



# ST EDWARD'S PARISH KETTERING

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2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009

## Times of Liturgies

<b>SATURDAY</b>	St Edward	6.00pm Doherty & O'Brien F&F RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b>	St Edward	8.00am Service with Deacon
		10.30am Vittorio/Elvira Massaro, Angelo Ianiello RIP
		6.00pm Polish Mass
		7.00pm Mary Pierce RIP
	Desborough	9.00am Lehmann, Kuhn F&F RIP
	Rothwell	10.30am For the Parish
	Burton Latimer	9.00am Karl Karley RIP

<b>MONDAY</b>	Convent	7.30am Mary Josephine Thompson RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm Ana Sixta De Jesus Eugenio De Roa RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Convent	7.30am Sr Rose Hughes RNDM Int
	St Edward	10.00am Gaetano Muto RIP
	Burton Latimer	7.00pm Lovett, Sinnott F&F RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	St Edward	10.00am In thanksgiving (G Spriggs)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Convent	5.30pm Dr Vivian Kelly RIP
	Rothwell	7.00pm Chrissie Kelly RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm <b>Exposition &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	St Edward	10.00am Mollie Naughton RIP
	Desborough	6.00pm Greener, Daly Fam RIP

## MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

<b>SATURDAY</b>	St Edward	6.00pm Cosimo Finn RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b>	St Edward	8.00am Carmel Hickey RIP
		10.30am Melody Connolly (Thanks Spec Int)
		5.00pm <b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
		7.00pm For the Parish
	Burton Latimer	9.00am Service with Deacon
	Desborough	9.00am Jack/Mary Clipston, Kevin Claridge RIP
	Rothwell	10.30am Nora Jacobs Int

## ALTAR SERVERS

### MONDAY

Z Wane, H Fawcett

### THURSDAY

N Wijesinghe, T Sansone

### SATURDAY

10am

J & N Barnes

6pm

O Nixon, A Soto, C Hill

### SUNDAY

8am

Mr J Huzar

10.30am

A & T Sansone, H Falshaw

C C & E Hogg, M McLaren

T Simon, A & O Kularatnam

E Walsh, A & P George

T John

7pm

A Morris, N Wijesinghe

## CONFESSION

Saturdays after 10am Mass and 7pm to 7.30pm.

*Other times at request.*

## PASTORAL NOTES

When Bernadette went to see 'the Lady' at the Grotto she was told to ask the lady her name, and she replied 'the Immaculate Conception'. Devotion to Our Lady under this title was widespread enough in the Church for Pope Pius IX to declare it part of our Catholic faith in 1854. Our Lady under this title is the chief patron of our cathedral and diocese, founded in 1850. Yet it is often confused with the doctrine of the Virgin Birth. The Immaculate Conception refers to the special gift of God from the first moment of Mary's existence, from her conception, preparing her to become the mother of the Saviour. She plays that unique part in the saving work of God as the one to welcome the Saviour – and yet it is not by her merit, but by His gift. It is by God's gift too, and not by our merit, that the Church and we individually are instruments of God's love. But in Mary uniquely there is no barrier to charity, so we confidently ask her prayers that we might come to that fullness of charity at the end of our pilgrimage. The feast of the Immaculate Conception is on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

## Readings for the week:

Monday 7 December  
Tuesday 8 December  
Wednesday 9 December  
Thursday 10 December  
Friday 11 December  
Saturday 12 December  
Sunday 13 December

## Psalter Week 2

St Ambrose  
The Immaculate Conception  
Feria  
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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C

Isa. 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26  
Gen. 3:9-15, 20; Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38  
Isa. 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30  
Isa. 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15  
Isa. 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19  
Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:10-13  
Zeph. 3:14-18; Phil. 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Your Prayers have been requested for Mrs Trudy Blamires who may be known to some through Kettering General Hospital and who died this week. Her husband Cyprian has made appeals for the St. Barnabas Society. See notice in porch for funeral arrangements on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Decemeber in Market Harborough.

## THIS SUNDAY

9.00am Service with Deacon Keith at St Edward's, 8am.

6.00pm Polish Mass

The Annual Tree of Lights for Cransley Hospice will take place as usual at 6.30pm in the town park opposite St Edward's, and all are then welcome in our Hall afterwards.

Joint Prayer Meeting for Kettering at Praise Community Church, 3-5 Alexander Street, Kettering at 7.30pm.

## NEXT SUNDAY

Service with Deacon Keith at Burton Latimer.

A second collection for Christmas flowers.

## THIS WEEK

Please note changes of weekday Masses – Tuesday as the Patronal Feast of the Diocese, the Immaculate Conception, has an extra Mass, 10.00am at St Edward's. Friday – the Mass at St Edward's is 10.00am and at Desborough is 6.00pm (no prior Benediction).

Tuesday: RCIA course continues at 7.30pm in the Upper Room.

Tuesday: The Ascent group meet at 3.00pm at the Convent.

Wednesday: Baptism classes at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

Friday: The Rosary Link, meets to pray for vocations and priests. There will be Mass at 7.00pm followed by Rosary with Exposition and refreshments in the following parishes: St Brendan's Corby, SS Philip & James, Bedford, Our Lady of Light, Long Crendon and a 10.30am Mass and Rosary at Nazareth House, Northampton. All welcome.

**Assisted Suicide Consultation:** The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) published an interim policy statement on 23 September concerning whether or not to prosecute in cases of assisted suicide. The guidance contained in this took effect immediately but is subject to a public consultation. The consultation closes on **16 December**. It is extremely important that as many people as possible take part in this public consultation and express their concerns about the guidance to the DPP. For help with this see the "Care Not Killing" info at back of Church.

## NEWS FROM ROTHWELL

St Bernadette's Christmas Concert is taking place on Sunday 13th December.

Doors open at 2.30pm and the concert starts at 3pm. Traditional carols, poetry and music for all ages. £2 for adults, which includes a glass of mulled wine or a soft drink and mince pies after the concert. Children free. There is also a raffle to help raise funds for a much needed PA and loop system.

## NEWS FROM DESBOROUGH

\*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December\* - Carol Concert with the Weekley Singers in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Desborough at 8.00pm Tickets £5 including seasonal refreshments are now available from Frank 760357, David 760641 or Peter 506632 (all 01536).

## NOTES FOR THE DIARY

Next Weekend: SVP Christmas Giving Tree will be available at all Masses next weekend. Parishioners will have an opportunity to take a label which identifies the items required. Weekend 19/20<sup>th</sup> – please bring items to church.

Sunday 13th December: St Edward's Walkers and everyone! - meet outside church at 11am for short (3 miles) Christmas walk around East Carlton. Bring mince pies, mulled wine etc. to share afterwards. A forfeit if you forget!

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December: As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Bishop Peter is celebrating a Memorial Mass for the late Canon Dan Cronin in St Brendan's, Corby at 7.00pm.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December: The Next UCM meeting will be at 8.00pm in the Upper Room and is a Faith Supper. New members always welcome.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December: PENITENTIAL SERVICE preceded by a Day of Prayer from the 10.00am Mass.

## GENERAL NOTICES

THE HALL will be available next Sunday for Children's Liturgy.

Father Jo Kizito - Please feel free to read the card on the baptism font from Uganda, thanking everyone for their support – a letter both heart-warming and in places heart-breaking. The student for the priesthood is doing well!

"FOOTSTEPS" – Thanks to everyone for the evening at Harry Potter House, much enjoyed by the residents. Hope to see you all in the new year. Watch this space!

Thanks for the SVP Collection - £602 for their Christmas gifts – should be special ones this year!

The Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) would like to thank all who helped and supported the Table Top Sale and coffee morning last Tuesday. £80.26 was raised. Also many thanks to all who supported the Special Raffle which raised £103. Well done to Margaret Tailby who won it. The next sale is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

Motorised Scooter - new and free of charge. Please contact Canon John if interested.

Relief Network UK - Volunteers needed. Relief Network UK carries out projects in the UK to support projects in Africa with its Partner Relief Network Uganda. We are looking for volunteers who would like to join them in Africa to help support the local projects or who can help fund raise here in the UK, so we can continue to support these projects. Anyone interested can call Gerald Kasendwa on 01536 391 535 or visit [www.reliefnetwork.org.uk](http://www.reliefnetwork.org.uk) email: [geraldkasendwa@reliefnetwork.org.uk](mailto:geraldkasendwa@reliefnetwork.org.uk)

Advance Notice: The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place here in St Edward's on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.30pm.

Calling 11-25 year olds – Please take a questionnaire from the back of the church (no names required) to help a survey the Union of Catholic Mothers' Study Officer Mariann French from Rushden is doing. Please return to the back of the church by 20<sup>th</sup> December. Your input is very much appreciated.

## NEWS FROM BURTON LATIMER

A second collection today for Christmas flowers. The Rosary Group next meet at St Nicholas Owen at 2.00pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December with refreshments afterwards. Please spare 40 minutes for this worthwhile gathering. All welcome.