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

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year**

**10<sup>th</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 two of you on earth agree to  
ask anything at all,  
it will be granted to you  
by my Father in heaven...*



*...For where two or three  
meet in my name,  
I shall be there with them.*

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>06.30 pm</b> - Tess Gormley RIP, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>08.30 am</b> - Elizabeth and Vincent Tierney RIP
	<b>09.00 am</b> - / <b>Desborough</b> / - For the Parish
	<b>10.30 am</b> - Domingos Maia
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Private Mass</b> - For the Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09.30 am</b> - <i>Exposition and Adoration</i>
	<b>10.00 am</b> - Gigy Sheby personal intention / - Tess Gormley RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> - Jessy Benny special intention
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>07.00 pm</b> - Jessy Benny / - All the Souls in Purgatory
<b>Friday</b>	<b>06.30 pm</b> - <i>Adoration and Benediction</i>
	<b>07.00 pm</b> - Angela Giacobbe RIP / - Lucia Urso RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>06.30 pm</b> - Mary Byrne, Thomas and John O'Connor RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>08.30 am</b> - Thanksgiving intention
	<b>09.00 am</b> - / <b>Burton Latimer</b> / - For the Holy Souls
	<b>10.30 am</b> - Giuseppa Demaio RIP
	<b>12.15 pm</b> - / <b>Rothwell</b> / - For the Parish

**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.**

**A 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for *Fr Ebin* as a *thank you* will take place on 30<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> October.**

**There will be a *Children's Liturgy* at the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 17<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.*

**+ 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)*



## THE MEANING OF THE CROSS



Religious symbols have power. In John's gospel, Jesus painted an interesting parallel between two striking images: the bronze serpent and the cross. Both were symbols of horrible death and evil. Just as the serpent symbolised Satan, the cross made the evil of the Roman empire very personal.

In ancient culture, heaven (the home of the divine) was viewed as up, the world was level, and hell (the home of evil) was below. The snake was an image of evil because it slithered on the ground (close to the home of evil). But the cross was an image people then also "looked down upon" simply because of its function: an instrument of capital punishment.

But in the eyes of faith the cross became a symbol of life, of salvation. When the Son of Man was raised up, the cross image became a sign of God's activity. God used evil to create a greater good. The change in imagery set the stage for the famous John 3:16. God would send His Son into the world as an instrument of His presence. Where the divine acted, there was no condemnation, simply because evil would flee. God's initiative, however, demanded a response: faith.

How can the image of the cross change into a sign of salvation? It was because God himself gave His Son over to the evil of men. In other words, the betrayal of Jesus by Judas, his subsequent trial, passion, and death, were caused by the love of God. The cross in the hands of the Romans was a sign of extreme judgment. But, in the hands of God, it became a sign of freedom. The symbol of condemnation, indeed, became a symbol of acquittal. The cross is a symbol of Christ in the world. It communicates faith in the One who came to free us and tells us of eternal life. It is more than a sign that identifies us as Christians. It is a sign that evangelises.

*Reflect on the meaning of the cross. How has it freed us individually? How do we represent the cross and Christianity? What meaning have you given the cross in your life?*



On September 14, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates two historical events: the discovery in 326 of what was regarded as the true Cross, under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem by Saint Helena (mother of Emperor Constantine) and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on the site. On the day following the Exhalation of the Cross (Our Lady of Sorrows), the Church honours the Mother of Jesus and her role in the Passion. We reflect on the pain not only of her motherhood but also her place as the first witness to her Son's self-giving. And so, we Christians honour her for her witness both in sorrow and in joy. Does this not foreshadow our own faith journey?

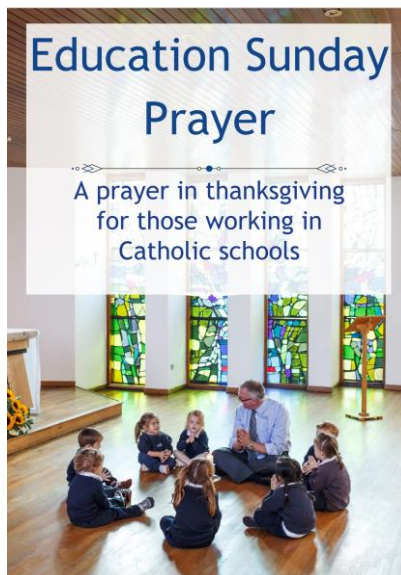
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### **FR ELVIS' ARRIVAL - 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

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. On the **27<sup>th</sup> of September** our parish will be welcoming a new Assistant Priest,

**Fr Elvis Jose** from India.





Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of Catholic schools.

Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them.

Thank you for all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools: support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and chaplains. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives.

Thank you for our pupils. May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them. We pray that through their time at school they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be.

We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord,  
Amen.



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# Foundation Governors required

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Bishop David is seeking to appoint new Foundation  
Governors to Catholic schools across the Diocese



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Do you have experience of education, governance,  
strategic leadership or business management?



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Are you a practicing Catholic who would like to give  
something back to the schools in your local community?



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Schools across the diocese have governor vacancies,  
to find out if there are opportunities in your area,  
contact us for a list.



*When we work in  
communion, we  
strengthen our mission*



For an informal chat or more information:

[debbie.main@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:debbie.main@northamptondiocese.org)

[01604 953369](tel:01604953369)

or scan the QR code above



## 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, Caroline** and **Claudia**  
who have already replied to my request.*

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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.

## UCM ROSARY RALLY AND DAY OF PRAYER

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Our Lady's and St. Lawrence  
Mass starts at 10.00 am  
39-41 West Street, Olney, MK46 5HH

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### JOB OPPORTUNITY

St Thomas More Catholic Primary school are currently advertising for two roles:

- Wraparound Assistant - After School Club
- Lunchtime Supervisor

If you would be interested in joining our school family, please contact Mrs Herbert for more information.

[mherbert@stm.ket.olicatschools.org](mailto:mherbert@stm.ket.olicatschools.org) or telephone the School Office 01536 512 112

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### THE CALL OF CREATION

This September marks a year since the Bishops of England and Wales republished *The Call of Creation*

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/10/Call-of-Creation-2022b.pdf>

a document that encourages us to repair our relationship with God's creation. It recognises the interconnectedness of the biggest challenges of our times and urges each of us to ask ourselves how we can protect our common home.

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### 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, **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**.

## COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** will be run by the Children's Liturgy after 10.00 am Mass on **4<sup>th</sup> October**. This will be followed by the Soup Kitchen in November.

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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.

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## 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.

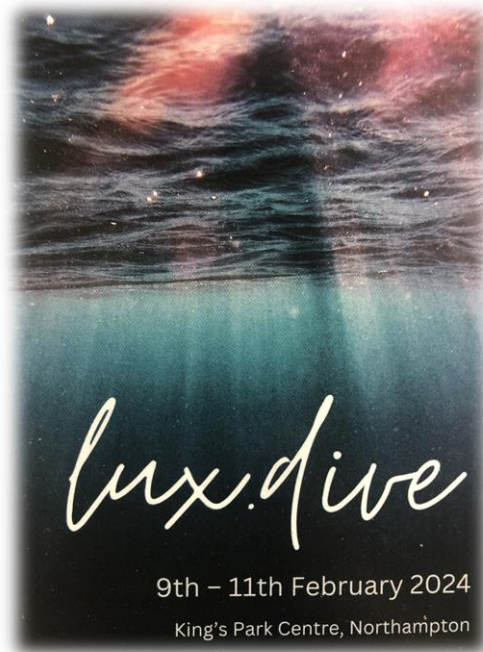
## THE NORTHAMPTON PILGRIM WAY

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>



# **St Thomas More Catholic Primary School**



**If your child turns 4 before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024; you are warmly invited to come and have a look around our school.**

## **Reception 2024 School Tours**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October: from 9.15am to 12pm

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October: from 9am to 3pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November: from 9.15am to 12pm

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November: from 9am to 3pm

**To book a slot, please contact our Office -  
Phone: 01536 512112**



**This is a Good School**  
**OFSTED 2023**

## 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 16 Sept** - St Augustine Church - 1 Langcliffe Drive, Heelands,  
**Milton Keynes MK13 7PL**

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 - [sepooffice@st-luke-at.co.uk](mailto:sepooffice@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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