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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th July, 2021

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/>

Or in other church services via <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 INTENTIONS

Saturday - 6.30 pm - Aidan Brady RIP / **After Mass - confession on request**

Sunday - 8.30 am - Alice McGowan RIP / **10.30 am** - Brian Ablett RIP

Monday - (No public Mass) - For the Parish

Tuesday - 10.00 am - Veronica Preedy and family RIP

Wednesday - 10.00 am - Harry Keane

Thursday - (**Socially distanced Mass**, prebooked) - **7.00 pm** - Janette Stokes RIP

Friday - 9.30 am - Requiem Mass of Carmela Ferritto RIP / **6.30 pm** - *Adoration, Confession on request and Benediction* / **7.00 pm** - Holy Souls

Saturday - 6.30 pm - Aidan Brady RIP / **After Mass - confession on request**

Sunday - 8.30 am - Fiona Mary O'Connor RIP / **10.30 am** - Zbigniew Zaboklicki 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. Let us especially remember those who have recently passed away.

Carmela Ferritto (80 years) - her funeral Mass will be held at St Edward's Church on Friday, 23rd July at 9.30 am

Ernest Allen (91 years) - his funeral service will be held at St Edward's Church on Wednesday, 28th July at 12.30 pm

Arthur Wellington (93 years) - his funeral Mass will be held at St Edward's Church on Friday, 30th July at 10.30 am

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.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

MASSES FROM JULY 19TH 2021

- Tuesday 10am (please note no evening Mass now)
 - Wednesday 10am
 - Thursday 7pm. Socially distanced Mass (please book on **0739 6606 881** for this)
 - Friday 7pm.
 - Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm
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“Yes, God goes on holiday,

but only if we take Him with us instead of leaving him at home or in the church!”

HOMILY FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

MK 6: 30-34

I remember that several years ago, when I was preaching a homily, and it was a homily for children, and when I was telling them something about a holiday, one little boy asked me a question that at first seemed a typically childish question and a bit funny at the same time: *Does God go on holiday, as we do with our parents several times a year?* We can imagine that this question caused a wave of laughter throughout the church and also almost all of his young friends were laughing so much that I was unable to continue my sermon. Only his younger brother at one point raised his hand to get the microphone and then to clarify and answer his brother’s question...

Read Fr. Gregory’s homily at <http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk/18th-july-2021/>

MESSAGE FROM FATHER GREGORY

Last Thursday we were privileged and honoured to have Bishop David, who came to confirm the Year 6 children from St Thomas More School and St Edward’s School. Many congratulations to all the children, who entered the next stage of their faith journey. May the Holy Spirit bestow on them many gifts and graces.

UPDATED MASS ARRANGEMENTS FROM JULY 19TH

We now have the principles from the Bishops of England & Wales Conference concerning responsible worshipping in church after July 19th. There is also no mention as yet about if or when dispensation may be lifted, so live streaming at home is still allowed.

Whilst many of you will be pleased about some return to normality, I ask you to understand that many parishioners are concerned about lifting restrictions when infections are rising rapidly. The scientists remind us that despite vaccinations we can still become infected, perhaps unwell or pass the virus on unknowingly. I ask you to be respectful of other people's fears and to act on ways we might consider others. So in church I urge you to:

- Please wear face masks, unless exempt, as they can reduce the fall of viral droplets in one's breath onto others nearby. The government still expects that face coverings are worn in enclosed spaces.
- Kindly consider not sitting directly behind or right next to another person not from your household if possible. Please give them space.
- Consider whether it is putting the person in front of you at risk if you kneel close up behind them.
- Continue to sanitise your hands upon entering the church, for your protection and to reduce passing infection through touch.
- Not come to church if you are at all unwell. Positive cases identified by NHS Test and Trace will still be legally required to self-isolate. Live streaming will still be available online from many churches.

At St. Edward's we are returning the pews to their usual positions but we will be keeping all the Covid signage in church in case we need it again in the autumn/winter. Stewards will still be on hand to assist you if required, at least initially, to ensure good ventilation during mass and cleaning afterwards. Our booking line for normal Masses has now closed.

The position of Communion in the Liturgy will revert to normal, starting with Mass on Tuesday 20 July. This means that, instead of leaving church straight after receiving the Blessed Sacrament, communicants will now be able to return to their seats for prayer and receive a final blessing. Communion will continue to be under one kind onto the hand and will still need to follow an orderly spaced pattern, assisted by stewards. Currently we have decided that singing if any will only be done by up to six choir members at the Family Mass when available, at other Masses there may be instrumental music. When infection levels reduce, and with face masks worn, we may gradually phase in congregational singing.

Holy water stoups cannot as yet be refilled. For the collection, I will place two baskets on the altar steps for donations given at Communion, also one in the rear porch if entrance donations are more convenient. The Sign of Peace remains suspended as it is not an integral part of the Mass, and its omission will help to reduce physical contact between people during the celebration.

Now I want to draw your attention to a new Mass being held on Thursday evenings from now on. This Mass will retain social distancing to create a safer space for any

parishioner who, because of their personal circumstances, remains worried about attending large indoor gatherings. At this new Mass, **I will bring communion to you** (receiving by hand only) in your seats at the normal time in the liturgy. Remember, it is still currently permitted to attend on a weekday as if for Sunday. (If you are happy to go to other Masses, please consider keeping this Socially Distanced Mass for those parishioners who are concerned, as this Mass could become quite full). We may increase the number of these Masses if demand warrants this, as recommended by the Bishops.

This Socially Distanced Mass **must be booked** on the usual dedicated number between the hours of 9.30am and 11.30am on either Thursday or Friday mornings only, starting July 20th. **Please note that the booking line days & times have changed.** The parish office number cannot take bookings. The Thursday Mass is now the only one that needs booking.

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REGARDING THE SEPTEMBER REOPENING OF THE CHURCHES

We are hoping to finally reopen the churches in Burton Latimer, Desborough and Rothwell properly in September. I intend to chair a meeting in each church beforehand and hope that as many volunteers who assisted the parish in the past and anybody new who is willing to help, will attend. We will then be able to draw up a list of things which will be needed to be done so that our churches are ready for us to worship the glory of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Thank you,

Fr Gregory

MESSAGE FOR BURTON LATIMER COMMUNITY

In time for Mass to restart at our church (keep an eye on announcements), we have had a new-for-us organ donated by St. Bernadette's, Rothwell. It's wonderful, so special thanks.

We now need someone, or a rota of volunteers, to play it! There's no age limit, so it will be ideal, perhaps, if you are a younger person to get some practice. Our tastes are simple and as long as we start together and finish together, all is good.

If you play any other instrument, you'll be more than welcome to join us, too.

The best way to get in touch is via the Parish Facebook page.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Fr Gregory and Burton Latimer Community

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS!

For well over a year the pandemic, and government regulations in response to it, have kept us from congregating in church as we would normally have done. Through our God-given inventiveness we've joined virtual services online and used technology to connect. At the height of lockdown when our churches were closed and we were live-streaming, there was a very meaningful joke circulating...

The Devil said to God, "*See what I've accomplished? I've closed all the world's churches*". But God replied "*Ah yes, but I've opened a church in every home!*"

God will not be beaten! The family is of course the Domestic Church and technology added a new dimension with families gathered around the screen worshipping together.

Now the Government has made its plans for the Summer known and we put our pews back into their normal positions, we are reminded that in our smaller church we are in any case limited by space. Those who have already ventured back know that their sensitivities have been heightened as we had to endure protocols that are abnormal and frustrating. Whenever the infection rates are low enough, we want to eventually, warmly welcome ALL parishioners and families back as soon as YOU feel safe and ready. Here are a few reasons why.

Genesis tells us that God made Adam, then Eve from Adam's side and humanity from their union, male and female, in his image (Gen. 1:26-27; 2:18-25). We're configured to see, hear, taste, touch and feel our way through the physical world that God has created but this last year or so we've seen the power of our online

world. And we have felt its limitations, for the church is one body - Christ's body on earth (Eph. 1:22–23) – and in it we're intrinsically linked together (Eph. 4:15–16), each one of our individual gifts playing their part in the body's growth and mission. But like any healthy body, we ideally operate best when we are not dislocated. We are one body but we also have one Holy Spirit (Eph 4:4), the third person of the Trinity, always drawing us towards unity so when believers are separated unintentionally, we may feel the tension. We join not only with our risen Lord and His Word in the Gospel, but with each other. Food enjoyed together is better than food eaten alone.

When the church gathers in congregation, the work of ministry isn't mainly for the clergy. It's for every believer, for each of us has spiritual gifts, given to be used and the church body needs every part of it to be working (Rom 12:4-8; 1 Pet 4:10-11). In fact our collective worship is a witness. Every day, people experience the same broken world that we do but perhaps without our hope and our trust. They may ask where grace and truth can be found. We can minister to them online in various ways of course, as we use our God-given skills and use technologies to reach new people with methods perhaps more familiar to them. However the unbelieving world at times benefits from the gospel's power as reflected in Christians who go out from Mass and ooze their love for God to those who might be influenced or helped by it.

Those who run a welcoming ministry to greet parishioners at the church door, now a valuable part of stewarding, are promoting the church's family dynamic and reminds us of the gospel unity we enjoy in Christ. The New Testament writers often asked Christians to greet each other - for every greeting reflects God's love, proclaims hospitality, could even open doors and reunites Christ's body. Even if these greetings are accompanied by a squirt of sanitiser, they're potentially still life-shaping deeds in our church.

For many, you might still feel the need to exercise caution for yourself or those you love and be unable to return right away, or you might consider our new Socially Distanced Mass, still with all the Covid precautions, on a Thursday evening in church in lieu of Sunday. We may extend this idea to a weekend Mass if it is popular. You might instead need to keep watching from a safer distance whilst dispensation to live-stream is still in force. We understand. But when the time is right for you, God's people will gather again, and we will welcome you back with open arms.

DIOCESAN ADVERT

Diocesan Finance Supervisor –Bishop's House, Northampton

Full Time 40 hours per week

Start date: As soon as possible

We are currently recruiting for a Diocesan Finance Supervisor to provide support to

the Diocesan Accounts Manager and Chief Operating Officer on delivering the financial functions at Diocesan level and in our parishes.

Full information for the position, detailing the specific experience and skills required can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> or via email hadmin@northamptondiocese.com

Applications should include the application form, CV and a covering letter.

The closing date for applications will be Friday 23rd July 2021 and interviews will take place w/c 26th July 2021

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/>

Come join our Parish Facebook group. Stay in touch with what is happening in St. Edward's Parish and with what is going on in the wider Catholic community around the world.

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).



And I will give them one heart,
and a new spirit I will put within
them. I will remove the heart of
stone from their flesh and give
them a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 11:19

THE
GOD
WHO
SPEAKS

USEFUL LINKS

National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

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

Kettering Foodbank 1 Horse Market, Unit 1B, Kettering, NN16 0DG (side entrance at the top of Market Street) Tel. 07709 741353 <https://www.ketteringfoodbank.org/>

"The Corona Kitchen", serving takeaways from the Fuller Baptist Church Cafe on Newland Street. Serves from 4pm to 5.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. <http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk/corona-kitchen/>

A list of free food outlets in Kettering (updated June 24th, 2021):

<http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Kettering-Food-Outlets-Virus-Update-no28.pdf>

Redundancy Coaching <http://www.vitaeopus.co.uk> provides free online information and advice about Job Hunting, Self-Employment and Active Retirement for Parishioners adversely affected workwise by the pandemic. Please pass the link on to anyone who may find it useful.

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.

Donation through Boxed Envelopes

The Collection Counters have noticed that some Parishioners have been unable to collect their boxes of envelopes and are placing their donations in a plain envelope, Please could the Parishioners make sure that if they do this, their **Box Number Only** is written on the plain envelope to aid confidentiality.

There are a number of sets of Boxed Envelopes still awaiting collection in the Presbytery, however if you are unable to call and collect your own box, then please let us know at the presbytery by ringing 01536 512497 or emailing parish@stedwardskettering.org.uk so that we could possibly deliver your box to your home address in Kettering.
