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23rd Sunday of the Year

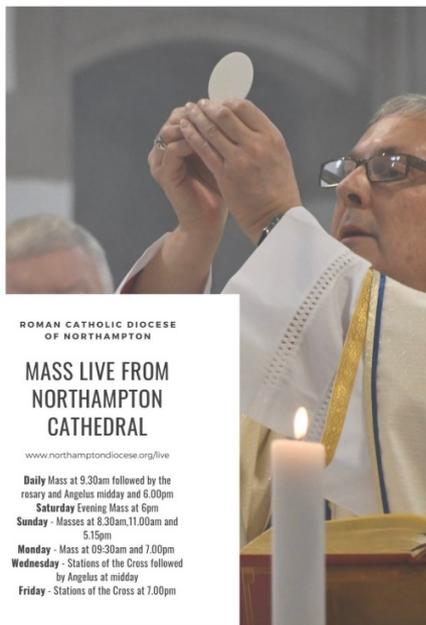
6th September, 2020

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**Welcome Back to St. Edward's for Mass**

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## 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/spiritualit/y/sunday-and-daily-readings/>

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

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

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## **THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday - 6.30pm** - Sophie McGill RIP

**Sunday - 8.30am** - Sister Aiden and Canon John - int. from Fr Gregory  
**10.30am** - Harry Perry RIP

**Monday** - for the Parish

**Tuesday - 10.00am** - Tom Gormley RIP

**Wednesday** - Teresa Gormley RIP

**Thursday** - for the Parish

**Friday - 7.00pm** - Noel Hammond RIP

**Saturday - 6.30pm** - Janette Stokes RIP, wedding anniversary

**Sunday - 8.30am** - Marry O'Connor RIP /  
**10.30am** - for the Parish

To request a Mass Intention please send an email to:

[parish@stedwardskettering.org.uk](mailto:parish@stedwardskettering.org.uk)

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## **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:

**Mary Welsh** - Her funeral (Requiem Mass) will take place at St Edward's Church, Friday, 11th September at 11.00 am.

**Teresa Gormley** - died on Thursday, 4th September. Fr Gregory had the privilege of visiting her and giving her the sacrament of anointing one day before she passed away.

**May they rest in peace**

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## **BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS**

From August 22 we are now able to arrange not only **baptisms** but also **weddings** and **funerals** in our church in Kettering.

## BAPTISM



I have received enquiries from couples who wish to have their baby baptised and I'm delighted to now be able to consider this in church. Under current circumstances, baptisms can now take place, only on Saturdays, with a maximum of 30 people who will need to socially distance in church unless from the same household. This will be for one baby, one family and the organiser must arrive **15** minutes before the start to meet a steward who will advise on the required sanitising procedure that your party must adopt to clean any seats used or touched surfaces afterwards. The wearing of face masks by all is requested.

***The next preparation for baptism will be held on September 7 at 7.00 p.m. in St. Edward's Church.***

Contact the parish office on 01536 512497 or email [parish@stedwardskettering.org.uk](mailto:parish@stedwardskettering.org.uk) with initial enquiries.

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## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER



Heavenly Father we place our children, grandchildren, teachers and all school staff in your loving care and protection as they return to school for the new term. We ask that they experience your peace and strength as they prepare, after such a long time away from school, for a situation this year which will be unfamiliar to them. Guard their hearts and minds to Keep them trusting in you so that they do not worry about things which they have no control over. Grant them emotional, physical and spiritual protection. Holy Spirit enthuse students and staff alike with great inspiration and wise guidance so that all may joyfully make the best use of every opportunity and achieve their full potential.

This we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace pray for us.

St. Edward pray for us.

St Thomas More pray for us.

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## POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER



<https://youtu.be/NY9ULrc2ZVA>

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation was observed this week on September 1. The international celebration marks the beginning of the **Season of Creation**, which extends to 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. In his prayer intention for this month, Pope Francis asks everyone to pray that we learn to respect the planet's resources.

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## BOOKING A PLACE AT MASS



**Please note.... Do not turn up for Mass in the usual way because space is limited due to the Covid-19 regulations and we might have to turn you away if we are full.**

**To be fair to all who wish to attend, we have implemented a seat booking system using a **dedicated phone number – 0739 6606 881** Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday 9.30-12, Thursday evening 6-8pm only.**

Please note that the telephone will not be manned at other times. The phone line is not open on Thursday morning, instead opening Thursday evening to enable those at work during the day to be able to contact the booking line.

**Please DO NOT call the presbytery in order to book your Mass as they will not be able to help.**

Face covering is mandatory unless you are [exempt](#). As it is still the diocesan preference to socially distance by around two metres (6 ft) where possible, there are limited numbers able to attend each Mass, **However, you are now able to book for seats for two Masses in advance.**

**The obligation to attend Sunday Masses continues to be suspended.** So please do not worry if you currently prefer not to attend Mass in church at all during these strange times as **permission is still granted for Spiritual Communion** via live streaming, details of which can be found in the Bishop's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) section](#). Alternatively visit <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

**Pre-booked Masses are scheduled for the following times**

**Tuesday mornings at 10am. starting September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday evenings at 7pm**

**Saturday Vigil at 6.30pm**

**Sundays at 8.30am (not 8am) and 10.30am**

To find out more about booking seats for Mass and what attending Mass will now entail please see <http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk/how-to-book-a-place-at-mass/> for the most up-to-date information.

We still need more stewards and cleaners to further develop our teams – please contact the presbytery by email if you wish to help.

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## **ST EDWARD'S PARISH - THE PARISH COMMUNITY**

### **FACEBOOK GROUP**

**The Parish of St. Edward, RC Church, Kettering.** Find the facebook group at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2762598427183322/>

### **PARISH CALL AND CARE**

The Parish is continuing with its "Parish Call and Care scheme" to support isolated and elderly parishioners. If you are someone who would like to receive calls, from a fellow parishioner, or know of someone who you feel would appreciate such a call, please contact Fr Gregory in the first instance on 01536 512497 or email [parish@stedwardskettering.org.uk](mailto:parish@stedwardskettering.org.uk) with your name and phone number (and if you are recommending anybody else to receive such calls, their name and phone number).

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## **USEFUL LINKS**

**National Domestic Abuse Helpline** 0808 2000 247

**Refuge website** <https://www.refuge.org.uk/>

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## 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 arrangements for socially distanced public liturgies. 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 Covid-19 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
- **Make a donation to your own parish over the phone** - The Diocesan Finance office has now introduced 'Giving Tuesday'. Each 'Tuesday' between 10.00am and 4.00pm, a member of the finance team will be available at Bishop's House to take your calls to donate to your parish community over the telephone. To donate simply call 01604 712065 with your debit or credit card details. (If you get the answering machine just leave your name and number NOT bank details and you will be called back). When you get through you will be asked for your name & address, your parish, envelope number (if you have one) and gift aid status. You can make one-off catch-up donations or regular weekly or monthly payments, on any Tuesday until further notice.
- You can also support the Parish by **making a donation through the letterbox** of the presbytery at any time.