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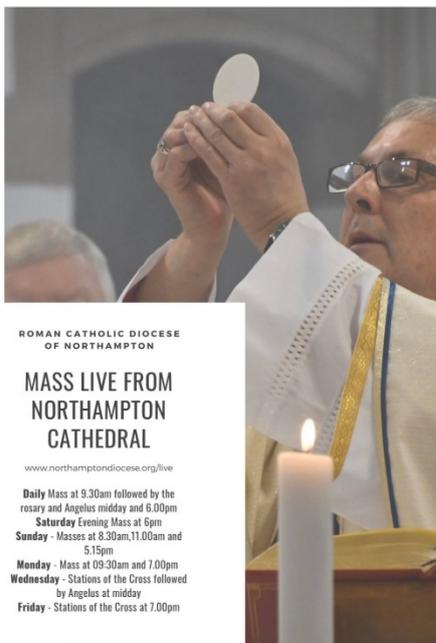
Parish Priest: Fr. Gregory Marchwiński

Fourth Sunday of Easter

3rd 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 – Tommy McCarney RIP

Sunday - May Jeffenes RIP, Jean Ayrton RIP

Monday - Holy Souls

Tuesday - Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

Wednesday - Alexa, thanksgiving int.

Thursday - For Care Homes residents and staff

Friday - Fr Dave Melly int.

Saturday – Kevin Smith RIP, For the Bereaved

Sunday - Bridget Wilsdon

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:

Patricia Timpson – Her funeral will take place on May 5th at 9.30am in the Kettering crematorium.

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.

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.

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL



CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

In these challenging times, your gifts and prayers are needed as much as ever. [Help our local experts reach those in desperate need.](#)

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.
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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES – MESSAGES FROM BISHOP DAVID



Bishop David is very conscious that there are a considerable number of people around the Diocese who are due to be baptised or received into full communion with the Church, to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and to receive their First Holy Communion. All these celebrations are currently delayed through the coronavirus

crisis. Bishop David sends the following messages to all those waiting to receive these sacraments.

To catechumens preparing for Sacramental Initiation into the Church and candidates from other ecclesial communities preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church

Dear friends,

In my first pastoral letter as Bishop of Northampton, I used an image that I would like to share with you again now. It is the early Easter picture of the disciples hiding together behind locked doors because of fear. Maybe this image of the first Christians speaks to us in an even more powerful way during these days of coronavirus lockdown. Then again, we may be telling ourselves, at least they were hiding in their locked room “together”! Being a disciples of Jesus Christ is a community experience rather than an individualistic and solitary one. God’s people have always been a pilgrim people and by his grace, you have been brought into an experience of this pilgrimage journey to the Kingdom of Heaven. The Church is a people. Within the isolation of our homes, it is difficult for us to feel part of this people at times. There is the live-streaming of Masses from cathedrals and churches, a very poor substitute for the dynamic gift of being brought together by the Holy Spirit, in order to sing the praises of the Lord who has gathered us to celebrate the mysteries of our faith. How I, and indeed every priest, long to be able to celebrate these life-giving mysteries again with the people of God! In the meantime, we must wait in patience. During these days of the Easter Season I wanted to share this with you, that you are very much in my heart and prayer. Please do pray for the virtue of hope and fidelity to the call you have received. I know that many of you will be living lives of service, where and when you are able to help others within your family and community. These are signs of your faith in Christ Jesus and desire to belong to his Church. May our Lord bless you and continue to support you in faith, hope and love as you await the day when you are able to celebrate the sacraments with us. We will soon celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the day when Jesus fulfilled the promise that the Father and he would pour out the Holy Spirit upon this world. I encourage you to open your lives to the coming of the Spirit in these days.

✠ David J Oakley
Bishop of Northampton

To candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Dear young friends,

I wonder how you were feeling during your preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation? Were you excited and wondering how the gifts you are to receive from the Holy Spirit would work in your life? Were you looking forward to this celebration when you would receive the final sacrament of initiation into God’s Church? And now

the whole journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation has been put on hold because of the Coronavirus lockdown! I wanted to send you a message of encouragement in these difficult days. Even though the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation has been delayed because of this crisis, please know that your new Bishop is very much looking forward to meeting with you. Try to be patient and faithful to meeting with Jesus in prayer. Ask the saint whose name you are choosing to pray for you. Pray to the Holy Spirit that you will be even more ready to receive the gifts which will be poured out on you when you are Confirmed. We will soon celebrate that Pentecost day when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon our world. And finally, please spare a prayer or two for the new Bishop! I send you these words together with my blessing for yourself and your families.

✠ David J Oakley
Bishop of Northampton

To candidates for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Dear boys and girls,

We have not yet met in your parish or school. I am very much looking forward to that opportunity. In the meantime, I wanted to write a few words of encouragement to you. You will have been preparing to celebrate your first Holy Communion this term. It is such wonderful moment for you and your family, and there is often a lovely party to celebrate this day when Jesus first comes to you as the Bread of Life. If we don't have food we become hungry! What we eat gives us energy for all the things we have to do in our day. When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, he gives us the spiritual energy to live as his follower in our lives. I hope and pray that this day will come for you soon when we are allowed to celebrate with you in church. May Jesus, the Bread of Life, bless you always.

✠ David J Oakley
Bishop of Northampton

IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP UNDER STRESS DURING THE LOCKDOWN?

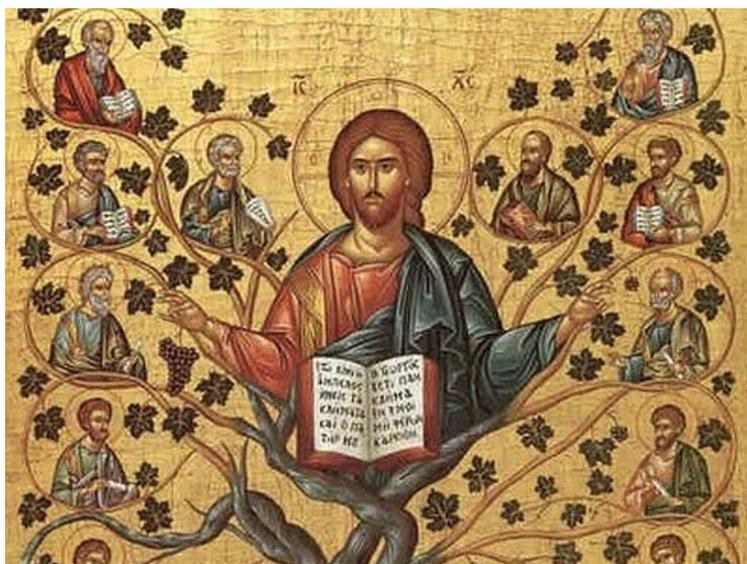


SmartLoving BreakThrough Online is for anyone whose relationship is going through a period of stress and disillusionment. It's from the providers of the Marriage Preparation Course that currently runs in our Pastoral Area.

BreakThrough is an online course that teaches participants how conflict arises, and how to take simple steps to heal the wounds and restore hope. It is private, confidential and effective and can be worked through in three hours, either individually or together.

Currently there's a reduced price of £24: if that cost is prohibitive for you and, as finances are a major difficulty just now for so many people, email mflnrcc@gmail.com as they will be able to offer some assistance for those in greatest need and they will send you an access code. Your email will be strictly confidential and used in line with GDPR. For more details, see <https://smartloving.org/bto-uk>

REFLECTIONS FOR THE IV SUNDAY OF EASTER



Fr. Antony Kadavil reflects and comments on the readings of the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-04/gospel-reflection-third-sunday-easter-shepherd-vocation-news03.html>

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/>