



ST EDWARD'S PARISH KETTERING

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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C (GAUDETE SUNDAY) Sunday 13th December 2009

Times of Liturgies

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

MONDAY	Convent	7.30am	Geoghan Fam Spec Int
	St Edward	7.30pm	George Richardson RIP
TUESDAY	Convent	7.30am	McClafferty Fam Int
	St Edward	10.00am	Margaret Canvan RIP
		7.30pm	Penitential Service
WEDNESDAY	Burton Latimer	7.00pm	June Birnie RIP
THURSDAY	Convent	5.30pm	George Nichols RIP
	Rothwell	7.00pm	Roger Middleton, McFarlane F&F RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm	Exposition & Benediction
FRIDAY	Desborough	7.00pm	Goh, Greenwood F&F RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm	Celia Constable RIP
SATURDAY	St Edward	10.00am	Colin & Taylor Lovett RIP

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY	St Edward	6.00pm	Richard Wellington RIP
SUNDAY	St Edward	8.00am	Marty & Bernie Hynes RIP
		10.30am	Florence Saunders RIP
		5.00pm	Vespers & Benediction
		7.00pm	Alan & Pauline Int (Anniv)
	Burton Latimer	9.00am	Castel, Coubillier, Hodson F&F RIP
	Desborough	9.00am	Bridie Watson RIP
	Rothwell	10.30am	For the Parish – Jimmy McKernan RIP

ALTAR SERVERS

MONDAY

Z Wane, H Fawcett

THURSDAY

M McLaren, A Morris

FRIDAY

A Farrell, H Carter

SATURDAY

10am

D & M McCarney

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, D & M McCarney

B McCourt

7pm

A Morris, N Wijesinghe

CONFESSION

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

Other times at request.

PASTORAL NOTES

Climate Change?

"Through Christ our Lord, you give us all these gifts. You fill them with life and goodness, you bless them and make them holy" (First Eucharistic Prayer). At this season we think of gifts. In the early Church in Rome it was a custom to bring produce to church to be shared with those in need, as a regular feature. The above prayer from the Mass is a reminder of those gifts, gifts of creation. The lovely blessing prayers over bread and wine when they are first brought to the altar, also remind us at each Mass of these 'fruits of the earth and human hands': 'Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation'. At Christmas we celebrate the Creator taking on the nature of the creature, God becoming man, - the waters of the River Jordan made holy by the One who is baptised there. In our churches we cherish the gifts of God's creation, in a spirit of reverence and thanksgiving. All our five senses are engaged in the praise of God, even our sense of smell with the incense! At Christmas we pray: 'In Him we see our God made visible, and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see'. May our praise and thanksgiving to God increase our care for His Creation.

Readings for the week:

Monday 14 December	<i>Psalter Week 3</i> St John of the Cross	Num. 24:2-7. 15-17; Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday 15 December	Feria	Zeph. 3:1-2. 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday 16 December	Feria	Isa. 45:6-8. 18. 21-26; Luke 7:19-23
Thursday 17 December	Feria – <i>O Wisdom</i>	Gen. 49:2. 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Friday 18 December	Feria – <i>O Adonai</i>	Jer. 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24
Saturday 19 December	Feria – <i>O Root of Jesse</i>	Judges 13:2-7. 24-25; Luke 1:5-25
Sunday 20 December	4 th Sunday of Advent – <i>O Key of David</i>	Micah 5:1-4; Heb. 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers Mary Gill who died on 4th December and whose funeral service is on Monday 14th December at 12.15pm at Kettering Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Please remember also Mark Mukhtar who died on 2nd December and whose funeral service is on Thursday 17th December at 10.45am at Kettering Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Our prayers and condolences are with all family and friends. We remember them especially at our Masses this weekend.

THIS SUNDAY

9.00am Service with Deacon Keith at Burton Latimer.
A second collection for Christmas flowers at St Edward's.

SVP Christmas Giving Tree (Food items) – Please take a label from the Christmas tree and return item indicated thereon to churches next weekend and place in boxes at the back of churches.

Today: St Edward's Walkers and everyone! - meet outside church at 11.00am for our short (3 miles) Christmas walk around East Carlton. Bring mince pies, mulled wine etc. to share afterwards. A forfeit if you forget!

NEXT SUNDAY

Masses at all churches.

THIS WEEK

Monday: Bishop Peter is celebrating a Memorial Mass for the late Canon Dan Cronin in St Brendan's, Corby at 7.00pm.

Monday: UCM meeting at 8.00pm in the Upper Room and is a Faith Supper. New members always welcome.

Tuesday: Day of Prayer – for the changes in our deanery and diocese, for our parishes, for our families and personal intentions – 10.00am Mass at St Edward's followed by Exposition – Please sign up for watching during the day. Thank you.

Tuesday: PENITENTIAL SERVICE at 7.30pm with Father Tony coming from Corby to help.

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

Wednesday: Burton Latimer Mass NOT on Tuesday but Wednesday 7.00pm. (No other Mass on Wednesday)

Thursday: The Rosary Group meet at St Nicholas Owen at 2.00pm for 40 minutes.

Friday: Desborough – Mass as usual at 7.00pm, but no Benediction beforehand.

Thursday 17th December: St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School will celebrate its annual **Carols and Candles Celebration** in St. Edward's Church at 6pm. As usual the children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds and kings. All parishioners are most warmly welcomed to join the children in singing carols and listening to readings.

NEWS FROM BURTON LATIMER

The Rosary Group meet at St Nicholas Owen at 2.00pm this Thursday with refreshments afterwards. Please spare 40 minutes for this worthwhile gathering. All welcome.

NOTES FOR THE DIARY

Christmas Masses: St Edward's: Christmas Eve: 6.00pm Family Mass, 11.00pm Vigil & Midnight Mass. Christmas Day: 8.00am, 10.30am, 12 noon. Burton Latimer: Vigil Mass 8.30pm Carols and Mass; Desborough: 9.00am. Rothwell: 10.30am.

GENERAL NOTICES

Rotas for Readers/Eucharistic Ministers available – for Sundays, for Christmas Masses, for Hospital Communion.

Advance Notice: The Sacrament of **Confirmation** will take place here in St Edward's on Wednesday 14th 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 20th December. Your input is very much appreciated.

Many odd jobs have been done around the Hall and Church lately: many thanks to all for their help.

CAFOD – Thank you to all who so generously support Project CAFOD Village. Sales of World Gifts over the last two weeks have raised £1131.13. We also received donations of £1057.89, bringing our overall total including gift aid to **£16943.10**. Please continue to support CAFOD. World gifts are still available. Order now in time for Christmas.

PLEASE – HYMN BOOKS – Bring them back if you have taken them and they've been left in the home! Thank you. We need GREEN/BLUE books back! We're running out!

NEWS FROM DESBOROUGH

***Friday 18th 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).

NEWS FROM ROTHWELL

St Bernadette's Christmas concert is this Sunday 13th December. Doors open at 2.30pm and the concert starts at 3.00pm. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NEWSLETTER:

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