



ST EDWARD'S PARISH KETTERING

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PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers Sheila Board who died recently and whose Funeral service at the Crematorium is on Tuesday 3rd January at 12.15pm. Also Silvia Messori who died recently and whose Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 4th January at 11.00am. May they rest in peace. Our prayers and condolences are with all families and friends.

NEXT SUNDAY
Masses at all churches on New Year's Day.

Considering becoming a Catholic? Know someone who might be or would like to look deeper? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a course designed for you to explore our faith further without obligation. Please phone Kettering 460909 for a chat to find out more or register your interest with Canon John.

A message from St Jude's: Firstly a big Thank You for your continued support. I am writing today to ask for volunteers for our foodbank project. Would all people who feel called to donate an hour or two of their time in the new year to contact St Jude's and ask for Robert. We are currently co-ordinating a large effort to push the project forward and all support would be gratefully received. See newsletter on the St Edward's notice-board.

"The Ireson Youth Development Fund" – bequest from the late Tony Ireson has enabled St Edward's Parish to set up a Youth Development Fund. The fund is there to support our youth in their religious and cultural development etc. Applications can be made to Canon John.

NEWS FROM BURTON LATIMER

The raffle from the Belcanto Choir evening came to £133. The proceeds will go into church funds. Many thanks.

The Rosary continues to be prayed at St Nicholas Owen. Their first meeting is Thursday 19th January at 2.00pm for 40 minutes with refreshments after. All welcome.

NEWS FROM DESBOROUGH

Parishioners at Holy Trinity have raised £60.42 to go with a Christmas Card to Father Jo in Uganda. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Ecumenical Prayer Service: During the Week for Christian Unity (18-25 January 2012) Holy Trinity will be hosting an Ecumenical Prayer Service on **Friday 20th January, at 7.00pm.** Please come and support this event, and help to give our fellow Christian brothers and sisters in Desborough a warm welcome. Refreshments will be provided in the hall afterwards. Help with this event would be much appreciated!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NEWSLETTER:

By hand to the priest, or by email to newsletter@stedwardskettering.org.uk
Deadline is Wednesday each week

Canon John Koenig, Fr Andy Richardson, Deacon Les Allday, Deacon Keith Watson
CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY
Times of Liturgies
25th December 2011

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND

CHRISTMAS EVE St Edward 6.00pm Grace Forbes RIP
Burton Latimer 8.30pm Murray, Kerwick Fam RIP
St Edward 10.30pm Alexander Ross RIP Mr/Mrs Pearson RIP
Salvatore Cordaro/Vincenza Saglimbene RIP

CHRISTMAS DAY St Edward 8.00am Marty/Bernie Hynes RIP
10.30am Brigid Harford RIP
12 noon James Hayward RIP
1.30pm Polish Mass
Desborough 9.00am Donald Martin RIP
Rothwell 10.30am Doris & Stanley Wood RIP

MONDAY St Edward 10.00am Francisca Rog. Int
TUESDAY Convent 8.00am Fr Henry Stanley RIP
WEDNESDAY St Edward 10.00am Henry John Jefferies RIP
THURSDAY St Edward 10.00am Richard Wellington RIP
7.30pm **Exposition & Benediction**
FRIDAY St Edward 10.00am Burley, Eleonora Smith RIP
SATURDAY St Edward 10.00am William Walsh RIP

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY St Edward 6.00pm Teresa O'Mahony RIP
SUNDAY St Edward 8.00am Thanksgiving Int (Dubier)
10.30am Antonio, Giovanna Gaziano,
Carmela Giammalva RIP
1.30pm Polish Mass
5.00pm **Vespers & Benediction**
7.00pm Patrick Lindsay RIP
Desborough 9.00am Alan Atkins RIP
Rothwell 10.30am For the Parish
Burton Latimer 9.00am Bob Pancoust RIP

ALTAR SERVERS

MONDAY
All Altar Servers are invited to join and renew their promise.

THURSDAY
E & J Ike

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
10am
J Barnes
6pm
E Walsh, A & C Hill

SUNDAY
8am
E & J Ike
10.30am
A T & G Sansone
A O & A Kularatnam
H Falshaw, H Fawcett
7pm
N Wijesinghe, E Hallam
B McCourt

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

PASTORAL NOTES **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST'S BIRTH**

There is an ancient proclamation of Christmas from the Middle Ages which solemnly recalls events of history – the days since Creation, the days since the Flood of Noah, since the birth of Abraham, since Moses and the Exodus from Egypt – the days since the crowning of David as king, the years since the prophecies of Daniel, even the days since the first Olympiad (Olympic games in Greece!), the time since the founding of Rome, in the forty-second year of the reign of the emperor Octavian Augustus – coming to the birth of the Saviour in Bethlehem of Judea, of the Virgin Mary. All points to the birth of Jesus, as the heart of everything – the love of God made flesh, Emmanuel, God-with-us. From all your priests and deacons, a very happy and blessed Christmas!

Readings for the week:	(Psalter Week 1)	
Monday 26 December	St Stephen	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22
Tuesday 27 December	St John	1 John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8
Wednesday 28 December	The Holy Innocents	1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Thursday 29 December	St Thomas of Canterbury	Colossians 1:24-29; Luke 22:24-30
Friday 30 December	The Holy Family	Ecc'us. 3:2-6. 12-14; Col. 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40
Saturday 31 December	7 th Day of Christmas Octave	1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
Sunday 1 January	Mary, Mother of God	Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

GENERAL NOTICES

NO coffee serving after St Edward's 10.30am Sunday Mass.
Weekday Masses this week are somewhat curtailed, so please check in the newsletter.
Monday 26th December is the Feast of St Stephen, patron of altar servers. Altar servers are specially invited to the morning Mass at 10.00am at St Edward's.

Altar Servers have their outing on Tuesday – meeting at **3.00pm** (NOT at 4.00pm as originally advertised) at Kettering Odeon Cinema. Many thanks to the Knights of St Columba for once more arranging this, and so many other helps during the year.

New Year's Day is next Sunday! So there will **not** be the usual welcoming into the new year in the Presbytery.
Church Feasts! With Christmas falling on a Sunday, the usual feasts of this season occur as follows: St Stephen on Monday, St John the Apostle and Evangelist on Tuesday, St Thomas of Canterbury on Thursday, The Holy Family on Friday – Next Sunday, 1st January, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God – the following Sunday, 8th January, Feast of the Epiphany – Monday 9th January, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, closing the Christmas season!
Request – Will whoever has the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Black bag please return it to the sacristy for the attention of Wanda Leckie or, if you know who has it, contact Wanda on 01536 511200. Thank you.
Many thanks from various sources to Eucharistic ministers and visitors for their help in the parish. Much appreciated.
Work Appeal - please note – on notice-boards at St Edward's and St Nicholas Owen.
St Edward's PTA Christmas Quiz – now available at the back of the Church – something to complete over the holidays. Entrance is £1 – completed entries should be returned to the school by 10th January 2012. Winning entry will receive a £20 Marks & Spencer voucher.
SVP – Thank you for all goods and financial donations recently received. Thanks also to John McGrenaghan for his many years of service to the SVP, as he retires this month from the Conference.
St Edward's Christmas Page on the Website has links to Christmas art, colouring sheets and music on it in case parents want something for their children.
Churches Together in Kettering - Free Christmas Day Meal! Please see poster at the back of each Church.
Children's Mass – Christmas Eve 6.00pm at St Edward's Church. All children welcome with their families. We would like as many children as possible to come dressed as shepherds and angels, please. To avoid overcrowding, if you are not with children, please consider coming to one of the other Masses.
Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Rota for Christmas and New Year up to 19th February. Please collect your copy now from the Sacristy. This gives plenty of time to find a replacement if your date given is not convenient.
31st St Edward's Brownies have some spaces for girls age 7-10. We meet every Thursday 6-7.30pm in the Church Hall and we always have lots of fun! If you are interested, speak to a leader after Church Parade, or phone Brown Owl on 07881 905298. Thank you.
Fairtrade: Come and have a look at the catalogues and goods after 10.30am Mass in the hall. Together we can make a difference.