



ST EDWARD'S PARISH KETTERING

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First Advent Sunday Year B
Times of Liturgies

3rd December 2017

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND		
SATURDAY	St Edward	6.00pm Gertrude De Mello RIP
SUNDAY	St Edward	8.00am Nellie Saunders, Elizabeth Blackman RIP
		10.30am Fr Robert Hodge, Br Alberic Banks RIP
		1.00pm Polish Mass
		5.00pm Vespers & Benediction
		7.00pm Tartaglia Fam RIP
	Desborough	9.15am Gordon Collis, Dorothy Springer RIP
	Rothwell	10.45am For the Parish
	Burton Latimer	9.00am Service of Word & Communion

MONDAY	Convent	8.00am Fr Stan & Mr & Mrs Condon RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm Brinsley McNamara Int
TUESDAY	Convent	8.00am Jenni Smart RIP
	Burton Latimer	10.00am Vincent Julyan, Eileen Day, Tite/Conroy Fam RIP
WEDNESDAY	St Edward	10.00am Dale Fijo (B'day), Mary Etherton RIP
THURSDAY	Convent	5.30pm Eamonn Campbell
	St Edward	7.30pm Exposition & Benediction
	Rothwell	7.00pm Doris/Stanley Wood F&F RIP
FRIDAY	Desborough	7.00pm Bill & May Wheeler RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm Leslie Norman Dicks RIP
SATURDAY	St Edward	10.00am Michelina Messori RIP

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SATURDAY	St Edward	6.00pm Margaret, Pat Comac RIP
SUNDAY	St Edward	8.00am For the Parish
		10.30am May Jefferies RIP
		1.00pm Polish Mass
		5.00pm Vespers & Benediction
		7.00pm Gerry, Martin, Phil RIP
	Desborough	9.15am Service of Word & Communion
	Rothwell	10.45am Fitzpatrick Fam RIP
	Burton Latimer	9.00am Patrizia & Luis

ALTAR SERVERS

MONDAY
T Batayola, A Sheby

THURSDAY
R & A Thottam

FRIDAY
K Oppong, J Sharmon

SATURDAY
10.00am
S Romy, Christo Biju
6.00pm
A & C Farrell, J Ike
M Di Micco, A Neeson

SUNDAY
8.00am
A C & J Loom, T Joy
G Meledeth, G & T Rejesh
10.30am
B D & J Lopez, S Juanta
Angelo & Melbin Biju, C Miles
H Calaunan, J Robbins,
H Stephens, S & S Moni
George Biji
7pm
J Mendoza, T Batayola
R Binnie, D Binoy

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

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers Florence Vera Rogers who died on 16th November and whose funeral service at Kettering Crematorium is on Thursday 7th December at 1.00pm. May she rest in peace. Our prayers and condolences are with all family and friends.

THIS SUNDAY
Is the First Sunday of Advent and we welcome the pupils, parents and staff of St Thomas More School to our 10.30am Mass in St Edward's. At all Masses we will be hearing, and in some cases seeing on screen, Bishop Peter speaking "to the whole Diocese about our pastoral life while also launching a 'Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation'". Please take a Prayer Card, available at all Masses.

Sunday is also a day of prayer for Migrants and Refugees.

NEXT SUNDAY
St Edward's Walkers meet outside the church at 11.00am for a short walk around East Carlton C.P. Please bring food to share and a walking pole.

THIS WEEK
Monday 4th: "Called to be Peacemakers" a lecture by Chris Cole at St Paul's School Milton Keynes, MK6 5EN at 7.00pm everybody welcome.

Tuesday 5th: St Edward's School invite us to Carols by Candlelight, 6.00pm in St Edward's Church. All welcome.

Wednesday 6th: Garden Team Coffee Morning after 10am Mass for Fr Jo's refugees.

Wednesday 6th: "Footsteps" 6.00pm in the Upper Room of the Hall for years 7, 8, 9. Going to Harry Potter house

Thursday 7th, St Edward's School PTA Annual Christmas Bazaar in School hall - 6pm to 8pm

Saturday 9th: Belcanto Choir Christmas Concert at St Nicholas Owen Church, Burton Latimer - £5. All children under 12 free - at 5pm with a visit from Santa, & at 7pm.

Sunday 10th: after 10.30am Mass - Sound System tuition at St Edwards (see box on right) >

DATES FOR THE DIARY
Monday 11th December: UCM meet at 8.00pm in the Lower Room and is our Faith Supper.

Monday 11th December: Cransley Hospice Community Choir, Salvation Army Citadel, Kettering, Doors open 7.00pm, Concert 7.30pm. £3.

Tuesday 12th December: St Thomas More School invite us to Carols by Candlelight in St Edward's Church at 6.00pm

Wednesday 13th December: Baptism class in the Presbytery 8.00pm.

Saturday 16th December: Diocesan Advent Reflection Day, Turvey Abbey MK43 8DH booking essential admi@nores.org.uk (posters in all Churches)

Tuesday 19th Dec: Day of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament begins with an 8am Mass & concludes 7.30pm with a penitential service & opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. Fr Tony Whitfield will also be helping us.

Christmas Day lunch, sponsored by Churches Together and, this year, hosted in St Edward's Church Hall, see posters in all Churches.

Tuesday 9th January: at 7.30pm Citizens UK invite us to hear about the Community Sponsorship Scheme for Refugees at Fuller Baptist Church Rooms Gold Street, see poster in all churches.

GENERAL NOTICES

Advanced warning: As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, the weekend will be arranged as follows; on Saturday 23rd December and Sunday morning 24th December, the 4th Sunday of Advent will be celebrated. Christmas services will begin, as usual, on the Sunday evening (24th December) and on Monday morning (Christmas Day).

NOT THIS YEAR - the International Carol Service suggested for later in December has been called off for this year. Maybe some longer preparation could arrange something for next year.

My Day-by-Day for Advent is available, price £1. **Many Thanks** for the very generous donations received for the Church Maintenance Fund last week.

Safe until Daylight project

As mentioned in last week's pastoral notes, St Edward's Hall is to be used to provide a safe and warm environment for people who would otherwise be sleeping outside during the coldest months of this winter. The pilot is likely to start in January 2018. It would be helpful if a few parishioners could join the steering Committee (this does not commit you to overnight supervision, just to helping organize!). If interested, come to a meeting on Saturday Dec. 9th. at 1pm. at 22 Church Walk, first floor (behind police station) or contact Paul on 07752787556 or pmillen8@gmail.com. There is also a public information evening on Dec. 14th. at 6-8pm in the Corn Market Hall.

SVP GIVING TREE is available after all Masses at St Edwards. Please take a label off the tree (NOT the tag) next weekend and bring back the item 9th/10th to the SVP boxes at the back of the church.

Tuition on Sound System: Any instrumentalist, choir member or other person interested in learning how to integrate the Soundbox into the amplification system at St Edward's is invited to a short tuition at 11.45am. after Mass **this Sunday December 10th.**

NEWS FROM BURTON LATIMER
The Rosary Group next meet at St Nicholas Owen Church, Burton Latimer at 2.00pm on Thursday 14th December with refreshments after. Please spare 40 minutes for this worthwhile gathering. **All welcome.**

CONFIDENTIAL HELP FOR PERSONAL PROBLEMS - Fully trained members of the Diocesan Listening & Prayer Ministry are here for all adults who would like to speak to someone in confidence. For free local appointments, phone **075 31 55 27 28** (NOT a crisis line)

BOOKINGS FOR HALL & UPPER ROOM IN 2018
All regular parish users of St. Edward's Hall will need to let Nigel know of their requirements for 2018, unless you have already been contacted. The facilities are also available for private hire. Phone 01536 460909. Thankyou

Safeguarding: St Edward's Parish is committed to Responsible Caring. Parish Safeguarding Rep: viivencaldwell@hotmail.com or 01536 501255. Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator: safeguarding@northamptonshirediocese.com

PASTORAL NOTES

In this parish we have seven buildings to maintain, the four churches, the halls at Desborough and Kettering and the Presbytery and Parish office in The Grove. During the last few months the Diocese Surveyor has been carrying out a "Quinquennial Review" of all properties, and this has brought to light many repairs that need making in the near future. The flat roofs of St Edward's Church, which have been regularly repaired over the years now need major work and urgent work is required at Desborough and Burton Latimer. The parish property manager and the Finance Committee are considering these reports as a matter of urgency and at first sight we will need much fundraising and economising elsewhere over the next few years. We are very grateful for the generous donations to the Church Maintenance Fund over the last few months, including last week's gifts mentioned elsewhere. People attending St Edward's will see that the font area has been reopened following the temporary repair to the roof. Plastering and redecorating will need doing as soon as practical.

PARISH BUILDINGS

Readings for the week:

Monday 4 December	Feria	Isaiah 2: 1-5; Matthew 8: 5-11
Tuesday 5 December	St Birinus	Isaiah 11: 1-10; Luke 10: 21-24
Wednesday 6 December	St Nicholas	Isaiah 25: 6-10; Matthew 15: 29-37
Thursday 7 December	Feria	Isaiah 26: 1-6; Matthew 7: 21. 24-27
Friday 8 December	Immaculate Conception	Genesis 3: 9-15; Ephesians 1: 3-6. 11-12; Luke 1: 26-38
Saturday 9 December	Feria	Isaiah 30: 19-21. 23-26; Matthew 9: 35-10: 1. 6-8
Sunday 10 December	2 nd Advent Sunday B	Isaiah 40: 1-5. 9-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-14; Mark 1: 1-8