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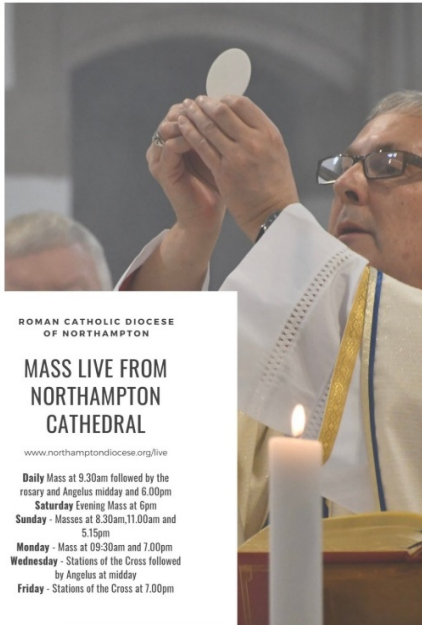
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27th Sunday of the Year

4th October, 2020

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>

PRE-BOOKED MASSES ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING TIMES

Tuesday mornings at 10am

Friday evenings at 7pm

Saturday Vigil at 6.30pm

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

To attend Mass at St. Edward's you must book a seat. Please call our dedicated phone number – **0739 6606 881** - Mon and Wed 9.30-12, Thursday evening 6-8pm only.

I would like to remind people of the need to book seats for Mass as this helps us best manage capacity and minimise queuing times. As bookings increase, it will become more likely that parishioners who have not booked will be turned away from busier Masses.

Thank you for being patient and courteous with our Stewards, who have given up their own time to help the parish. We recognise that without their help we would have to cancel Masses.

Thank you,

Fr Gregory

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions for the next week:

Saturday - **6.30 pm** - for the Parish

Sunday - **8.30 am** - Teresa Gormley RIP / **10.30 am** - Nigel and Rose Stokes int

Monday - for the parish

Tuesday - **10.00 am** - Mary Brody RIP

Wednesday - Kay McNamara

Thursday - for the Parish

Friday - **7.00 pm** - James Dellet

Saturday - **6.30 pm** - Nuala Hammond RIP

Sunday - **8.30 am** - for the Parish / **10.30 am** - Patrick and Teresa Cummins RIP

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.

May Christ, the Good Shepherd welcome them and all who have died into the peace of eternal life and may He comfort their families in their time of grief.

MESSAGE FROM FR. GREGORY

October is the month of the Rosary devotion, it is the month that is especially dedicated to Mary, who in the Litany of Loreto we call the Queen of the Holy Rosary. I would like to encourage all of you to pray the rosary every day. In our church we will pray before the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays and Fridays 30 minutes before Mass. You are all very welcome **if you have booked a place in the church.**

May Our Lady, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us and with us in this difficult time of the pandemic.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Coronavirus
is
affecting
us all.

CAFOD
CORONAVIRUS IS REAL
WASH YOUR
HANDS ALWAYS

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Family Fast
Day

CAFOD Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

**no one
beyond reach**

Next Friday, 9th October is **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**.

CAFOD is using the Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis.

We have all felt the impact of this terrible disease -let us come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world to "Survive, Rebuild and Heal."

Please pray for all those affected and donate if possible, through one of the following ways:-

- online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>
- text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10 [texts cost £10 plus one standard message and you will be opting to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you do wish to opt in to receive marketing communication text CAFODNOINFO 70085 instead]
- There will be some Fast Day [with Gift Aid forms] Envelopes at the back of the Church, please place in the collection.
- Or put your CAFOD offering in an ordinary envelope marked 'CAFOD' and place in the collection or post through the presbytery door.

The Parish does NOT have a CAFOD contactless donation device.

HOMILY



Image from the Film: Brother Sun, Sister Moon about the Life of St. Francis of Assisi

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

As we remember, today we heard the third parable, the plot of which takes place in a vineyard. Jesus used this beautiful image and example of the vineyard very often in his teaching - and he used to do so for a very simple reason - to help his disciples and other listeners to fully understand his teaching about the Kingdom of God.

I think that the hard work in the vineyard and the all year-round care for the vines to bear abundant fruit was something that was well known to all the inhabitants of Israel and everyone could imagine this scenery.

Yesterday - as I was pondering this parable - I thought that if Jesus lived and taught in the 21st century, if he lived today in Kettering or in any other town in our country, he would have used a completely different example or comparison...

Read more from Fr. Gregory's Homily on our [website](#) on Sunday at 10.30am.

OUR YOUNG ADULTS TAKING THEIR NEXT STEPS



At this time of year, we still have in mind all our young adults who have just started work, are still looking for work, or who have started or are returning to college and university. It is a very exciting and rather anxious time for them as they wonder if their chosen job or course of study will live up to expectations; if they will successfully cope with it; if they will fit in and make friends and, for those still seeking

work, there are all the anxieties and disappointments to deal with. For those leaving home there are extra concerns - will they be homesick; will their accommodation suit them and how they will manage all the different aspects of their daily living.

For the parents of these young people it is similarly both an exciting and anxious time for all the same reasons and more, not least the safety of their children in their new environment - especially if they are now living away from home. Mum and Dad will inevitably miss them. The family home will feel quite different. Learning to adjust to life when children have left the nest is a challenging time and parents also have to help younger family members get used to being without their older siblings.

Equally, parents of young people still seeking employment or new educational opportunities whilst living at home are facing a difficult and emotionally challenging time. Trying to support their children's efforts to get a start in life when opportunities may be scarce is hard. Coping with their child's disappointment and dwindling lack of self-esteem as time goes by and doors remain shut is a particular challenge.

Our current situation with Covid 19 makes all of these anxieties, difficulties and concerns worse. We have all seen the effects the pandemic is having on the mental health, opportunities and circumstances of young people throughout the country.

When young people leave school and set out in life it is a time of great change and, though changes like these do bring great happiness and a sense of achievement, besides the anxieties mentioned they also bring some sadness and aspects of loss. For so many years from the time of their birth parents have worked, consciously or otherwise, towards this moment when their child steps out and begins to become independent and start taking their place in the world. This is what all their parental efforts have been for but the changes bring with them the realisation that certain aspects of life have now been left behind.

It's interesting to ponder what Our Lady must have felt like when Jesus began His public ministry which took Him away from home journeying far and wide. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit she had gently encouraged Him at the wedding feast in Cana to perform His first public miracle by pointing out that the wine had run out. Though Jesus appeared reluctant, she simply told the stewards (as she always advises us) to do as He told them. She knew He had to leave her to do His work for our salvation.

No doubt Mary knows the joys but also the worries, sadness and difficulties of parents as their children move into the wider world. In this Month of the Rosary let us all – the old and young, parents and children, married and single - turn to her to accompany us in our challenges whatever they may be and whatever our stage and state in life.

On Wednesday (October 7th) we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, originally known as Our Lady of Victory. Though the rosary is a much favoured and widespread Catholic devotion, this feast day can herald a renewed motivation for us to pray the rosary both as individuals and as families so that it becomes our weapon, our David's sling, against the Goliath of our worries, sadnesses, losses and

disappointments and also our source of strength in which we celebrate our joys and achievements.

For those interested in the history of the feast day and why it has two names the web page

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/feast-of-our-lady-of-the-rosary-617> can supply the details of the battle of Lepanto and the miraculous victory obtained through saying the rosary.

The web page

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2019-10-07> quotes Pope Benedict XVI describing the rosary as a:

“...contemplative and Christocentric prayer, inseparable from the meditation of Sacred Scripture...the prayer of the Christian who advances in the pilgrimage of faith, in the following of Jesus, preceded by Mary.” It suggests some interesting activities for families to do – including, for the bakers amongst us, making a cake in the shape of a ship to remind us of the battle of Lepanto!

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

We are now able to arrange not only baptisms but also weddings and funerals in our church in Kettering.

Baptism

Under current circumstances, baptisms can now take place, only on Saturdays, with a maximum of 6 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.

Weddings can now take place with a maximum of 15 people, funerals with a maximum 30 people.

The next preparation for baptism will be held on October 5 at 7.00 p.m. in St. Edward's Church.

Contact the parish office on 01536 512497 or email parish@stedwardskettering.org.uk with initial enquiries.

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.

We have implemented a seat booking system using a **dedicated phone number – 0739 6606 881** Mon and Wed 9.30-12, Thursday evening 6-8pm only. The telephone will not be manned at other times.

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/>

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.



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/>

The Parish facebook group shares great posts from social media sources such as The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, Vatican News, Mindful Christianity Today, and the Walsingham blog. It is a great way to keep in touch with what is going on in the wider Catholic community around the world as well as in your local parish.

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 with your name and phone number (and if you are recommending anybody else to receive such calls, their name and phone number).

USEFUL LINKS

National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

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

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.