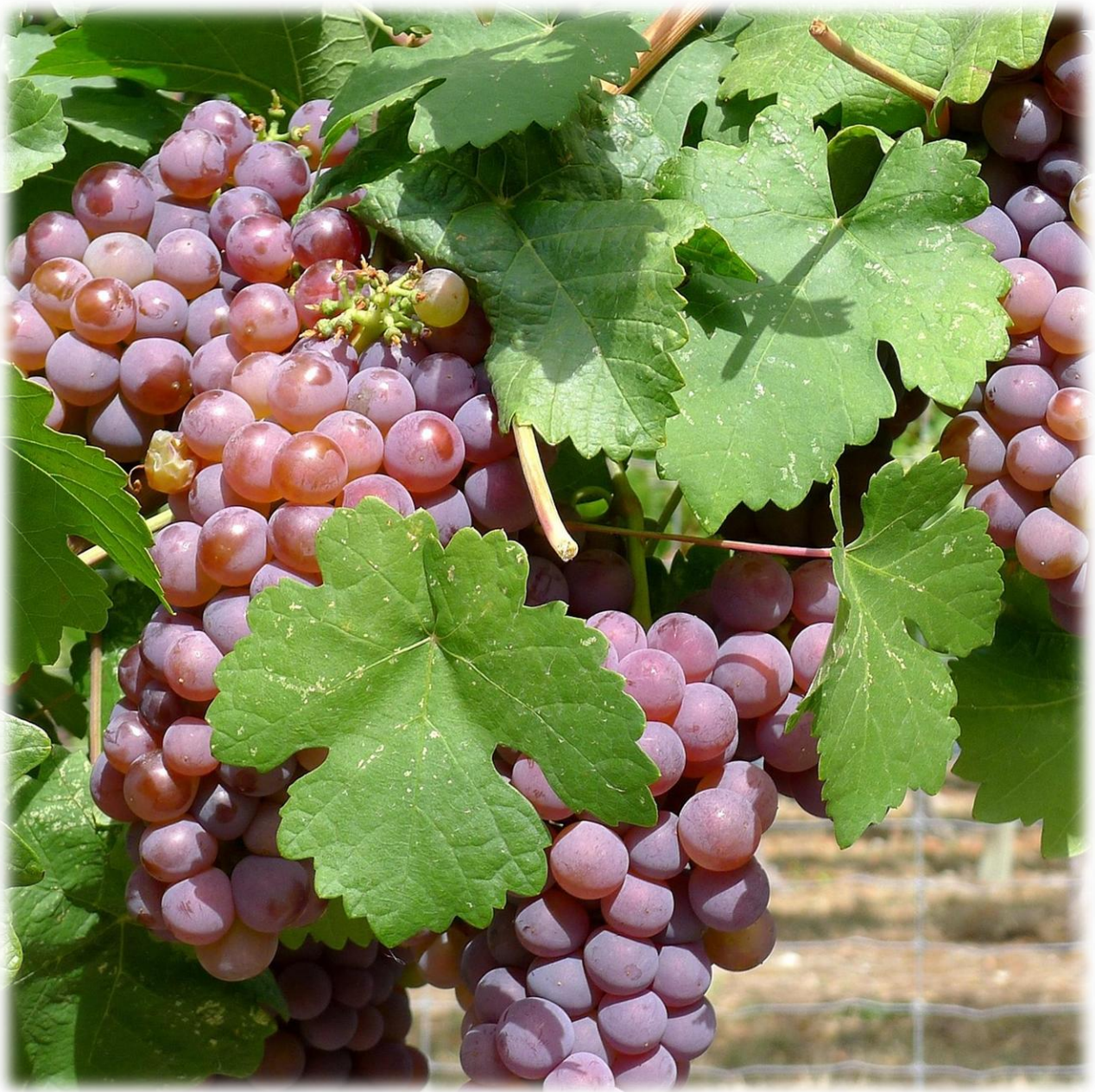
Thursday and Friday - 7 pm

Saturday Vigil Mass - 6.30 pm *(After Mass - confession on request)*

>>> Sunday Early Mass - 9 am

>>> Sunday Family Mass - 11 am

The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.



‘So the last will be first,
and the first last’.

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** - For the Parish /
- Thanksgiving Mass through the intercession of St. Cupertino

SUNDAY **09 am** - Ann Machell RIP / - Cipriano and Maura Elcano RIP
11 am - **(with Children's Liturgy)** / - Kiena Dawes RIP / - Ewa Sitek RIP 2nd anniv.

Monday / Private Mass / - Holy Souls

Tuesday >>> **09.15 am** - *Adoration*

10 am - Marnies Dawes private int. / - Private int.

Wednesday **10 am** - Amrit and Birry Mann int. / - Private RIP int.

Thursday **07 pm** - William Holdsworth int. / - Private RIP int.

Friday >>> **06.15 pm** - *Adoration and Benediction*

07.00 pm - Gordon Allen RIP / - Angela Giacobbe RIP

SATURDAY **06.30 pm** - Frank Lehmann RIP 5th anniv.

SUNDAY **09 am** - Keith Shuttleworth birthday int. / - Gordon Allen RIP

11 am - **(School Mass and Children's Liturgy)** / - For the Parish /
- Edward (*Eamon*) Cannon RIP

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.

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for Home Mission Sunday.

The next Second Collection will be on the weekend of 3rd/4th October for CAFOD

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

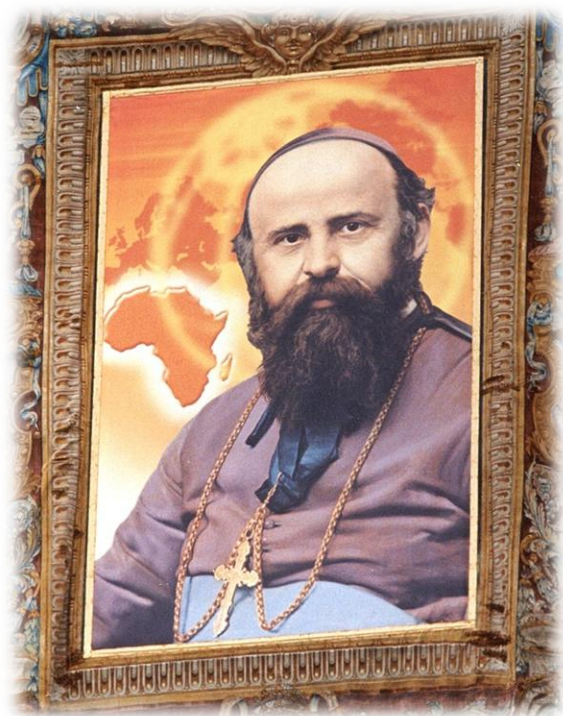


In our prayers, let us remember our deceased parishioners, family members and friends. Let us especially remember those who have recently passed away:

+ Pam Smyth RIP - died peacefully last Wednesday after receiving the Sacraments.

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

HOME MISSION SUNDAY 2026



Those with long memories will be familiar with *Home Mission Sunday*. It is the title given to the day we ask our parishes to pray for the work of evangelisation and to support this vital work through a [second collection](#). A few years ago, this day was re-named *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* after Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation the 'Joy of the Gospel'. Now, in 2026, we revert to using the original name – *Home Mission Sunday*. On *Home Mission Sunday*, the bishops of England

and Wales ask the faithful of our countries to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ. When we speak of 'Home Mission' we are not neglecting our sisters and brothers around the world (*World Mission Sunday* gives due attention to this important work), but we recognise that we are called to witness to Christ in our homes, at work, in our friendships and in every aspect of our daily life. Being part of the family of God means we should feel 'at home' but this also challenges us to be missionary disciples in England and Wales so that we can make a home for all who hunger and thirst for the God who loves them and wants them to come home to him.



NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND NEW READERS

We would like to recruit new **Eucharistic Ministers** and new **Readers**. We 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** (*What parishioners expect from us when we read? The importance of correct diction*)

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

11.15am - **3rd Talk** - by **Rose** (*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**

<>>> Time for Q&A

12pm - Tea and Coffee in the Parish Hall



THE PARISH HALL



We would like to draw all parishioners' attention to our use of the parish hall. It can be hired by any of our communities. For instance, the **Syro-Malabar Community** regularly holds catechism classes on Sunday afternoons.

Any payments, which come in go towards the upkeep of the parish hall. There are some organisations, which do not pay for hiring the hall. These include **the Soup Kitchen, the Brownies and Scouts and Catholic charitable organisations, such as the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM), the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) and the Legion of Mary.** Everyone else needs to contribute.



Thank you for hiring the hall and thank you for supporting our parish. On the next page is the document, which anyone who wishes to book the hall has to sign. To book the hall please contact the parish office.

Rules for the use of the Hall

/I respectfully request that the following points be observed. Fr Gregory/

I confirm and undertake that the following points will be followed. I am happy to print this form, sign it, and return before I collect the keys.

Safeguarding responsibility for the group activity lies with the group organiser. If there are any children or vulnerable adults taking part in classes or events, we are obliged to advise you that DBS clearance should be in place. You should have your own safeguarding policies or to undertake to follow the national safeguarding procedures of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

- + I undertake that the Hall will be left as it was found before my use, in a clean and tidy state.
- + All the heaters (gas and electric) and lights will be checked and turned off before I leave. **I will turn off all the heaters at least 30 minutes before I leave the hall.** I will be aware that whenever the heating is switched on, the fans also come on automatically to spread the heat.
- + I will not use any of the parish bins (outside), and **will take my rubbish away with me.**
- + I will use only the hall (ground floor) unless the upper room was booked as well.
- + All the doors and the gate will be locked when I finish (please **do not slam** the ramp door).
- + I am aware that bouncy castles are **NOT** permitted in the Parish Hall.
- + Music will be turned down to a reasonable level after 10 pm.
 - I will not use the TV without permission
- + If I find any problem in the hall before I use it, I will immediately inform Fr Gregory.
- + If there is Mass in the church, I and my guests will not park in front of the church.
 - I am happy to use the swimming pool car park nearby.
- + If I would like to decorate the hall, I am happy to book an extra hour.
- + I will leave the hall as it was agreed (and written in the diary)
 - according to the hours I booked.
- + The payment (**£35 per hour**) and a separate deposit of **£ 100** will be made
 - before I use the hall.
- + I will return all the keys at/before (time) to Fr Gregory,
 - or through the letter box (2 The Grove)
- + **If I fail to observe any of the points above, the deposit of £ 100 will be forfeited.**



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*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

This will take place during the 11.00 am Sunday Mass on:

20th September

27th September

18th October

15th November

22nd November



The Children's Liturgy is for children in Year R, (accompanied by their parents) and children in Years 1,2,3. Due to the anxiety felt by some parents, it is suggested that if parents wish, they may accompany the children into the hall and as the children go into the Lower Room for Children's Liturgy; they remain in the hall and take part in the Celebration of Holy Mass via the screen. Everyone will return to the church via the sacristy door after the Bidding Prayers.

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY THIS HARVEST



Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2027; you are warmly invited to come and have a look around our school.

Reception 2026 School Tours

Wednesday 30th September: from 9.30am to 12pm

Saturday 17th October: from 10.30am to 2.30pm

Wednesday 21st October: from 9.30am to 12pm

Saturday 14th November: from 10.30am to 2.30pm

Wednesday 25th November: from 9.30am to 12pm

**To book a slot, please contact our Office -
Phone: 01536 512112**



**This is a Good School
OFSTED 2023**

LOURDES



Lourdes: It's time for a decision on the future of our charity that accompanies people who are sick, have disabilities or are frail on pilgrimage - with financial support for those who need help. We're holding an open to all meeting on Saturday, 26th September at 3pm

in the hall. Please come along if you could help to manage the charity as a trustee, or help with fundraising or as a doctor, nurse or helper on the pilgrimages. We would particularly welcome people from all our parish communities. For more information, or for a zoom link if you can't be there in person, please contact Andy at

andy.sipple13@gmail.com or on 07938 976240

or see one of our other trustees, Sue Mc, Ann B or Shane C.



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.

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.

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**.

OUR BIBLE GROUP

>> Our next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, **7th October** after the **10 am** Mass.
It 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.



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



SAFEGUARDING ENGAGEMENT WORKER FIXED TERM CONTRACT FOR TWO YEARS

21 HOURS PER WEEK, WORKED OVER 3 DAYS

We are seeking a proactive and engaging individual to support and strengthen safeguarding across the Diocese. Working closely with parishes, clergy, volunteers and Parish Safeguarding Representatives, you will provide guidance, support and monitoring to promote best practice, encourage compliance with safeguarding standards, and help embed a strong safeguarding culture across the Diocese.

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

To apply, please complete a Diocesan Application Form and return it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

Closing Date: 6 October **Interviews:** 12 October **Start Date:** ASAP

Please note: We reserve the right to close this vacancy early should we receive a sufficient number of suitable applications.

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!

7th October - Soup Kitchen

4th November - Flower Arrangers and Readers

2nd December - Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy

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, 5th October 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



NYMO FAMILY DAY - SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Families from across the Diocese are warmly invited to a special **Family Day in Luton** on **Sunday 27th September**, organised by Mission Northampton and NYMO in partnership with Sion Community. Taking place at the **Holy Ghost Parish Centre** from 2.15 pm - 6 pm, the afternoon is an opportunity for Catholic families of all ages and stages to spend time together, grow in faith and enjoy being part of a wider community. There is no charge to attend, although donations are welcome. Booking is essential so that the organisers can prepare sufficient resources.



Please click here [Family Days – NYMO](#)

ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP

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



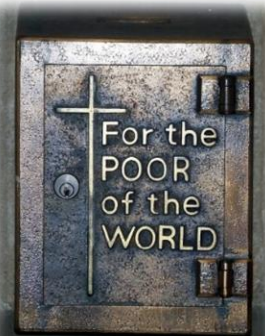
SECOND COLLECTIONS 2026

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



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**:

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



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.

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.

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:

2nd November, 3rd December.

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

