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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st August, 2021

MASS TIMES AT ST. EDWARD'S

- Tuesday 10am
- Wednesday 10am
- Thursday 7pm. This remains a Socially Distanced Mass (please book on **0739 6606 881** for this Mass only. Line open on Thursdays & Fridays 9.30am until 11.30am.
- Friday 7pm.
- Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm. *After Mass - confession on request*
- Sunday Early Mass 8.30am
- Sunday Family Mass 10.30am

MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

- 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/>
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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

- Saturday - 6.30 pm** - Reg & Jessie Western RIP
After Mass - confession on request
- Sunday - 8.30 am** - Grandparents and the Elderly int.
10.30 am - Anthony Noone, birthday int.
- Monday - (No public Mass) - Selena and David, for their marriage
- Tuesday - **10.00 am** - Wanda Leckie int. from Nadia and family
- Wednesday - **10.00 am** - Swierzbinski family int.
4.00 pm - Mass in the Hospital Chapel - for hospital staff & patients
- Thursday - **12.00 noon** - *Wedding ceremony of Selena and David*
7.00 pm - (*Socially distanced Mass*) - For the Parish
- Friday - **6.00 pm** - *First Friday Adoration, Confession on request, Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction*
7.00 pm - Deceased friends of the Parkinson family
- Saturday - 6.30 pm** - Carmela Ferritto RIP
After Mass - confession on request
- Sunday - 8.30 am** - Tommy Cassidy
10.30 am - Marion Forsdyke 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.

Anna Mary Bridget Pendred (82 years) - her funeral Mass will be held at St Edward's Church on Friday, 20th August at 1.00 pm

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.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER GREGORY

NEW MASS ARRANGEMENTS

We are following the principles laid out by the Bishops of England & Wales Conference concerning responsible worshipping in church from July 19th. There is 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 have returned 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 has reverted to normal. 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 stoops 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). 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. **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.

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

BOOKING THE CHURCH HALL AND UPPER ROOM

The Church Hall is now open for parish use and for private hire but the pandemic and closures have sharpened up the requirements for its use as requested by our insurers and local authority. This includes acceptance by users and hirers of basic conditions of use (including cleanup) and the need to carry out your own risk assessment for your activity. Bookings can be made by emailing Ewa at parish@stedwardskettering.org.uk or by calling 01536 512497 on a Thursday or Friday morning only.

JOB VACANCY

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School - Lunchtime Supervisor – Starting September 2021

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School is looking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisor to join our team in looking after our children during the lunchtime period. Lunchtime Supervisors aim to provide a safe environment for children to play and eat in line with school expectations.

For more information please email the Head Teacher Mr Fraser Donald
FDonald@stm.ket.olicatschools.org

Closing Date: Applications to be received by Friday 6th August 2021 at 12.00pm

Honouring Our Grandparents and Elders

Starting this year, Pope Francis has instituted a Church-wide celebration of a **World Day for Grandparents** and the Elderly. He designated the fourth Sunday of July for this new commemoration because it is the closest Sunday to July 26th the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of Our Lady and grandparents of Jesus. (For more on Sts, Anne and Joachim click on <http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/26th-July-2020.pdf>). We celebrated this World Day for Grandparents in church last Sunday so here are two reasons why Pope Francis established this new celebration. One is because of the important role grandparents and the elderly play in society and the other is because of the isolation and neglect which so many of them worldwide have experienced during the pandemic.

With the usual conditions, a plenary indulgence is granted to grandparents, the elderly and all the faithful who take part in liturgical celebrations observing the new day. The indulgence also applies to those who unite themselves spiritually (perhaps virtually) to these celebrations if they are unable, for sufficient reason, to take part in person. It is also granted to those who "...devote adequate time to actually or virtually visiting their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, the disabled and other similar cases)." For more information, click on this link:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-06/plenary-indulgences-apostolic-penitentiary-world-day-grandparent.html>

In his message on the first celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis gives us food for thought, comfort, hope and inspiration when, writing to older Catholics like himself, he says: "I was called to become the bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age, and thought I would not be doing anything new." (The 84-year-old pope was elected when he was 76). "The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement."

He went on to say: “Think about it: what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young and to care for the little ones. Never forget this. There is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren. You just need to set out and undertake something new.”

Pope Francis sees grandparents as a “treasure in the family” and, emphasising their vocation, calls them to recognise the importance of their mission in both the Church and society. With great wisdom, he fittingly draws the attention of grandchildren and children to the generous giving of their elders and encourages them to accept it with gratitude. Encouragement is also given to grandparents and the elderly not to fear accepting new challenges but to embrace opportunities for growth.

He emphasises just how important the relationship between the generations is when he quotes the prophet Joel: “Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will have visions,” (Joel 3:1) and states that the future of the world is dependent on the covenant between young and old because, “who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true?”

For this to become a reality, Pope Francis encourages us that it is necessary that we continue to dream. “Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity, can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future.”

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).

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, but this will not be Gift Aided unless by envelope bearing your donator box number.

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.