



ST EDWARD'S PARISH KETTERING

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2nd Advent Sunday Year A
Times of Liturgies

8th December 2013

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND		
SATURDAY	St Edward	6.00pm Antonio/Ernesto Fiocca, Giovina/Alfonso Didomenico RIP
SUNDAY	St Edward	8.00am Biatkowski, Zikokowich F&F RIP 10.30am Peter Johnson & Fam Int 1.30pm Polish Mass 5.00pm Vespers & Benediction 7.00pm Mary & Martin Corrigan RIP
	Desborough	9.00am For the Parish
	Rothwell	10.30am John Roberts RIP
	Burton Latimer	9.00am Buchan, Reeves F&F RIP

MONDAY	Convent	8.00am Sr Anita Int
	St Edward	7.30pm Susan Garvie Int (90 th B'day)
TUESDAY	Convent	8.00am Joyce Martin RIP
	St Edward	10.00am Service of Word & Communion
	Burton Latimer	7.00pm Tomasz Nalepa RIP
WEDNESDAY	St Edward	10.00am P.I. (B Rosemeyer)
THURSDAY	Convent	5.30pm Jim Denny RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm Holy Hour for Advent
	Rothwell	7.00pm Twyman/Wood F&F RIP
FRIDAY	Desborough	7.00pm Anne Jowitt RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm Janet Brown & Fam Int
SATURDAY	St Edward	10.00am Bill Cross RIP

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND		
SATURDAY	St Edward	6.00pm Salvatore Meli RIP
SUNDAY	St Edward	8.00am Dominic Conaghan Int 10.30am Thanksgiving Int (Charles) 1.30pm Polish Mass 5.00pm Vespers & Benediction 7.00pm Agnes Ferguson RIP
	Desborough	9.00am For the Parish
	Rothwell	10.30am Toby Gatens RIP
	Burton Latimer	9.00am Alec & Anne Coakley RIP

PASTORAL NOTES

FEASTS FOR CHRISTMAS

This Monday, 8th December, is the feast of Our Lady, Immaculate Conception, celebrating Mary as full of grace from her conception; from the first moment of her existence she is prepared to be the mother of the Saviour. There is in her no barrier to charity, but she still lived by faith, pondering and treasuring all these things in her heart, questioning, as we read in the Gospels. She is the chief patron of our diocese under the title of the Immaculate Conception. This week is also the feast of St Lucy (Friday), an early martyr from Sicily, with a name which means 'Light', appropriate for preparing for Christmas the feast of Light, Christ the Light of the world. Saturday's feast is of St John of the Cross, a Spanish saint of the 16th century, imprisoned for a year and poorly treated by his fellow monks, as happens to saints, but a great teacher of prayer and poet, part of classical Spanish literature.

Readings for the week:

Monday 9 December	Immaculate Conception	Genesis 3: 9-15; Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1: 26-38
Tuesday 10 December	Feria	Isaiah 40: 1-11; Matthew 18: 12-14
Wednesday 11 December	Feria	Isaiah 40: 25-31; Matthew 11: 28-30
Thursday 12 December	Feria	Isaiah 41: 13-20; Matthew 11: 11-15
Friday 13 December	St Lucy	Isaiah 48: 17-19; Matthew 11: 16-29
Saturday 14 December	St John of the Cross	Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17: 10-13
Sunday 15 December	3 rd Advent Sunday A	Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

ALTAR SERVERS

MONDAY
A & R Thottam

THURSDAY
H Falshaw, E Walsh

FRIDAY
B & J Makkil

SATURDAY
10.00am
A George
6pm
O Andrews, A & C Farrell
H Fawcett

SUNDAY
8am
A & C Loom, O Kularatnam
10.30am
A & G Sansone, S Joseph
A & R Thottam, A George
B & J Makkil, H Falshaw
S & S Moni, J Binnie
7pm
N Wijesinghe, E Hallam
A & C Hill

CONFESSION

Saturdays after 10am Mass and 7pm to 7.30pm.
Other times at request.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers Patrick Malley whose funeral was at St Edward's on Friday 6th December. May s/he rest in peace. Our prayers and condolences are with all families and friends.

THIS WEEK

Sunday: after 10.30am Mass there will be a sale of handmade religious jewellery in St Edward's Church Hall. Ideal gifts for Christmas and also First Holy Communion and Confirmation. A good way to Evangelise using the Fashion Media.

Monday: 7.00 pm: A concert by the community rock/pop choir "Voices with Attitude" to raise funds for the Jumbulance trip will be held in St Edward's Hall. Tickets £5 from the trustees or on the door.

Monday 9th December: NO UCM meeting.

Wednesday: Baptism class 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 17th December: St Thomas More Carol Service in St Edward's, 6.00pm.

Thursday 19th December: Penitential Service at 7.30pm with opportunity for individual confession. Morning Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition until the evening.

Saturday 8th February 2014 Diocesan Mass for Married Life: The 2014 Mass with Bishop Peter at St Theresa's Beaconsfield at noon. Further Information, posters and Applications for Certificates for "Special Anniversaries" will be published shortly

Sacramental Preparation for Children attending non Catholic Schools in the New Year – watch this space.

Numbered Offertory Envelopes. With this bulletin is a list of all the numbered envelopes for which we submit a "Gift Aid Tax Claim". If your envelope bears another number no tax claim can be made at present. If you are a UK taxpayer and are paying Income Tax, equal to at least 25% of your total gifts to Charity each year, but are not on that list please do consider making a "Gift Aid Declaration" as soon as possible. (More information is printed on that list)

NEWS FROM BURTON LATIMER

The Rosary Group meet on Thursday 19th December at 2.00pm for 40 minutes with refreshments after. Please spare 40 minutes for this worthwhile gathering.

Saturday 21st December: Christmas Concert, Belcanto Choir, 5.00pm and 7.00pm at St Nicholas Owen, Burton Latimer. 5.00pm will include a visit from Father Christmas. Tickets £5 under 12s free, includes a glass of wine and mince pie. Tickets from Kerry Peterson, K 414925 or Alison Wise – 07855 406766

Toilet facilities at St Edward's: The disabled and other toilets in the hall can be accessed via the ramp outside the side door to the left of the Altar; for security reasons the access door has to be locked when unsupervised but the key is available from the Sacristy. The single toilet just outside that church door is usually open during services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NEWSLETTER:

By hand to the priest, or by email to newsletter@stedwardskettering.org.uk
Deadline is Wednesday each week

GENERAL NOTICES

Christmas Masses:

St Edward's: Christmas Eve 6.00pm (Children) and 10.30pm – Christmas Day 8.00am, 10.30am 12 noon. B. Latimer: Christmas Eve 8.30pm (Carols) for 9.00pm Mass. Desborough: 9.00am; Rothwell: 10.30am.

Malayalam Mass: Saturday 21st December 2.30pm

Flowers for Christmas: Thank you for the donations last week which came to £387.86.

"Footsteps": Thanks to everyone, and especially for the Carol Service at Holly House. It was much appreciated. Hope to see you all in the new year, after the holidays.

Holy Hour Thursday at St Edward's with a meditation for Advent: 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

SVP Giving Tree and Foodbank Gifts:

A gentle reminder that we are only allowed to distribute food stuffs that are well within the "BEST BEFORE" date.

The Genesis Café in the Eden Centre, Montagu Street, Kettering, will be open from 13th/14th December from 10.00pm until 2.00am at night as a Christian Initiative to provide non alcoholic drinks and coffee to those out late at night in the town centre. Volunteers are welcome, please speak to Fr Paul.

HALL BOOKINGS REMINDER: ALL bookings to use any part of St Edwards Hall from 1st January 2014 must be made via Nigel on 01536 460909, please. If you previously made a booking for any date in 2014 via Gwen and the old number, the date must be confirmed with Nigel, please.

Contact Details for Catholic Schools in this Parish

St Edward's School Eastleigh Road NN15 6PT (01536 481430)

St Thomas More School, Northampton Road NN15 7JS (01536 512112)

Kettering Christian Aid Group would appreciate support as they, supported by the Camerata Choir, sing Carols in the Newland Centre, between 11.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. on Saturday 14th December.

Cransley Hospice Message received 'Thanks for all who have put used stamps for Cransley Hospice in the box at the rear of the church over the past year. I have just taken them another large bag of stamps for which they are most grateful. Please continue to support this very worthwhile charity especially at Christmastide.'

SVP Giving Tree :Please return the gifts shown on the sticker you took last week to the box at the back of St Edward's this weekend.

St Jude's Food Bank: Please continue your generous support and, at this time, please think about including a few items that will appeal to children.

Empty Red Mission Boxes available in the porch.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS - this Christmas why not buy gifts for your family and friends which enable the training of a teacher or farmer, or buy chickens or a toilet and thereby improve the lives of people in poorer countries? You can look at the gifts available and order online at <http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk> or pick up a catalogue from your church porch or phone 0808 140 0014. Receive a beautifully illustrated card of your chosen gift or send a personalised e-gift when you order online. Gifts that make a difference!

TEA & COFFEE

is served every Sunday morning at all of our Churches. Everyone welcome for a drink and chat!