

St Edward's Parish, Kettering



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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A 27th 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

OCTOBER

Month of the Holy Rosary



Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us.

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** - Frank Lehmann RIP 5th anniv. /
- Sr. Ewa Pliszcak birthday int.

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

Monday / Private Mass / - Maria Rosario Hand birthday int. / - Michelle V. Fabro RIP

Tuesday >>> **09.15 am** - *Adoration*
10 am - James Kiernan RIP /
- Thanksgiving for Rina Asbrey's continuing recovery

Wednesday **10 am** - Hector Lamis RIP, Corazon Lamis RIP, Bibiana Galido /
- All the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday **07 pm** - For the Holy Souls

Friday >>> **06 pm** - *First Friday Adoration and Benediction*
07 pm - Ronke Fashola Durand & Len Durand wedding anniv. / - Joseph RIP

SATURDAY **06.30 pm** - For the Parish / - Michael Kerwick RIP / - Mary Joseph RIP

SUNDAY **09 am** - Helen Bird RIP /
- Joaquim Maia, Palmira Dos Santos, Madalena Fernandes Carlos
11 am - Patrick Cunningham get well int.

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.

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:



+ Patrick Murphy - His **Funeral Service** will be held at **the Crematorium**
on Tuesday, 6th October at 12.30 pm.

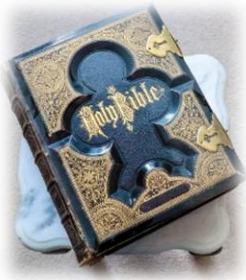
+ Pamela (Pam) Smyth - Her **Requiem Mass** will be held at **St Edward's Church**
on Thursday, 8th October at 11 am.

(Reception of the body into the church will be on 7th October at 4 pm).

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



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 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

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](#)

HARVEST FESTIVAL - NEXT WEEKEND



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.

A CHALLENGE FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH



Have you ever looked closely how a rosary looks? Perhaps your parents and grandparents have and pray rosaries. Maybe you have a rosary of your own. **Would you be able to make one yourself?** Once again, I am challenging the children of the parish to try to make a rosary, and I will display any brought to me in the church. You can use anything to make

a rosary. You can use: buttons, pasta, chestnuts, acorns, beads, pearls, sweets, small balls and string. You can make the cross out of two small wooden sticks. Please bring your rosaries any time before the last weekend of October, that is before **25th/26th October**.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR READERS REGARDING OUR WEEKDAY MASSES



We already operate reading rotas for our weekend Masses and now propose to set up a rota for each weekday Mass. This will facilitate our new and existing readers who have been trained. Please let Fr. Gregory know if you wish to volunteer and for which Mass(es).



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.



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**.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY 2026

Thank you for your generosity last weekend.

We managed to raise **£ 706-51**

For Home Mission Sunday.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION



Preparation for First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation begins in our parish from **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.

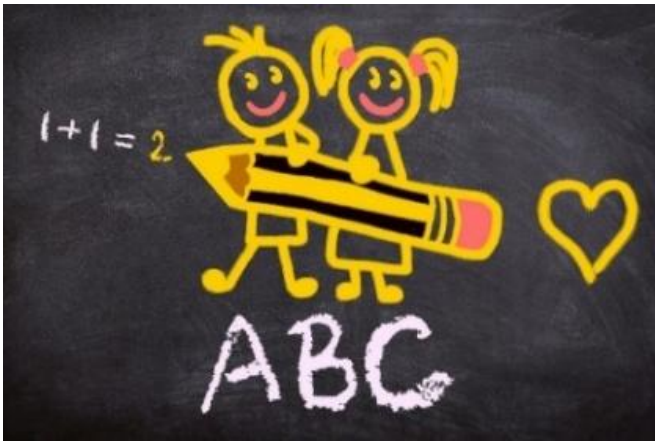
REGISTRATION AT ST EDWARD'S PARISH

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



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:

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.



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.

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

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



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.



ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP

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

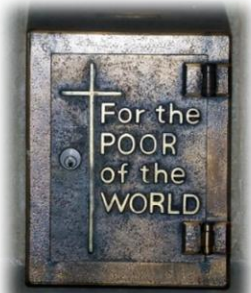


SECOND COLLECTIONS 2026

3rd/4th October - Harvest Fast Day

17th/ 18th October - World Mission Sunday

31st Oct/ **1st** Nov - Sick and Retired Priests



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.



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 in the last two years what a celebration it was, what an uplifting experience! It was not a competition. That's what we want again for this year too - for everybody to enjoy an evening of Christian music. Anyone interested in taking part in our project, please inform Fr. Gregory as soon as possible.

At present we have:

- *Parish Choir*
- *Music Group*
- *St Thomas More Primary School*

Any music group or duet or soloist interested in taking part in our project, please inform Fr. Gregory by the **1st of November**, 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.*

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**

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

