

St Edward's Parish, Kettering



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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A 4th October 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 stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone; this was the
Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes.



Therefore, I tell you,
the kingdom of God will
be taken away from you
and given to a people
producing its fruits.

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



In **October** we will be praying the **Rosary** on the following days:

Tuesdays at 9.30 am
Wednesdays at 9.30 am
Thursdays at 6.30 pm
Fridays - privately

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 / - 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. / - Yasmin Somaroo RIP 2nd anniv.

Monday / Private Mass / - For the Parish

Tuesday >>> 09.15 am - *Adoration*
10 am - Jewel Thomas and George Thomas birthday int. / - Beryl Kenyon RIP

Wednesday 10 am - Bryan Feehan RIP / - Mick and Gill Tooze RIP

Thursday 11 am - *Requiem Mass for Pamela Smyth*
07 pm - David Everington personal int. / - Pam Smyth RIP

Friday >>> 06.15 pm - *Adoration and Benediction*
07 pm - Jessy thanksgiving int. / - Mary Joseph RIP

Feast Day of our Patron - St Edward the Confessor falls on Tuesday 13th October

but we will mark it on the weekend of 10th/11th October.

SATURDAY 06.30 pm - Nuala Hammond RIP / - Irena Nalepa RIP

SUNDAY 09 am - For the Parish / - Simon Tilley RIP / - Pam Smyth RIP
11 am - James Green personal int. / - Michael 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.

There will be a Second Collection for CAFOD this weekend.

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.



HARVEST FESTIVAL - THIS 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.



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - THIS WEEKEND



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.



FEAST DAY OF ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR NEXT WEEKEND / HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Did you know that our Parish Church dedicated to St Edward the Confessor was completed, opened and consecrated **80 years ago**, on **24th September 1946**?

O Holy St Edward, patron of our parish and devoted servant of Our Lady and England, guide the thoughts and deeds of your people at this time. May the life and work of our small community be pleasing to our Heavenly Father, and may the love and service we offer here grow and extend to all mankind. Amen.



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**. - Fr Gregory



ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE IN ST EDWARD'S PARISH



LAST YEAR - 2025

20th/21st September - Total Mass attendance on the 3rd weekend of September - 709

28th/29th September - Total Mass attendance on the 4th weekend of September - 758

4th/5th October - Total Mass attendance on the 1st weekend of October - 826

11th/12th October - Total Mass attendance on the 2nd weekend of October - 716

Average Mass attendance in our Parish in 2025 was - 752



THIS YEAR - 2026

19th/20th September

> Saturday Vigil at 6.30 pm - 154

>> Sunday at 9 am - 298

>> Sunday at 11 am - 258

Total Mass attendance on the 3rd weekend of September - 713

26th/27th September

> Saturday Vigil at 6.30 pm - 146

>> Sunday at 9 am - 273

>> Sunday at 11 am - 289

Total Mass attendance on the 4th weekend of September - 708

3rd/4th October

> Saturday Vigil at 6.30 pm -

>> Sunday at 9 am -

>> Sunday at 11 am -

Total Mass attendance on the 1st weekend of October -

10th/11th October

> Saturday Vigil at 6.30 pm -

>> Sunday at 9 am -

>> Sunday at 11 am -

Total Mass attendance on the 2nd weekend of October -

THE BETHESDA GROUP AT ST EDWARD'S FOR PARISHIONERS WITH SPECIAL AND ADDITIONAL NEEDS



Over a year ago, we held a Mass for all our parishioners with special and additional needs with their parents, siblings, friends and carers. Somehow, we never got the chance to build on this.

This year I have invited a loving family from Thrapston who adopted and are raising a child with additional needs. They have agreed to come to our Parish Hall on Saturday, **7th November** at **10 o'clock** and give us a short talk about their faith and their day-to-day experiences of family life. The talk will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to chat to others in a friendly environment. If you know anyone who might benefit from listening to *Nuala and Craig*, please encourage them to come along. All families with special needs members are very welcome. You are very welcome to bring with you a cake or some biscuits. We will provide the tea and coffee!



I am hoping that this meeting will further sow the seeds of our **Bethesda Group**. I know it can be difficult for people to make time, but it can only be a good thing if people get together, get to know each other and support each other. All parishioners are welcome!

- Fr Gregory

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE FLOWER GROUP



The Flower Group would like to thank *Starlight Dance and Musical Theatre Kettering HQ*, for the loan of the props for our display for the Harvest Festival. Their help has been much appreciated. Some parishioners have asked to help with flowers at Mass. If you send your details to the parish office, we can aim to arrange a meeting and welcome you to our friendly group.



OUR 3rd CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST CECILIA

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. At present we have:



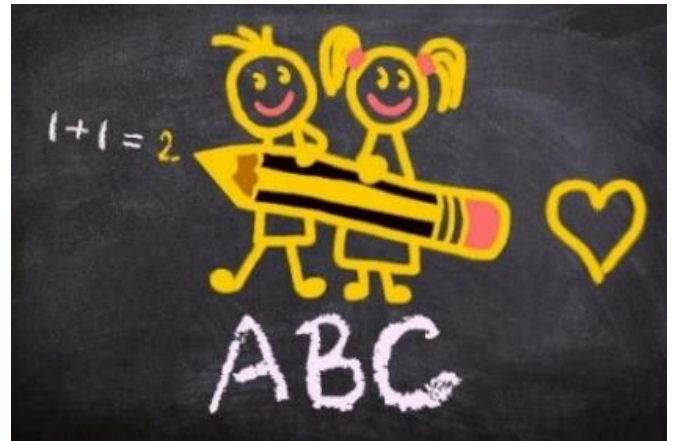
Parish Choir, Music Group and St Thomas More Primary School.

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. - Fr G.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE 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



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.

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES

In the Sanctuary you can find a basket with envelopes in which you can put a card with the names of the deceased. You can also use ordinary envelopes for this. Please return your envelopes to the Church (*put it in the collection basket*) or to the Parish office (*put it through the letter box*). Your donation can be placed in the envelope. Mass for Holy Souls will be offered for them during the month of November and the year ahead.



A MESSAGE FROM ANDY



"Lourdes charity: With thanks to those who came to the open meeting, a number of recommendations were made to the trustees on the future of the charity. The good news is that they included working towards resuming pilgrimages in 2028. For a full list of recommendations please contact Andy at andy.sipple13@gmail.com. The AGM that will take the decisions will be on 7 November."

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



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**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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



ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



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

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.

22nd November at 11 am - St Thomas More

2027

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.



ALL SAINTS DAY 2026



This year, **All Saints Day** will be celebrated on
Sunday, 1st November.



ALL SOULS DAY 2026



All Souls Day falls on **Monday, 2nd November**.

Masses at St Edward's will be at: **10 am** and **7 pm** (*Bereavement Mass*).

During these Masses we will pray especially for those parishioners, who passed away in the last year. I would like to invite those who lost their loved ones since last November (2025). We could put photographs or even Orders of Service of those who died, on the steps of the Sanctuary as we did last year.

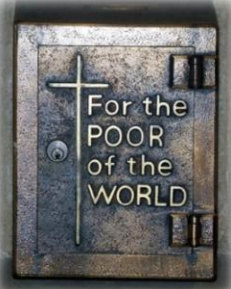


SECOND COLLECTIONS 2026

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.



A NEW PARISH FOR CORBY



The Diocese of Northampton announced this week that a new Parish of the Good Shepherd, Corby, formally came into being on 30th July 2026 by decree of Archbishop Richard Moth, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Northampton.

The new parish brings together the Catholic communities of the former parishes of Our Lady of Walsingham, St Brendan's, St Patrick's and St John Ogilvie's, with worship continuing at Our Lady of Walsingham and St Brendan's. Canon Mark Floody will serve as Parish Priest and Fr Chris Colaco as Assistant Priest. The decree provides for the proper preservation and safeguarding of parish and sacramental records.

Please keep Canon Mark, the parishioners and the whole Corby community in your prayers as they begin this new chapter together.



OPEN MORNING
SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER
AND SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
9AM – 12PM

 St Edwards Catholic Primary School
Eastleigh Rd, Kettering NN15 6PT

 01536 481430

 www.st-edwards.northants.sch.uk

 Office@se.ket.olicatschools.org

If you would like to come and visit us during school hours, please contact the office and we will arrange a tour.



Email the office
Office@se.ket.olicatschools.org
to book your place.

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**

JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR

🎵 SING • PRAY • LOVE 🎵

How Joining the Parish Choir Could Change Your Life!

ST. EDWARDS PARISH CHOIR • ALL ARE WELCOME

Love singing? Want to praise God and help lead the congregation in sung prayer?
This could be your calling. Come and serve through music!

Singing together is joyful, uplifting and deeply rewarding

WHO CAN JOIN?

- Everyone is welcome. English does not need to be your primary language
- We sometimes sing in Latin too, which is no one's primary language!

WHAT WE ASK

- A passion for music
- A positive attitude and willingness to learn
- Be a supportive 'team player'

WHEN DO WE SING?

- 3rd Sunday of the month: 11am Mass
- Other occasions during the year, including Christmas and Easter

REHEARSALS

- 2 x Tuesday evenings (*week of, and week before the 3rd Sunday Mass*)
- Time: 1900 - 2015
- Practice your part at home using recordings and resources provided

WHY JOIN?

- Deepen your faith: sacred singing can become a form of prayer
- Serve your parish community in a practical and joyful way
- Enjoy the wellbeing benefits of singing, including relaxation, breath control and concentration
- Meet people, build friendships, laugh together and have fun!

Faith • Music • Friendship • Service • Joy

COME ALONG & SING WITH US!

Speak with Kirsty (who can often be found behind the organ) or
with Cannon Gregory, to find out more



ITALIAN MEDICAL CHARITY

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post: IMC, Kings Lodge, Kingsway, N12 0EW

website: italianmedicalcharity.co.uk

email: admin@italianmedicalcharity.org.uk

The Parish Priest

March 2026

Dear Father,

We are writing to you as we believe you have parishioners of Italian nationality or descent who we may be able to help with their medical expenses.

We have inherited the work of the former Italian Hospital in London. After it was sold to the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, the proceeds are being used to help those of Italian origin who are in need of funds for medical treatment that the NHS has difficulty in providing or for their carers.

We are hoping that you could add something to your newsletter or any other means you think appropriate, letting people know that we may be able to assist them. All they have to do is visit our website at italianmedicalcharity.co.uk or write to us at IMC, Kings Lodge, Kingsway, N12 0EW.

For independent verification, please visit the Charity Commission website and search either using Italian Medical Charity or the Charity's number 218259. Should you have any questions please contact, my details are above.

Thank you for your attention and we hope we have not just created more work for you!

Yours faithfully,

JO GIACON (Ms)
Secretary

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.

