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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th July, 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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DAY for GRANDPARENTS and OLDER PEOPLE – 2021

Pope Francis has called the first World Day for Grandparents and Older People for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time [B], 25 July 2021. The theme chosen by the Holy

Father, "I am with you always", expresses clearly that, during the pandemic and in the better times that will hopefully follow, every ecclesial community wishes to be with the elderly always.

The Catholic Grandparents Association has already been encouraging a similar celebration in recent years, linked to the feast of Saints Anne and Joachim. Their website is a useful resource and has a prayer for grandparents given by Pope Benedict XVI. They encourage establishing a branch of their organisation locally. See www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life links this year's celebration to the consequences the pandemic has had for families and the elderly. They offer detailed resources which are attached. [*Pastoral Guidelines, Prayer for the Elderly, Message of Pope Francis, Liturgical Resources.*] Every parish can consider how to use the material in different ways and as is suitable for its people. For instance young people are invited to present Pope Francis' message to their grandparents and to the elderly in parishes. We will need to be aware of older people without families also. Please see our Sunday Reflection for the background to this World Day!

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OLDER PEOPLE TO PRAY THEMSELVES

I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!
I thank You [for having given me a family] and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still
ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.
Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.
Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

BLESSING ON A LONG LIFE –

God of mercy,
You have given your children the gift of long life,
And they ask for your blessing.
Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence.

As they look back to the past,
let them rejoice in your mercy.

As they look to the future,
May they persevere in hope that does not fade.

To you be praise and glory for ever. Amen.



And from his fullness we
have all received, grace upon
grace. For the law was given
through Moses; grace and truth
came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:16-17

THE
GOD
WHO
SPEAKS

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

Saturday - 6.30 pm - For the Parish / **After Mass - confession on request**

Sunday - 8.30 am - Fiona Mary O'Connor RIP / **10.30 am** - Zbigniew Zaboklicki RIP

Monday - (No public Mass) - For the Parish

Tuesday - **10.00 am** - Maria Trembecki RIP

Wednesday - **10.00 am** - Nadia Swierzbinski, 95th birthday, thanksgiving int. / **12.30 pm** - Funeral Service of Ernest Allen RIP

Thursday - (Socially distanced Mass) - **7.00 pm** - Sandra and Frank McLoughlin and their family int.

Friday - **10.30 am** - Requiem Mass of Arthur Wellington RIP / **6.30 pm** - Adoration, Confession on request and Benediction / **7.00 pm** - Tony Forwell RIP

Saturday - 6.30 pm - Reg and Jessie Western RIP / **After Mass - confession on request**

Sunday - 8.30 am - For Grandparents and the Elderly / **10.30 am** - Anthony Noone, birthday int.

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.

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.

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 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. **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 parish@stedwardskettering.org.uk or by calling 01536 512497 on a Thursday or Friday morning only.

DIOCESAN ADVERTISEMENT

Diocesan Finance Supervisor –Bishop's House, Northampton

Full Time 40 hours per week

Start date: As soon as possible

The Diocese 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 hradmin@northamptondiocese.com

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

The closing date for applications will be Wednesday 28th July 2021.

ST EDWARD'S PARISH - THE PARISH COMMUNITY FACEBOOK GROUP

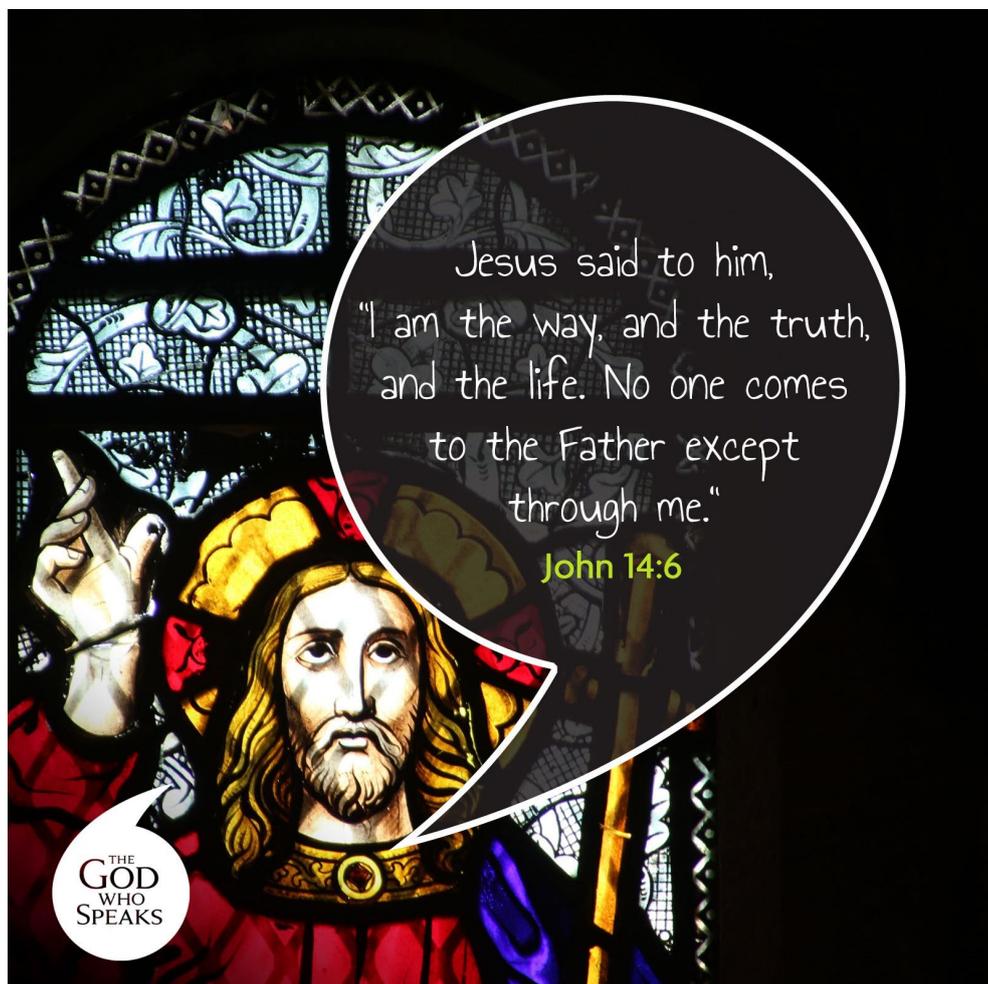
The Parish of St. Edward, RC Church, Kettering. Find the facebook group at:

<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).



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.