



ST EDWARD'S PARISH KETTERING

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

Sunday 29th November 2009

Times of Liturgies

SATURDAY	St Edward	6.00pm Patrick Harford RIP
SUNDAY	St Edward	8.00am Cheung So Chan RIP
		10.30am Harry Gaskell RIP (also Fred Gilbey RIP)
		5.00pm Malayalam Mass
		7.00pm James, Margaret, PJ, John Burke RIP
	Desborough	9.00am For the Parish
	Rothwell	10.30am Dodwell Int
	Burton Latimer	9.00am Doyle, Barnard F&F RIP

MONDAY	Convent	7.30am Ita McMahon RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm Antonio Savino RIP
TUESDAY	Convent	7.30am Thanksgiving (Conway)
	Burton Latimer	7.00pm Azzopardi Fam RIP
WEDNESDAY	St Edward	10.00am Alan Henderson RIP
THURSDAY	Convent	5.30pm Manderson Fam
	Rothwell	7.00pm Dodwell, Dale, Burge, F&F RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm Holy Hour
FRIDAY	Desborough	7.00pm Tomasz Naleda RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm Paddy Burke RIP
SATURDAY	St Edward	10.00am May Jefferies RIP

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

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

ALTAR SERVERS

MONDAY

R & R Francis

THURSDAY

Mr M Cully, Mr J Huzar

FRIDAY

S Moni, J Robins

SATURDAY

10am

M McLaren, H Falshaw

6pm

O Nixon, A Soto, C Hill

SUNDAY

8am

Mr J Huzar

10.30am

A & T Sansone, H Falshaw

S & S Jose, C C & E Hogg

T Simon, A & O Kularatnam

M McLaren, E Walsh

T John, A & P George

7pm

A Morris, N Wijesinghe

CONFESSION

Saturdays after 10am Mass

and 7pm to 7.30pm.

Other times at request.

PASTORAL NOTES

ADVENT is a season of preparation for Christmas, parallel to the season of Lent, preparing for Easter. Whereas Lent, however, is a penitential season as well as a time of renewal of our baptism, the season of Advent is especially marked as a season of Hope. The virtue of Hope looks to God's Promises, always opening new doors, always greater than we can imagine. So Advent is a special season of prayer. God knows what we need, but He loves to give in answer to our prayers, so that we may know His love for us. Prayer opens our hearts up, even as we struggle with our prayers. There is no special thing we must pray for. 'Our daily bread' covers many things and we pray best for what really concerns or worries us, even if it seems to us not hugely important. God will lead us on from there if necessary, to other matters which may touch us more deeply. Jesus often tells us to pray. He also tells us to persevere. Nearly everything we do as human beings takes time and it is as we pray fervently for something we want, that we are often led to notice things we want even more. St John Vianney, our patron saint for this Year of Priests, once wrote that human beings have two tasks in life, to love and to pray.

Readings for the week:

Monday 30 November
Tuesday 1 December
Wednesday 2 December
Thursday 3 December
Friday 4 December
Saturday 5 December
Sunday 6 December

Psalter Week 1

St Andrew
Feria
Feria
St Francis Xavier
Feria
St Birinus
2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C

Rom. 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
Isa. 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Isa. 25:6-10; Matthew 15:29-37
Isa. 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21. 24-27
Isa. 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
Isa. 30:19-21. 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1. 6-8
Bar. 5:1-9; Phil. 1:3-6. 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers Canon Dan Cronin who died on Wednesday 25th November in Ireland, where he was in retirement. He was 93. For very many years he was a priest in Corby, most of the time as parish priest in St Brendan's, a parish he built up over many years – with a parish club and then the church of St John Ogilvie in Danesholme, Corby. It is quite a few years since he retired through ill health, but he will be well remembered by very many. May he rest in peace. While his funeral will be in Ireland, the Bishop will celebrate a memorial Mass at St. Bendan's Corby on Monday 14th December, 7pm.

MASSES THIS WEEK

THIS SUNDAY

Father Tony is helping out so Mass at all locations.

2nd collection for SVP Christmas gifts.

NEXT SUNDAY

8.00am Service with Deacon Keith at St Edward's.

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.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: All are invited to **Mass at 7.30pm with Bishop Peter** and local clergy at St Brendan's Church, Beanfield Avenue, Corby NN18 9BX. This marks the beginning of the 'Groundplan' stage of "Walking Humbly with Our God". There will be an opportunity for all to meet with Bishop and Clergy after Mass.

Tuesday: UCM Table Top Sale and Coffee morning in the kitchen and Upper Room 10.00-11.45am. The special raffle will be drawn. All welcome.

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

Wednesday: 'Footsteps' 6.00pm – This is our last gathering this side of Christmas. Please come to the Hall as usual and we will walk 'next door' to Harry Potter House, and share the Christmas Readings and Carols with the senior citizens there.

Wednesday: St Edward's School invite you to "**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**" in St Edward's Church from 6.30-7.30pm for their own Christmas Carols and Readings.

Thursday: An Advent Holy Hour in St Edward's this Thursday 7.30-8.30pm. We will be guided in our prayer by Anne Randell. All welcome to join us in this gentle hour of prayer, thinking of our personal needs, but also of our parish and our priests.

Friday: Vocations Weekend starts 7pm Friday 4th to lunchtime Sunday 6th December to be held in Luton. A weekend of prayer, reflection and discussion for men aged 18 and over who think that God might be calling them to the priesthood, or anyone who would like to explore the idea. For more information speak to one of the clergy or ring Fr Mark Floody 01582 502400, email: mark.floody@btinternet.com.

Saturday: "The Wave" – A service and march in London to stop climate chaos. See poster at back of Church.

SVP Christmas Giving Tree from Sat/Sun 5th/6th onwards.

NEWS FROM DESBOROUGH

Friday 4th – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament prior to 7.00pm Mass.

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).

NOTES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 6th December: Joint Prayer Meeting for Kettering - Adrian Horner (Open Door Church), Dan Harris (Praise Community Church) and Brian Hannant (Gateway) would like to invite Christians in the Kettering area to get together to pray specifically for our town. The event will take place at Praise Community Church, 3-5 Alexander Street, Kettering at 7.30pm.

Friday 11th December: The Rosary Link, St Brendan's Corby. 7pm Mass followed by Rosary and Exposition.

Wednesday 16th December: HCPT Carol Service at Cathedral, 7:30pm. See poster at back of church.

GENERAL NOTICES

My Day by Day for Advent, junior and infant also, is now available at the back of the church.

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.

The Scout Group is looking for at least 2 people to provide additional help to the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary on their committee with fundraising and social events. Anyone interested please contact Peter on 01536 501255.

Precautions against Swine Flu: It appears that the threat of a widespread infection is much diminished now. As such, from this Sunday holy water will be available in church and people are invited to exchange the sign of peace if they wish to. Communion under both kinds will be offered again from Christmas to fit in with the Rota for Eucharistic Ministers.

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 is having a "Chocoholics" Tombola Stall at the Rothwell Gala Evening, which is taking place in the town square on Friday Dec 4th 2009. Any contributions for the tombola stall will be gratefully received. We are looking for bars or boxes of chocolates, chocolate biscuits, chocolate Santa's, chocolate spread, drinking chocolate, etc... (you get the idea !). Please leave any contributions at the back of the church or give to Sue Macfarlane or Harriet O'Dea. All proceeds raised from the tombola will go towards a new PA and loop system for the Church.

St Bernadette's Christmas concert this year will be on Sunday 13th December at 2.30pm. Rehearsals continue weekly every Thursday at 7.30pm until the concert. Please contact Nigel O'Dea on 01536 710263 or e-mail nigelodea@aol.com if you would like to join the choir, play an instrument and be involved.