



ST EDWARD'S PARISH KETTERING

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Sunday Year B

DATE 24th December 2017

Times of Liturgies

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND		
SATURDAY	St Edward	6.00pm Nuala Hammond RIP
SUNDAY	St Edward	8.00am Mary Rice, Eleanor (N Carolina) Thanks 10.30am Peter Toal RIP 1.00pm Polish Mass
	Desborough	9.15am Sr Emanuel Hannigan RIP
	Rothwell	10.45am Service of Word & Communion
	Burton Latimer	9.00am For the Parish
Christmas Eve	St Edward	6.00pm (Children's Mass) : Mary RIP 8.00pm Polish Mass 10.30pm Jenkinson, Broadway Fam RIP
	Burton Latimer	8.30 for 9pm Castel, Coubillier, Hodson RIP
Christmas Day	St Edward	8.00am Felice Rootham RIP 10.30am Brigid Harford RIP 12 noon Salvatore Stifanelli RIP
	Desborough	9.00am Clarence Galbraith F&F RIP
	Rothwell	10.30am Francis/Alice McLoughlin, Norman/Doris Littler RIP

TUESDAY	St Edward	11.00am Lally, Fitzmaurice, Hunt Fam RIP
WEDNESDAY	St Edward	10.00am Fr Henry Stanley RIP
THURSDAY	Convent	5.30pm Fr Joe Williams, H J Jefferies RIP
FRIDAY	St Edward	7.30pm Aida S Umadhay RIP
SATURDAY	St Edward	10.00am Burley, Eleonora Smith RIP

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND		
SATURDAY	St Edward	6.00pm Nuala Hammond RIP
SUNDAY	St Edward	8.00am Saunders, Mannion, Blackman Fam RIP 10.30am Harry Perry RIP 1.00pm Polish Mass 4.00pm Malayalam Mass 7.00pm Tommy & Bernie McCarney RIP
	Desborough	9.15am Alan Atkins RIP
	Rothwell	10.45am Mario, Guido, Toto Poggi RIP
	Burton Latimer	9.00am Freville. Azzopardi Fam RIP

ALTAR SERVERS

CHRISTMAS EVE
6pm & Midnight – As instructed

CHRISTMAS DAY
8.am – A C & J Loom, T Joy
G Meledeth, G & T Rejesh
10.30am & 12 noon
As instructed

TUESDAY – 11am
All altar servers are invited to attend and renew their Promise.

THURSDAY
George Biju, J Zakariah

FRIDAY
A Shibu, A Kurian

SATURDAY
10.00am
S Romy, A Sheby
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 Calauan, J Robbins,
H Stephens, S & S Moni
George Biju
7pm
J Mendoza, T Batayola
R Binnie, D Binoy

PASTORAL NOTES

ANGELIC CHOIRS !

Sometimes we need to look back to realise how things have changed. Singing in our churches was once very muted, and now it seems people happily sing at weekday Mass as on Sunday, with accompaniment and instruments or without! St Augustine says that people encourage each other on their journey, or in their work, by singing!

In this Christmas season we may feel it especially. Your priests and deacons want to wish you every blessing for this season, with grateful thanks for all the daily services, prayer and singing!

Readings for the week:

Monday 25 December	Christmas Day –	Three special Readings for the Night, Dawn and Day!
Tuesday 26 December	St Stephen	Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Matthew 10: 17-22
Wednesday 27 December	St John	1 John 1: 1-4; John 20: 2-8
Thursday 28 December	Holy Innocents	1 John 1: 5-2: 2; Matthew 2: 13-18
Friday 29 December	St Thomas Becket	2 Timothy 2: 8-13; 3: 10-12. 17; Matthew 16: 24-27
Saturday 30 December	Christmas Octave	1 John 2: 12-1. 1-3; Luke 2: 36-40
Sunday 31 December	Holy Family	Genesis 15: 1-6. 21; Hebrews 11: 8. 11-12. 17-19; Luke 2: 22-40

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers Janina Brzozowski from Rockingham Road, who died 7th December and whose funeral is after Christmas. May she rest in peace. Our prayers and condolences are with all family and friends.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 31st Malayalam Mass in St Edward's at 4.00pm

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday 26th: Please note that on **Boxing Day** there is a **special Mass at 11.00am** remembering all our faithful altar-servers whose **special feast it is, St Stephen's Day**, their patron-saint. **LAST CALL** for them for the Film on **Wednesday 27th**, Star Wars 8 : The Last Jedi. Please make sure you have a signed form for Barry. 4-5pm start.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 3rd January: St Edward's Garden Team coffee morning after 10am Mass in the hall for Fr Jo.

Saturday 6th January: St Edward's Garden Team coffee morning after 10am Mass for Parish Funds.

Tuesday 9th January: SVP meet 7.30pm in the Upper Room.

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.

Churches Together

Week of prayer for Christian Unity main event, **Saturday, 20 January** at 2.30 pm at Rockingham Road Baptist Church,

Tuesday, 23 Jan at 7:30 pm Fuller Church rooms Bible Sharing' (reflection on Scripture from the different traditions),

Interfaith Forum Thursday, 11 January at 6 pm at the Kettering Borough Council offices – all welcome. Holocaust Memorial Commemoration **27 January**, timings to be confirmed.

"Sacramental Preparation for Children in non-Catholic Schools

Registration for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will take place in St Edwards Church Hall on Saturday 13th January at 9.00 am."

Tuition on Sound System: which was cancelled due to heavy snow, a fortnight ago has now been re-arranged. 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 on Sunday January 14th at 11.45am.

STAMPS FOR CRANSLEY HOSPICE please continue to save your used stamps and put them in the box at the back of St Edwards Church. These stamps can be sold to provide additional funding.

GENERAL NOTICES

The Christmas Day offertory collection is your gift to the priests of the Parish. All donations that day are for the clergy. Please do NOT put any numbered weekly offering envelopes into that collection. If you forget your Sunday 24th envelope, please put it in at a later date. Any cheques to be made out to St Edward's Kettering, please.

Christmas Cards have come for parishioners from Sister Theresa (in Northampton) and Father Pius (in Milton Keynes).

Christmas Day - To add to the joys of this holy season, "Holy Family Icon Cards", from the organisers of the World Meeting of Families are being circulated for Christmas Day. Please look out for, and take home one per household.

Congratulations to all helping with the Soup Kitchen, a great success which is really appreciated. Thanks also for the Food Bank support over such a long period now. We must pray that effective changes may bring a swift end to this need.

SVP : Thank you for all donated goods received following Giving Tree appeal, they are much appreciated. Next meeting 9th January 2018.

CHRISTMAS CARD BOX at St Edward's - Please check the box and take any cards addressed to you as soon as possible. Any cards left after 6th January will have to be recycled. Thanks for another year to Veronica, this box helps so many parishioners, every year.

Legion of Mary : As we already have in place each Saturday, Holy Mass, Communion, Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we will in addition be praying the Rosary before the start of Mass at 9.15am on each first Saturday of the month whilst meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary. This fulfils the Obligations of the devotion.

CHANGE OF DATE First Holy Communion for Children in non-Catholic Schools will now take place on Sunday 1st July, at the 10.30 am Mass at St Edwards.

My Day-by-Day for January will be available next week.

Three Job Opportunities

Hope UK the National Christian Drug Education Charity Based in Kettering is looking for a Deputy CEO, closing date 24th January 2018. Details and Application Pack from recruitment@hopeuk.org (020 7928 0848)

St Thomas More School needs a kind, enthusiastic and engaging person to be a Lunchtime Supervisor. Hours of work are Monday – Friday, 12pm – 1.30pm. For further information and an application pack, please contact the school on 01536 512112, or visit the school website.

Thomas Becket Upper School Northampton needs a Teacher of Spanish from 16th April 2018, earlier if available, details from jan@thomasbecket.org.uk

CONFIDENTIAL HELP FOR PERSONAL PROBLEMS -

Northampton Diocese Catholic Listening Ministry enquiry line open 2-4pm Mon - Fri to book appointments.
075 31 55 27 28

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