St Edward's Parish, Kettering





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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 22nd November 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 - confessions)*

>>> Sunday Early Mass - 9 am

>>> Sunday Family Mass - 11 am



The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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.

>> CHRIST THE KING <<

SATURDAY **06.30 pm** - Colin Lundgren RIP / - Mary Thomas RIP

SUNDAY **09 am** - Madeleine McCann private int. / - Brinsley McNamara RIP
11 am - /School Mass/ - For the Parish / - Thankamma George RIP 3rd anniv.

Monday / **Private Mass** / - Holy Souls

Tuesday >>> ***09.15 am - Adoration and Private Prayers***
10 am - Deceased members of the Legion of Mary /
- Fr Gerard Byrne and Canon Gregory Marchwinski int.

Wednesday **10 am** - Pat Latter RIP / - Marian Tucker and Jeff Green

Thursday **07 pm** - Bannon and McAleer Families RIP /
- All the Faithful of the Glasgow Diocese

Friday >>> **06.15 pm** - ***Adoration and Benediction***
07 pm - Ronke Fashola birthday int. /
- For the Souls who have no one to pray for them.

>>> ADVENT <<< >>> ADVENT <<< >>> ADVENT <<< >>> ADVENT <<<

SATURDAY **06.30 pm** - Jean Brookes RIP 4th anniv. /
- Mary Murphy RIP and Anne Gallagher RIP

SUNDAY **09 am** - Teresa & John Antill RIP / - Rosemary Wootton and Veronica Steele int.
11 am - For the Parish / - Pauline Widdop 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. Traditionally when Mass intentions are booked a donation is offered.

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".***

- Canon 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:



+ Karen Rutter - Her **Requiem Mass** will be held at **St Edward's Church** on **Wednesday, 16th December** at **10 am.**

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



OUR 3rd CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST CECILIA



This will be on:

Friday,

20th November

at 6.30 pm.



Our **10** groups and **1** soloist will be singing in the following order:



1.> St Edward's School,

2.> St Thomas More School,

3.> The Union of Catholic Mothers,

4.> The Fernando Family,

5.> The Indian Community,

6.> The Nigerian Community,

7.> The Polish Community,

8.> The Filipino Community,

9.> The Music Group,

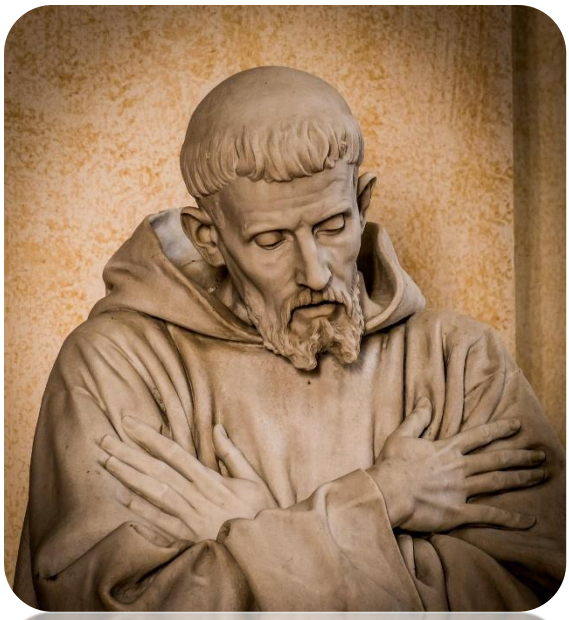
10.> Vivien *(soloist)* ***,***

11.> The Parish Choir.



I encourage each group and community to bring a plate of something for us to share afterwards in the Parish Hall. We will provide tea and coffee. - *Fr Gregory*

WALKING WITH ST FRANCIS THROUGH ADVENT: ONLINE RETREAT THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 26 NOVEMBER AT 7.30pm



Four Advent talks exploring different aspects of the life, spirituality and legacy of St Francis of Assisi, as we mark the 800th anniversary of his death. Together, we will discover how the example of St Francis can inspire and guide us on our own journey through Advent. Live on YouTube on Thursday evenings, and at any time afterwards via the link.

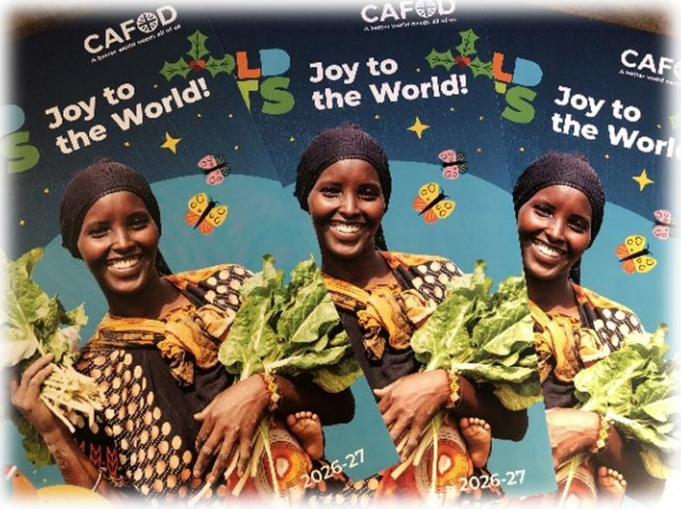
To register, sign up here: https://northamptondiocese.org/advent-retreat-2026/

AN INVITATION TO A BETHESDA GROUP MASS ON 20th DECEMBER 2026

We would like to invite all families and friends of parishioners with special and additional needs to the Parish Hall on the 4th Sunday of Advent *(20th December)* where the 11am Mass will be streamed. After the Mass there will be refreshments. We hope you can come, support or even become a part of our **Bethesda Group.**



THINKING OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?



At the back of the Church are CAFOD's World Gifts Catalogues. Please take one home. World Gifts are a wonderful way for St Edward's parish to share the hope and joy of Christmas with God's family throughout the

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT AT ST EDWARD'S IN 2026



Both of our Catholic Schools would like to invite us to their Carols by Candlelight Services before Christmas. Please come and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere.

St Edward's - Thursday, 3rd December at 5.30 pm

St Thomas More - Monday, 7th December at 6 pm

ADVENT CONFESSIONS AT ST EDWARD'S



>> Saturday, 5th December after **6.30 pm** Mass
>> Saturday, 12th December after **6.30 pm** Mass
>> Saturday, 19th December after **6.30 pm** Mass

Confessions on weekdays:

>> Tuesday, 15th December **9 am - 10 am**
>> Wednesday, 16th December **9 am - 10 am**
>> Thursday, 17th December **6 pm - 7 pm**

There will be Exposition and Adoration before Tuesday and Thursday Masses during confession.

On **Tuesday and Wednesday,** 8th and 9th December - We would like to offer confessions and the sacrament of anointing to those who are housebound. If you know anyone who would like a visit by a priest, please contact the parish and provide us with the relevant details, like name, address and telephone number of the person who would like the sacraments, before Sunday 29th November, and we will arrange a visit.

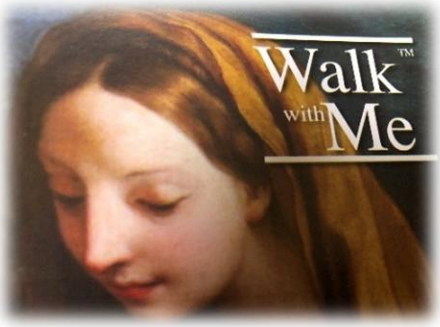
During **Tuesday,** 15th December and **Thursday,** 17th December **Masses** we will give the opportunity to anyone who wishes to receive the **Sacrament of Anointing** to come forward after the Gospel Reading. You will be invited to approach as you do for Holy Communion. Please remember that this Sacrament is not only for those who are seriously or terminally ill. It is for anybody who feels the need to be strengthened by the Lord. When you come to the steps of the sanctuary, please hold out your hands which will be anointed. Your forehead will also be anointed.

The Priest takes the oil and anoints the sick person. He anoints first on the forehead, saying: *Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.* You will answer: ***Amen.***

Then on the hands, saying: *May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.* You will answer: ***Amen.***

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS

You will find the new
Advent + Walk with Me + booklets
by the statue of the Sacred Heart.
They are £1.50 each.



WE ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS



We will put the crib up on Saturday, **28th November** at **8.30 am.** This year we ask for new volunteers. If you are willing to help, please contact Fr Gregory directly. As we write every year: **Apparently, when the crib is displayed, this is a sign for the good people of Kettering that Christmas has begun!**

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.



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.**

OUR BIBLE GROUP

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **9th December** after the **10 am** Mass. It will last 45 minutes and will be held in the Organ Loft in the church.



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 December - Church Cleaners and Children's Liturgy

ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



https://www.facebook.com/groups/276259842718322/

PRESENTS AT THE REPOSITORY



We have a selection of Christmas items, which would make good stocking fillers, plus Christmas cards and Advent calendars for children.

Shop early!!!

When it's gone, it's gone!!!

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



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

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, 9th November *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.

A 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.

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 December.

SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL



How you can help this Christmas: We are partnering with Caritas Northampton for the *Love Christmas* campaign again this year to deliver gifts to local families in need.

We gratefully welcome donations of **new, unwrapped items**:

- **Gifts:** Toys for children, and general gifts for adults.
- **Warm items:** Scarves and gloves.
- **Festive treats:** boxes of sweets, biscuits, selection boxes

📌 **Donation Box Location:** Back of the church

📅 **Collection Dates:** Sunday 22nd November to Sunday 6th December

Thank you for helping us share the joy of Christmas with our community!

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.

BEREAVEMENT MASSES

We all know that bereavement might be a painful and emotional time for those who lost their loved ones. Perhaps you yourself are experiencing this or somebody you know is. Please consider joining us. Pain and sadness caused by death is not as difficult if you can share it with others who are in a similar situation.

From our Christian point of view, faith in God gives us a great comfort. However, no matter how strong your faith is, whether you are Christian or not, whether you believe in God or not, you are very welcome to come and join our group, listen to others or share your own experience. Each Mass will be followed by refreshments and friendly conversation in the Parish Hall. If you would like to, you can bring with you a funeral booklet or a photo of your loved one and display it in front of the altar.



These are the dates for our Masses: **3rd December.**



N Y M O



20 November 2026 | Join the Live Stream! (cymfed.org.uk/wys)
22 November 2026 | 3pm Youth Mass @ the Cathedral
22 November 2026 | 5pm Party@ the St. Thomas Centre
karaoke | snacks | local Catholic musicians | social
Totally free, but please register for the party using the QR code below for catering purposes.
Teens and Young Adults 11-35



The Diocese of Northampton is a registered charity (No. 234091). This poster provides information from the Northampton Youth Ministry Office (NYMO), which sits within the Mission Northampton department of the Diocese.

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

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.

YOUTH GROUP 2027

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:**

8th January, 5th February, 5th March,
2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July,
6th August, 3rd September,
1st October, 5th November, 3rd December.

This year we will be trying something a little new. Under the supervision of our leaders, we would like some of our oldest members of the Youth Group to lead a number of the sessions. We know how our younger members look up to the older members. The sessions would be an opportunity for our older youth members to hone their skills and talents.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS 2026



Thursday, 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE

3 pm - 5 pm - Syro-Malabar Mass for the Indian community.

6 pm - 1st Midnight Mass *for* ***children***

7.30 pm - Christmas Carols singing followed by…

8 pm – 2nd Midnight Mass *with Kirsty and the Parish Choir*

10.30 pm – 3rd Midnight Mass *with Gemma and the Filipino Choir*

Friday, 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

9 am - Christmas Mass

11 am - Christmas Mass

COFFEE MORNINGS 2027



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!

6th January - The Legion of Mary
3th February - The SVP
3th March - The UCM
7st April - The Soup Kitchen
5th May - The Flower Arrangers
2nd June - The Readers *and* Eucharistic Ministers
7th July - The Cleaners
4th August - The Children's Liturgy
1st September - The Indian Community
6th October - The Nigerian Community
3rd November - The Filipino Community
1st December - The Welcomers

BEREAVEMENT MASSES IN 2027

These are the dates for our Masses:

Thursday, **4th March** at 7 pm,
Thursday, **3rd June** at 7 pm,
Thursday, **2nd September** at 7 pm,
Tuesday, **2nd of November** *(All Souls Day)* at 7 pm,
Thursday, **2nd December** at 7 pm