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**Parish Priest: Fr. Gregory Marchwiński. Assistant Priest: Fr. Ebin Thomas VC**

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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year**

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

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### **MASS TIMES AT ST. EDWARD'S, KETTERING**

- Tuesday - 10.00 am
- Wednesday - 10.00 am
- Thursday - 7.00 pm
- Friday - 7.00 pm
- Saturday Vigil Mass - 6.30 pm *After Mass - confession on request*
- Sunday Early Mass - 8.30 am
- Sunday Family Mass - 10.30 am

### **MASS TIMES AT BURTON LATIMER**

**The 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month - 9.00 am**

### **MASS TIMES AT DESBOROUGH**

**The 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month - 9.00 am**

### **MASS TIMES AT ROTHWELL**

**The 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month - 12.15 pm**

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*For the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, please check the newsletter*

*‘If anyone wants to be a  
follower of mine...*



*...let him renounce himself  
and take up his cross  
and follow me.’*

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



- Saturday** 06.30 pm - Nancy McEnroe RIP
- Sunday** 08.30 am - For the Parish
- 09.00 am - / **Burton Latimer** / - For the Parish
- 10.30 am - MacKenzie-Smith and Crawley families
- 12.15 pm - / **Rothwell** / - For the Holy Souls
- Monday** Private Mass - Rozalia Serdynska RIP
- Tuesday** 09.30 am - *Exposition and Adoration*
- 10.00 am - Clare Dunkley RIP / - Gigy Sheby personal intention
- Wednesday** 10.00 am - Heather, Joan and George Swift
- Thursday** 07.00 pm - For the Holy Souls
- Friday** *The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- 06.30 pm - *Adoration and Benediction*
- 07.00 pm - Elizabeth Jane Tierney RIP
- Saturday** 06.30 pm - Tess Gormley RIP, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
- Sunday** 08.30 am - For the Holy Souls
- 09.00 am - / **Desborough** / - For the Parish
- 10.30 am - For the Parish

**A 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Fr Ebin will be announced as soon as we know when he will be moving to Luton. Thankfully, he can stay with us at least until his successor, Fr Elvis arrives.**

**A 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for *Home Mission Sunday* will take place on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September.**

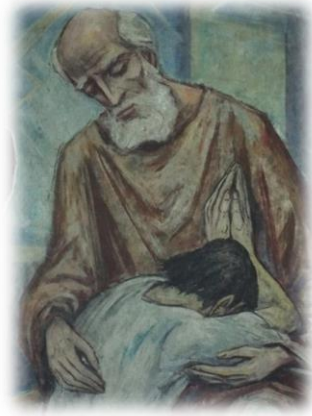
**A 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for *flowers in the church* will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> September.**

To request a Mass Intention please send an email to:  
[parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org)

*To respect people's wishes, there has usually been only one Mass Intention per Mass (This Intention might encompass even several people, but it will have been requested by one individual). There are occasional instances though, when there need to be two separate Intentions at a Mass. When this arises, I would be grateful for your understanding.*



## CONFESSIONS AT ST EDWARD'S



### Confessions at St Edward's are on Saturdays after Vigil Mass which is at 6.30 pm.

You can always request confession before or after any weekday Mass.

“The first step we must take to build the Kingdom of God on earth is to rediscover and appreciate the importance of the sacrament of confession, which will allow us appreciate the sacrament of the Eucharist. *We cannot appreciate the Eucharist while removing the sacrament of Confession from our spiritual life*”.

- Fr Gregory

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



*In our prayers, let us remember our deceased parishioners, family members and friends. Let us especially remember those who have recently passed away.*

- + **Alessandra Charman** - her funeral will be held at the Crematorium on  
**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 pm.**
- + **Elizabeth and Vincent Tierney** - their funeral will be held at St Edward's on  
**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 11 am.**
- + **Michael Timoney** - his funeral will be held at St Edward's Church on  
**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30 pm.**

*May the choirs of angels come to greet you. May they speed you to paradise. May the Lord enfold you in His mercy. May you find eternal life. (Song of Farewell)*

## FULL OF GRACE



The birth of Mary cannot be separated from the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Contemplation of one leads to contemplation of the other. The Immaculate Conception recognises that as part of God's plan to save Mankind and restore to us the possibility of eternal life, Mary was chosen to be the mother of His Son. Thus, the Word could be made flesh, live amongst us, teach us and make the supreme sacrifice in order that our relationship with God be restored. Mary was therefore immaculate (free from Original Sin) from the moment of her conception within the womb of her mother, Anne. This week September 8<sup>th</sup>. marks the feast day of Mary's birth, the next stage of God's plan.

The feast of Mary's birth dates back to the spirituality of the second century and its zeal to fill-in narratives where the gospels were silent. Veneration of Mary had its beginnings at this time. The apocryphal writing, Protoevangelium of James, tried to address the question of Mary's origins. From this we received the names of her parents (Anne and Joachim) and the story of her young life. This feast not only celebrates the birth of Mary, it also celebrates the spirit of the early Christians in their quest to honour the Mother of Our Lord.

Mary was full of grace from her conception. We thank God for her birth and for her parents who raised her to know and love God. We particularly praise her obedience to God in agreeing to bear His Son in spite of possible dangers to her life and the certainty of difficulties and sorrows. But it did not end there. Whilst being a good mother, from the moment of His conception in her womb, she was also the first and closest of Jesus' disciples.

*In celebrating Mary's Birthday this year, perhaps we can ask her to help us become closer disciples of her dear Son?*

## NEW START FOR OUR POTTERS AND THEIR CLAY

*I dreamed I stood in a studio and watched two sculptors there.  
The clay they used was a young child's mind and they fashioned it with care.  
One was a teacher and the tools used were books, music and art.  
The other a parent, working with guiding hand and gentle, loving heart.  
Day after day the teacher toiled with touch that was deft and sure,  
While the parent laboured close nearby and polished and smoothed it o'er.  
And when their task was done, they were proud of what they had wrought  
For the things they had moulded into a child could neither be sold nor bought.  
And each agreed they would have failed if each had worked alone,  
For behind the parents stood the school and behind the teacher stood a home.*



What scripture does this poem remind us of, with its references to sculptors and clay? *“Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay. You are our potter; we are the work of your hand.”*

As well as its obvious link to Isaiah 64:8, the poem highlights the shared responsibilities which parents and teachers (the potters) have in the shaping of our children's minds, beliefs and personalities (the clay). Of course, this starts in the family and continues in family life so the prime “sculptor” is the parent operating in the Domestic Church. Yet, what some call “progressive” developments in society are in many cases threatening the values of marriage and family life as upheld by the Church. Indeed Sr. Lucia (Fatima apparitions) gave a warning from Our Lady that the main battleground between Satan and God would be in the area of family life.

As students return to a new academic year, parents who are interested in developing their awareness of such threats and considering the possible ramifications of these in their own family, might like to [watch this interview](#) of the Family Education Trust, an organisation fighting for traditional family values within education. Its director raises the phenomenon of “social contagion” - that is, children adopting certain behaviours or beliefs to add to their ‘social credit’ in order to fit in with their peers. He encourages parents to enquire into their children's education and urges them to make sure their family views and principles are represented. To aid this, the Association of Christian Teachers (ACT) has [published its findings](#) about how traditional views of marriage and gender are being treated in an alarming number of cases.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the students a very safe, happy and productive school year. Also, we thank all our potters, parents and teachers alike, for their hard work and dedication.

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



If you would like your child to be baptised, please contact Fr Gregory. Parents who would like their children to be baptised are invited to attend Baptismal Preparation on the first Monday of the month at **7 pm** at St Edward's Church. The next meeting will be on Monday, **4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

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## COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** will be run by the Flower Ladies after 10.00 am Mass on **6<sup>th</sup> September**. This will be followed by the Children's Liturgy in October.

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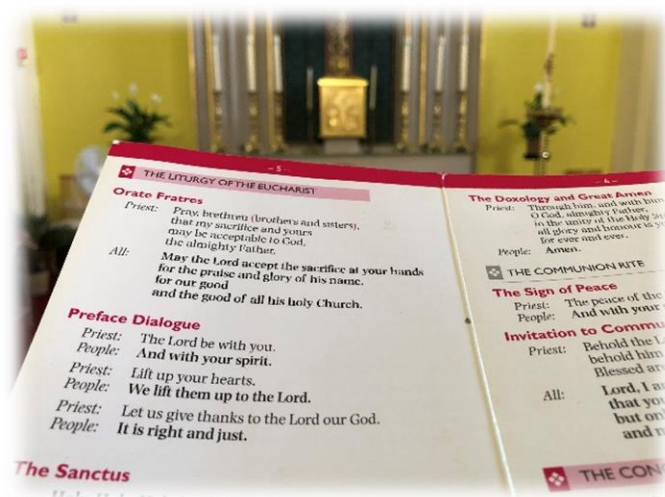
## OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE



You have probably noticed that work on the new website has not been without its difficulties. We know that it is not how we would like it to be. The problem is that everyone working on it are volunteers, whose time unfortunately, is limited. Within our team, Anne and Bob are our IT experts, whilst Nigel, Ewa and myself are not experts at all. We are going to persevere. Please have patience with us. You may be wondering why we do not just return to the old website. As with anything to do with computers, due to its age it had many technical issues. If you know anyone who could come on board to help us, we would very much appreciate it. Please contact Fr Gregory.



## ORDER OF MASS SHEETS



Some parishioners have asked the Welcomers on the door for **Order of Mass sheets** to take to their seats. These are now available in the porch but **PLEASE don't remove them from church!** Thank you to those welcomers who have purchased the sheets for us to use. Please return sheets to the porch after Mass.

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## THE NORTHAMPTON PILGRIM WAY

A Pilgrim Way from the Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury in Northampton to the Shrines of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at Great Billing and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Bedford.

After leaving the Cathedral the Way passes (St Thomas) Becket's Well then alongside the River Nene to Great Billing. The route passes through Olney and then beside the River Great Ouse to Turvey with its working Abbey and Monastery. The Way visits Emmaus Village Carlton, a community for formerly homeless people, then on beside the River again to reach Bedford. The Way is relatively flat. For more information visit <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/northampton>

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## LUX

Our diocesan youth ministry office, NYMO has announced the dates of the next residential weekend for young people. 'Lux.dive' will take place from Friday 9th - Sunday 11th February 2024. The weekend is open to all those in school years 7-13 and costs £125 pp (which is great value in today's inflated market!) visit <https://nymo.org/lux-dive/>

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## PACT

Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust) invites you to join them at a free online Just People Workshop on Friday 15th September OR Wednesday 25th October, 9.00 am - 1 pm. Discern the Lord's call to social justice as we join together to promote the Common Good in our communities, reflecting upon Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of people affected by imprisonment. All are welcome. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3y7eK77>



## CHANGES AT ST EDWARD'S PARISH

Our Assistant Priest, **Fr Ebin Thomas** is going to move to Luton and will take charge of the Parish of Holy Family and St John the Apostle. At the beginning of September our parish will be welcoming a new Assistant Priest,

**Fr Elvis Jose** from India.



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## HARVEST FESTIVAL



Let us thank God for providing us with His gifts - or as we say before the Eucharistic Prayer - 'the fruits of the earth and work of human hands'. Once again, we will be having Harvest Sunday during the Masses of **23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> September** (Including Desborough). I encourage you to bring a small offering of fresh fruit and vegetables, which will be blessed. After Mass we will transfer everything to the parish hall for the members of the Soup Kitchen. I thank you for your generosity in advance.

## CHURCH STATISTICS



Towards the end of September, we will be counting the number of people attending Mass. If you would like to volunteer to help us count at one of the weekend Masses, please email the parish office.

Counting will take place over four weekends:

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**30<sup>th</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> October**

**7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> October**

*Thank you to **Marian, Alan and Caroline**, who have already replied to my request.*

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## A MESSAGE FROM VIVIEN - OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICER AND A NEW SAFEGUARDING WEBPAGE



As from **1<sup>st</sup> September** all safeguarding reps will have a diocesan email address and no longer have to use their personal email addresses.

Vivien's will be [safeguarding.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:safeguarding.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org)

Anyone who would like to volunteer in the parish needs to contact Vivien to complete all the required safeguarding documentation.

**Safeguarding webpage on our diocesan website.**

<https://northamptondiocese.org/sq-st-edwards-kettering/>

## CAFOD NEWS



### CAFOD Supporters' event - All welcome

Come and hear about CAFOD's work in Pakistan - our Harvest focus country. We have great speakers who will share their first-hand experiences too.

**Sat 9 Sept** - St Teresa's Hall, 40 Warwick Road, **Beaconsfield**, HP9 2PL or

**Sat 16 Sept** - St Augustine Church - 1 Langcliffe Drive, Heelands,

**Milton Keynes MK13 7PL**

Both are from **10:30am - 1.30pm** (coffee/tea from 10am with simple lunch from 1:30pm).

We'd love to see you there so do let us know if you are coming: 01494 863 777 or [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk).

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## NYMO - FOR FUTURE REFERENCE



**Event:** Diocesan Day for Lay Catechists and Youth Ministers

Venue: St Thomas Centre, Northampton, NN2 6AG

Date: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Time: 10 am to 5 pm

Cost: Suggested donation of £20.00

**Event:** Youth Mass with Bishop David

Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians,

52 Castle Street, Luton, LU1 3AG

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Time: 5 pm - 7 pm



## A PLACE OF CALM



**Dear Parents of our youngest children**, we realise how difficult it is for you when your children get 'lively' or 'upset'. Therefore, we invite you to take them upstairs to the organ loft, which is above the sacristy. It is a safe place with a triple sound-proof window overlooking the altar. There is a speaker up there, so you will be able to take an active part in the Mass and your children will become calm and comfortable. Please take care on the stone steps.

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## NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT ST EDWARD'S



We invite parishioners who would like to become Eucharistic ministers. There will be a training day in September. If you wish to come forward, please contact Fr Gregory.

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## CHURCH CHOIR



The Church Choir meets for a practice **every Tuesday at 7.30 pm** in the church. If you are interested in joining, please come along.

## PLANNING YOUR WEDDING



If you are planning to get married abroad or at St Edward's Church, you must give us at least six months' notice. This is to ensure that all the preparation that couples are required to do, and the pre-marriage courses are completed along with the necessary paperwork. You are always welcome to approach me after any Mass, so that you can begin making wedding plans.

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## OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St Edward's Church is linked to 2 local primary schools: St Edward's and St Thomas More. Both schools work closely together and provide our Catholic children with a good education both academically and spiritually. If you would like to visit either of our schools please contact their school offices -

St Edward's - [seppoffice@st-luke-at.co.uk](mailto:seppoffice@st-luke-at.co.uk) or 01536 481430

St Thomas More - [Office@stm.ket.olicatschools.org](mailto:Office@stm.ket.olicatschools.org) or 01536 512112

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## ST EDWARD'S PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



**The Parish of St. Edward, RC Church, Kettering.**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2762598427183322/>

**St. Nicholas Owen Catholic Church - Burton Latimer.**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/809856073037388/>

## 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.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org) with your name and phone number (and if you are recommending anybody else to receive such calls, their name and phone number) [parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org) with your name and phone number (and if you are recommending anybody else to receive such calls, their name and phone number)

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## 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/>

**A list of free food outlets in Kettering** (updated March, 2022):

<http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Kettering-Food-Outlets-Virus-Update-no32.pdf>

**Mary's Meals** <https://youtu.be/llqBIXrVJzw> / **Right to Life** <https://righttolife.org.uk>

**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.

**Safe Spaces** We welcome contact from anyone hurt by abuse, whether that be through your experience within the Church or elsewhere. **Safe Spaces** is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England or the Catholic Church in England and Wales.  
[safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org)

Please have a look at this page from the Northampton Diocese website: [Northampton Diocese Resources](#) which gives further information and contact details.

**Safe Spaces** is an independent and confidential support service for adults who have been abused by someone in the Church. Please see parish noticeboards for further details.



## WEEKLY/MONTHLY DONATIONS



If there are any Parishioners who would like to join the weekly box system / gift aid scheme, then please do let us know by completing a form, available from the porch table and putting it on the collection plate or through the Presbytery letterbox. To those who already donate through the Gift Aid Scheme, please be reminded that if your tax situation has changed or you have moved house, then please let us know.

There are several other ways of donating as follows;

- **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.
- **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** - 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). You can make a one-off donation 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.

**Thank you for any help you can give.**

## **YOUR LEGACY**

Your Legacy - Invest in the future of your parish and our Diocese. Gifts in your Will are a memorable and lasting way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information, pick up a bookmark; contact your parish office, alternatively, go to [www.northamptondiocese.org/your-legacy](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/your-legacy) or contact Brian Emmanuel on 01604 600337 or [brian.emmanuel@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:brian.emmanuel@northamptondiocese.org)

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