



ST EDWARD'S PARISH KETTERING

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2nd ADVENT Sunday Year C 6th December 2015
Times of Liturgies

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND		
SATURDAY	St Edward	6.00pm Antonietta Messoro RIP
SUNDAY	St Edward	8.00am For the Parish
		10.30am James/Kathleen O'Neill RIP
		1.00pm Polish Mass
		5.00pm Vespers & Benediction
		7.00pm Michael Ferguson RIP
	Desborough	9.00am Egon Straub & Fam Jacob Separovic RIP
	Rothwell	10.30am Roger Foreman RIP
	Burton Latimer	9.00am Service of Word & Communion

MONDAY	Convent	8.00am Eddie Bates RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm Legion of Mary D'd members
TUESDAY	Convent	8.00am Matt & Clare Hughes RIP
	St Edward	10.00am Bill & Mary Wheeler RIP
WEDNESDAY	St Edward	10.00am Shey Conway RIP
THURSDAY	Convent	5.30pm Norton F&F RIP
	St Edward	10.00am Nuala Hammond RIP
		7.00pm Holy Hour
FRIDAY	Desborough	7.00pm Thomas & Monica Seaman RIP
	St Edward	7.30pm Holy Souls (Portugal)
SATURDAY	St Edward	10.00am Bill Cross RIP

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND		
SATURDAY	St Edward	6.00pm Salvatore Meli RIP
SUNDAY	St Edward	8.00am Service of Word & Communion
		10.30am Lorenza Mazzone RIP
		1.00pm Polish Mass
		5.00pm Vespers & Benediction
		7.00pm O'Hara, Byrne, Capps, Fleming Fam RIP
	Desborough	9.00am Cass, Breen Fam RIP
	Rothwell	10.30am For the Parish
	Burton Latimer	9.00am 100th B'day (MM's aunt)

ALTAR SERVERS	
MONDAY	C Miles, J George
THURSDAY	Mr E Clement
FRIDAY	A & C Farrell
SATURDAY	10.00am B & J Makkil
	6.00pm A & C Farrell, H Fawcett, J Ike
SUNDAY	8.00am A C & J Loom, T Joy
	10.30am A O & A Kularatnam, E Ike B & J Makkil, H Calaunan C Miles, A Reddy, S & S Moni J Robbins, D Lopez R & L Constantine
	7pm E Hallam, J Mendoza T Batayola, J & R Binnie

CONFESSION
Saturdays after 10am Mass
and 7pm to 7.30pm.
Other times at request.

PASTORAL NOTES **HOLY MEN POINT THE WAY**
The Christian Church has always held on to the books of the 'Old Testament' as preparing the way for the coming of Christ. (The Jewish faithful see the whole Word of God already in their own Scriptures). In an amazing way one prophet in particular speaks to us in Advent, Christmas and through Lent and Easter, that is the prophet Isaiah. A passage from his book is read most days of Advent, looking forward to "A child is born for us, a son given to us", "The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light" (Chapter 9). Scholars now believe that there may have been two or even three writers under the one name of Isaiah, spanning a time before the great exile to Babylon, right through to a joyful return home, a span of over 150 years. It is the later part of the prophet's work that begin to speak of a suffering servant. But God has often been called the 'God of surprises', opening a quite unexpected and humble Word.

Readings for the week:		
Monday 7 December	St Ambrose	Isaiah 35: 1-10; Luke 5: 17-26
Tuesday 8 December	Immaculate Conception	Genesis 3: 9-15; Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1: 26-38
Wednesday 9 December	Feria	Isaiah 40: 25-31; Matthew 11: 28-30
Thursday 10 December	Feria	Isaiah 41: 13-20; Matthew 11: 11-15
Friday 11 December	Feria	Isaiah 48: 17-19; Matthew 11: 16-19
Saturday 12 December	Feria	Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17: 10-13
Sunday 13 December	3rd Advent Sunday C	Zephaniah 3: 14-18; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 10-18

THIS SUNDAY
2nd collection for Christmas flowers

THIS WEEK
Tuesday 8th: 6.00pm St Edward's School, Carols by Candlelight.
Wednesday 9th: Baptism class 8pm in the Presbytery.
THURSDAY 10th: ADVENT HOLY HOUR, 7pm at St Edward's, with Reflections, Prayers and Readings for this Holy Season.

DATES FOR THE DIARY
Sunday 13th December: St Edward's Walkers will NOT be meeting outside the church.
Monday 14th December: Union of Catholic Mothers will meet at 8.00pm in the Lower Room with a **Faith Supper.**
Saturday 19th December at St Nicholas Owen Church, Christmas with Belcanto Female Voice Choir. 5.00pm including a special visit; & 7.00pm. Tickets £5.00, under 12 free (includes refreshments). Ring Alison White: 07855 406766; Kerry Peterson: 01536 414925
23rd to 31st January: Advance notice. The 2016 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place and the main Service for Kettering is in St Edward's on 23rd January **29th to 31st January: 11-18 year olds Residential Weekend "Lux.Mercy"** at Kings Park Conference Centre Northampton. www.nymo.org.uk. **Saturday 23rd January: at St Edward's Church at 3.00 pm** United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **Preacher our own Bishop Peter.**

Churches Together Christmas lunch for those less fortunate, will be hosted at the Open Door Church the Eden Centre, volunteers needed for various times on Christmas Day, also on Christmas Eve and on Sunday 27th. anyone wishing to help, please contact that Church on (01536) 484800 or email jeanettestevens@opendoorchurch.org.uk.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 16 - 30 YEARS OLD
Bishop Peter and NYMO invite you to join them to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to meet Pope Francis at " **WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW 2016**". See poster in all Churches or visit www.nymo.org.uk

The Knights of St.Columba will be erecting the Crib on Saturday 12th December, at 8.30 am. If you can, please come and help. £77 was raised at the Beetle-Drive. Thank you for your support. Canon John

NEWS FROM BURTON LATIMER
2nd collection for Christmas flowers
Starting this Sunday and **EVERY** Sunday we will pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet before** Mass, starting at 8.45am.
The Rosary Group meet at 2.00pm on Thursday 17th December at St Nicholas Owen with refreshments.
Please spare 40 minutes for this worthwhile gathering.

NEWS FROM DESBOROUGH
Holy Trinity church will open from 8.15am on the second Sunday of each month and parishioners are invited to come to church 45 minutes early to prepare for the celebration of Mass with prayers, reading and the Rosary.

GENERAL NOTICES
Please note: Morning Mass 10.00am at St Edward's on Tuesday. Also, Tuesday 6.00pm **St Edward's School, Carols by Candlelight.**
Tuesday 8th December We are all invited and encouraged to attend **Northampton Cathedral NN2 6AG** for the 7.00pm Patronal Mass of the Immaculate Conception. During the Mass Bishop Peter will open the "Holy Door" to mark the Start of the "**Year of Mercy**", which will last until 20th November 2016, the Feast of Christ the King. All welcome.

Wednesday 9th December. 7.00 pm for 7.30 Bishop Peter will share his impressions of the synod at St Augustine's Parish Langley Drive Milton Keynes MK16 7PL

My Day by Day for Advent Is now available, well worth the £1.00 for the main version. There are a few junior versions available at 50 pence Both highly recommended "**Footsteps**" - Thanks to everyone for a very enjoyable winter term, especially the Carol Service! Look forward to seeing you in the new year.

SVP: Christmas Food Appeal: Items from the following lists much appreciated: Tins of Soup, vegetables, meat fish or fruit. Packets of Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, small Christmas puddings. Please place items in the boxes at the back of the Church week ending **12/13th Dec.** Thank you.

St Edward's Garden Team would like to thank all who helped and supported the coffee morning. £184.38 was raised, plus £130 on the nativity made by Jean Haywood, won by Karen Perkins. Next one Wednesday 6th January 2016. All welcome.

St Thomas More School are looking for a **Lunchtime Supervisor** to join our team. If you are interested (or you know a friend, neighbour or grandparent who may be), please contact Victoria Lynn on 01536 512112 to get more information and an application pack. **Sacramental Preparation for Children in Non Catholic Schools** is provided in the upper room of St Edwards Church Hall. Registration for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for 2016 takes place in that upper room on **Saturday 9th January at 9.00am** and the weekly classes start the following Saturday at 9.00am. Any enquiries to Mrs Maureen Everington 01536 513516

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS. Last date to order for free delivery for Christmas is 17th December. Catalogues are in all four Churches; or visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts (e-gifts on line up to 24th December)

Diocesan Job Vacancy - Director of School Development

This vacancy is a rare opportunity to join the **NORES** Service, which supports Catholic education and formation in the Northampton Diocese. Initially the key focus of the Director of School Development will be the academisation of our schools. We are looking for a strong candidate who has the skills to guide our schools through this time of change and help establish the strategy going forward. The NORES office is based in Luton; however travel will be necessary so access to your own vehicle and a full UK driving license is required.

Full information for the position and an application form can be obtained by visiting the Diocese Website www.northamptondiocese.org or by contacting Paula Wynn - HR Advisor, e-mail: hr@northamptondiocese.com. The closing date for applications will be **Monday 7th December 2015.**