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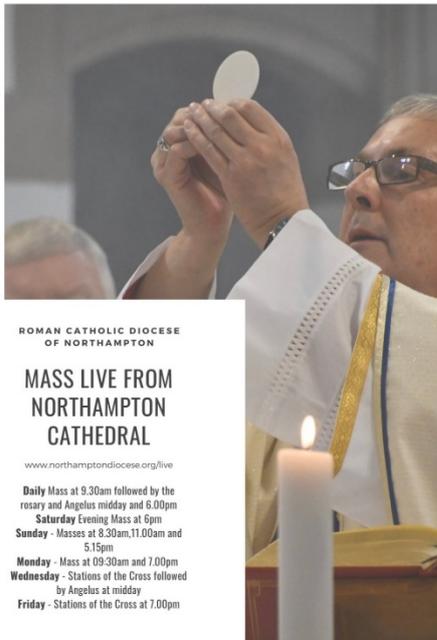
Parish Priest: Fr. Gregory Marchwiński

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10th May, 2020

**No Public Masses will take place in any of our Churches
from Saturday 21st March until further notice**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



Please join us in saying a **Spiritual
Communion** at:

<http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk/when-mcannot-be-celebrated-publicly-making-a-spiritual-communion/>

Or visit live streaming broadcasts of Mass from
Northampton Cathedral at

<https://northamptondiocese.org/live/>

Alternative Masses, adoration, prayer, etc. can
be found at:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

Sunday or Daily Readings:

<http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk/spirituality/sunday-and-daily-readings/>

Keep an eye on the Vatican News channel for live streaming of events.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday – Kevin Smith RIP, For the Bereaved

Sunday - Bridget Wilsdon

Monday - Tess Gormley

Tuesday - Harry Marshall RIP

Wednesday - Fr John Britto, Canon Jason Jones

Thursday - For the parish

Friday - For the parish

Saturday – For the parish

Sunday - For the parish

To request a Mass Intention please send an email to:

parish@stedwardskettering.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

In our prayers, let us remember our deceased parishioners, family members and friends.

Let us especially remember those who have recently passed away:

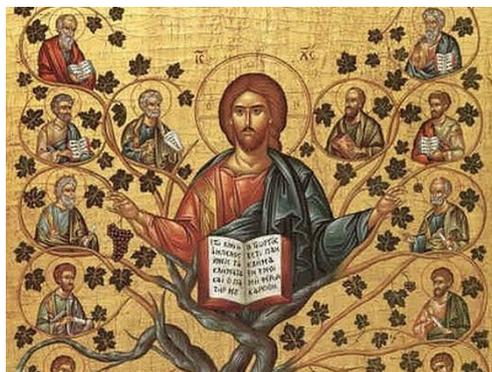
Maria Nikiforuk – Her burial will take place on May 12th at 1.30 pm at the cemetery in Rothwell.

Lynne Howes – Her funeral will take place on May 12th at 2.30 pm at the Kettering crematorium.

William McNulty – His funeral will take place on May 19 at 12 noon at Kettering crematorium.

May they rest in peace.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE V SUNDAY OF EASTER



Fr. Antony Kadavil reflects and comments on the readings of the fifth Sunday of Easter. He says that the readings speak of real faith not only in God the Father but

also in Jesus, precisely because He is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life”.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-05/gospel-reflection-fifth-sunday-easter-news0.html>

ST EDWARD’S PARISH - THE PARISH COMMUNITY IN LOCKDOWN



The Parish is exploring the implementation of a “Parish Call and Care scheme” to support isolated and elderly parishioners, many of whom are facing months without significant social contact. This is recommended by the Diocese and we plan to organise one of its elements - a “Phone and Chat” service - as soon as we can.

If you would like to phone and chat to an isolated fellow parishioner, or would like someone to phone you, please contact the Parish Office by phone 01536 512497 or email parish@stedwardskettering.org.uk giving your name and contact details and say whether you would like to receive such calls, or join the team that makes them.

Similarly, if you know of an isolated person who might benefit from a chat, can you please let us know their name, and phone number if you have it.

Data Notice The personal details you have given will only be stored and used by the parish named above (part of the Diocese of Northampton) for the purposes of administering the [Parish Call and Care Scheme](#). They will not be otherwise disclosed, unless for your urgent and vital welfare. Details of how we process your data, and your rights, are on the full Privacy Notice which may be seen on the Diocesan website at www.northamptondiocese.org/data.

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH



Statue of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Bernadette's Church

Among Catholics, May is most well-known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the early Church there is evidence of a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th of May each year, but it wasn't until the 18th century that May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary. According to the Catholic Encyclopaedia, "The May devotion in its present form originated at Rome where Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, to counteract infidelity and immorality among the students, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary. From Rome the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic Church of the Latin rite." Dedicating an entire month to Mary wasn't a new tradition, as there existed a prior tradition of devoting 30 days to Mary called Tricesimum, which was also known as "Lady Month." In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st. After the Second

Vatican Council, the feast was moved to August 22, while May 31st became the feast of the Visitation of Mary.

The month of May is one rich in tradition such as May processions when a statue of Our Lady is crowned as "Bring Flowers of the Rarest" is sung. Being such a beautiful time of the year with late spring's still youthful pale green leaves, a wealth of blossom in the hedgerows and the varied tones of blue flowers such as bluebells and forget-me-knots makes May a truly fitting time of year to honour our beautiful, loving heavenly mother.

This year, though we may not be able to get out and about to enjoy the natural beauty of the month, perhaps we could all find a special way to honour Mary in our homes. If we have one, we could move a statue or picture of her into a new place of more prominence in our home during this month and make a special altar for her. A simple, clean cloth and a candle (with a few flowers for those who have a garden) makes a special place for us to ask her every day for her prayers. Families can get the children to decorate Mary's altar and to keep it tidy throughout the month. They can hold their own May procession and crown Mary. It will be an ideal place for us to say a rosary each day as Pope Francis has asked us to do during the pandemic. This is a golden opportunity to teach our children the rosary (David's slingshot against Goliath) remembering that "the family that prays together stays together."

LETTER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY FROM POPE FRANCIS



Pope Francis standing in front of the the image of Mary, Salus populi Romani, during the Mass for Easter Sunday

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/letter-on-the-month-of-may-full-text.html>

Pope Francis has issued a letter for the month of May, a time of when we express our love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. He encourages everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home and shares with us prayers he will be saying at the end of the Rosary, so that we can say them in spiritual union with others.

FIRST PRAYER

O Mary,

*You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.*

*"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

SECOND PRAYER

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

*In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety,
we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.*

*Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic.
Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at
times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are
concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread*

of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realise that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

For those wanting to discover more about the Rosary, and find details of the individual mysteries see: <https://www.rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>

WEEKLY DONATIONS Some parishioners have asked how they can maintain their donations which would normally be given via the collection plate. It is true that church income will significantly reduce as a result of the current ban on public liturgies while we are all being asked to stay at home and avoid unnecessary travel. While I will endeavour to keep parish outgoings as low as possible, please could I ask those parishioners who can afford it at this time, and do not currently give by Standing Order, to consider donating online.

There are several ways of donating during this crisis so that you do not need to leave home:

- **Online** This can be done via the Diocesan website which can be found at <https://northamptondiocese.org/> . Scroll down to find the 'Donate' button and follow the instructions on the Catholic Diocese of Northampton Virgin money giving page. By indicating in the notes section of the donate page that the donation is for "St. Edward's Kettering" your donation will go into our parish account with the diocese, and will at the same time help our diocese as a whole. Please note that there is the facility to Gift Aid any donation to your parish if you are a taxpayer. Thank you for any help you can give.
- **Standing Order** via your own bank. Alternatively, you can set up a standing order for donations to your parish using your online bank account. The information required to make the donation is as follows. Bank; NatWest Sort Code; 60-06-11 Account Name; 46898093 Account Name; Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Payment Ref; St. Edward's, Kettering
- **One-off donation by telephone** The facility is available in the central office at Bishop's House to take donations by card payments over the phone. As above they would need to be informed at the time of the call where the donation is to be attributed to.
- You can also support the Parish by **making a donation through the letterbox** of the presbytery at any time.