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

24th Sunday of the Year

17th September 2023

MASS TIMES AT ST. EDWARD'S, KETTERING

- Tuesday 10.00 am
- Wednesday 10.00 am
- Thursday 7.00 pm (This evening Mass is with music on screen)
- 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 5th Sunday of the month, please check the newsletter

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?'



Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



Saturday	06.30 pm - Mary Byrne, Thomas and John O'Connor RIP
Sunday	08.30 am - Thanksgiving intention / - Rosetta RIP
	09.00 am - / Burton Latimer / - For the Holy Souls
	10.30 am - Giuseppa Demaio RIP
	12.15 pm - / Rothwell / - For the Parish
Monday	Private Mass - For the Parish
Tuesday	09.30 am - Exposition and Adoration
	10.00 am - Gigi Sheby personal intention / - Martin Rooney RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am - Jessy Benny personal intention
Thursday	07.00 pm - Jessy / - all the Souls in Purgatory
Friday	06.30 pm - Adoration and Benediction
	07.00 pm - For the Parish
Saturday	06.30 pm - Phyllis Holland RIP
Sunday	08.30 am - For the Holy Souls
	09.00 am - / Desborough / - For the Holy Souls
	10.30 am - For the Parish

A 2nd collection for *Evangelii Gaudium* will be this weekend (please see the message below).

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

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

There will be a **Children's Liturgy** at the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 17th September, followed by refreshments in the hall.

To request a Mass Intention please send an email to: 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

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.

+ Eileen Francis Reay - Her funeral will be in Burton Latimer.

+ Grace Sturgis - Her funeral will be at St Edward's Church on

Tuesday, 26th September at 2 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)

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER 2023

Evangelii Gaudium – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "*Evangelii Gaudium*" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.
- Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024. To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.

https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday

A range of resources are being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024 which include a course on the Lord's Prayer from small groups for Lent, encouragement to try different ways of praying from the tradition of the Church. The Mission Directorate will be supporting the Jubilee co-ordinator appointed by each diocese.

Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

Prayers of the Faithful

- As we respond to Pope Francis' invitation to prepare for the Jubilee Year in 2025
 - may we seek opportunities to deepen our knowledge and grow in faith.
- The disciples asked, 'Lord, teach us to pray'; may we give more time to prayer, lifting our hearts and minds to God.

'Fact sheet'

The second collection of Evangelii Gaudium Sunday supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. In the last year this has included:

- Enabling the recording of the videos on the four constitutions.
- Bringing together a working group from across England and Wales to prepare materials for the Jubilee Year 2025 and Year of Prayer 2024.
- Supporting Patrimony experts to deliver funding to 39 projects at outstanding Grade I and II* Catholic churches with the £6.6million awarded to the Catholic Bishops' Conference via Historic England through the governments' Culture Recovery Fund in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Supporting co-ordinators and their teams in dioceses through formation and sharing of best practice.

A CHANCE FOR REDEMPTION



A tax collector who charged whatever he could to make money turned his heart and his literate abilities over to the task of evangelisation when Jesus invited him to "follow me". With a single invitation, a money hungry extortionist took a chance at personal redemption.

In the gospel verses that preceded the call of Matthew, Jesus cured the paralytic. In doing so, Jesus demonstrated his power to forgive sin. In other words, he could reconcile sinners with God. His actions, of course, caused scandal among the Pharisees. Now Jesus would seek the immoral and the outcast. So, Jesus called Matthew, a despised tax collector. The local populace hated tax collectors for two reasons. First, the Romans established tax franchises to local citizens. In the eyes of their countrymen, collecting taxes for a foreign occupying power turned these tax men into traitors.

Second, the Romans allowed tax collectors to greatly enrich themselves above the amount Rome required. And the Romans backed these tax collectors with the power of the law. In other words, tax collectors could embezzle a fortune from the common people. So the people also saw tax collectors as cheats.

Jesus acted in a way that caused scandal. He went out of his way to reach everyone, including the sick, the outsiders, and the misfits - and he included them in his circle of friends. The dispute between the Pharisees and Jesus turned on this point. While Jesus and his followers were outsiders, the Pharisees were insiders. They extolled a lifestyle so faithful to God's Law they "built a fence around the Torah" with their rules and regulations. Their goal was to be "holy, as God is holy." (Leviticus 11:44). In this case, "holy" meant "unique" as well as "undefiled." Jews were to live as a "people set apart" for God. (1 Kings 8:53). The lifestyle the Pharisees taught meant separation from those who did not live God's Law - and total concentration on living His Law. They implicitly had an "us" and "them" mentality. No wonder they asked the question about Jesus!

Jesus didn't mind getting himself "dirty" with the outsiders. While he honoured and kept the Jewish Law, he did not mind making himself "un-kosher" in the eyes of the Pharisees for the good of those he served. As much as the Pharisees defined themselves as exclusive, Jesus became inclusive. He reached out to the undesirable and the untouchable. He wanted to bring them into the Kingdom. September 21 is the feast day of Matthew who heard the call of Jesus to not only change, but to join a movement of converted sinners who would go out and tell the world of One who changed them. Let us reflect on how far we have walked in the footsteps of Matthew, turning away from our past lives and spreading the Good News of Jesus by what we do and say. Could we do more?

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FATHER GREGORY ABOUT APPLICATIONS TO BISHOP STOPFORD SCHOOL



I am sure that parents are aware that on the application form there is a section about the church leader. When you fill this in, please come and see me at any time, before or after any Mass, with a photocopy of the form. I will then be able to keep a record of who is applying to the school and when they contact me with a list of applicants, it will be easy for me to check the names put forward. If I have not met someone, even very briefly, it is very hard for me to verify a name on the list. I would like to avoid confusion and disappointment at a later date. There is no need to make an appointment, a quick 'Hello Father' and a smile will do! *Fr Gregory*

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:

23rd - 24th September 30th September - 1st October 7th - 8th October 14th -15th October Thank you to Marian, Alan, Caroline and Claudia

who have already replied to my request.

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 **23rd /24th 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.

FR ELVIS' ARRIVAL - 27th 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 **27th of September** our parish will be welcoming a new Assistant Priest,

Fr Elvis Jose from India.



OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



We are approaching October which is the month of the Holy Rosary. We will pray the Rosary in our church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. I would like the following organisations to lead that prayer for us:

Tuesday at 9.30 am - Legion of Mary and UCM Wednesdays at 9.30 am - Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Friday at 6.30 pm - Fr Gregory, Fr Elvis and Altar Servers

There is one more, new initiative how we can venerate the Queen of The Holy Rosary. Jesus said to Mary and St John on Calvary:

'Mother this is your son, Son this is your Mother'. And from that moment John took her to himself.

Following the example of St John, the Apostle we would like to take Our Lady to our homes as well, and pray through her intercession. On the table *(next to the Sacred Heart)* there will be a statue of Our Lady and a rosary blessed by Pope Francis. Each of us can take that statue and rosary for one evening and invite our family to pray the rosary together. You can cover your table with white cloth and light a candle if you wish. If you live alone, you can invite your friends. There will be a booking list on the table as well for those who are willing to take part in this initiative, so that we are sure that Our Lady will be in our homes. Please take the statue and rosary after a Mass and return both before the next. October has 31 days, so please don't miss out this opportunity of having our Blessed Mother at your home, and pray the Rosary.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY - RESTARTING



'For I was sick and you looked after me' Matthew 25

I am very pleased to say that our priestly ministry in the hospital will be supported by Eucharistic ministers who will be visiting all Catholic patients and offer them Holy Communion. Initially the Volunteers will go to the hospital every fortnight while the number of Volunteers grows. I will keep praying that more parishioners will come forward for this very important ministry. Please contact me if you are willing to help.

> YOUTH GROUP AND INITIATIVES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PARISH



Our Parish is very blessed with a number of groups and societies. However, most of them are for adults. So, we are thinking about establishing a youth group for children 12-17 years old. Recently Fr Gregory approached his friends who work as a team of youth ministers within the Westminster Diocese. We would like to invite them to our parish in October/November to share their ideas and give us some tips on how to enthuse young people to be involved in the life of the Church. If you would like to get involved, please come forward to Fr Gregory. We are grateful to the Ireson family, who lived in our parish, for financial sponsorship of activities for the youth of our parish. Bishop David Oakley invites you to Celebrate your Marriage at a special mass at

The Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St. Thomas of

Canterbury

Kingsthorpe Road, Northampton NN2 6AG

Saturday, 30th September 2023 Gathering from 11.30am Mass at 12:00 noon

Celebrant: Bishop David Oakley

Pastoral blessing certificates will be presented to couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage.

Please contact

Samantha (Sam) Canning on 07824 386804

or at <u>mfl@northamptondiocese.org</u> before 24 September 2023

Refreshments will be available after the mass in the Cathedral Centre





CELEBRATED BY BISHOP DAVID OAKLEY AND PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8th 2023 at 3pm

CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY KINGSTHORPE ROAD, NORTHAMPTON NN2 6AG (With refreshments in Cathedral Centre afterwards)

Those with restricted mobility and those who use wheelchairs are asked to enter by the front door of the Cathedral. Otherwise, please use the car park on Semilong Road (at the back of the Cathedral, by the Centre)

If you need any further information, please contact Sean Ballantyne on <u>ballantynes2000@yahoo.co.uk</u>. And it would be of help (for catering purposes) if you could email to say that you will be attending,

UCM ROSARY RALLY AND DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday, 14th October

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

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 or telephone the School Office 01536 512 112

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.

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, **2nd October 2023**.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

COFFEE MORNINGS



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



OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE

If you know anyone who could help with the parish website, I would very much appreciate it. Please contact Fr Gregory.

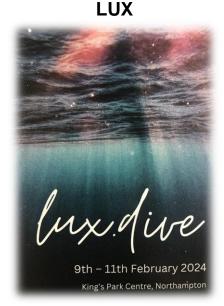
THE NORTHAMPTON PILGRIM WAY

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 <u>https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/northampton</u>

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: <u>https://bit.ly/3y7eK77</u>



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 <u>https://nymo.org/lux-dive/</u>

NYMO - FOR FUTURE REFERENCE



Event: Diocesan Day for Lay Catechists and Youth Ministers Venue: St Thomas Centre, Northampton, NN2 6AG Date: Saturday 21st 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: 22nd October 2023

Time: 5 pm - 7 pm



DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON



Would you like to help your local school by becoming a school governor? Bishop David is looking for volunteers in this parish to join local schools. No experience is necessary, but if you are a retired teacher or currently teaching in a non-Catholic school and have time to spare we would love to hear from you. Contact Debbie on 01604 953369 or see the poster in church for details.

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



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

Reception 2024 School Tours

Wednesday 11th October: from 9.15am to 12pm Saturday 14th October: from 9am to 3pm Wednesday 15th November: from 9.15am to 12pm Saturday 18th November: from 9am to 3pm

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



This is a Good School

OFSTED 2023

DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The diocesan e-newsletter will be sent out fortnightly from September (now). We hope this is an effective way of sharing opportunities and news from our diocese. Please could you promote the communication to your parishioners? The sign-up can be found here https://northamptondiocese.org/#signup



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.



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.

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 - <u>sepoffice@st-luke-at.co.uk</u> or 01536 481430 St Thomas More - <u>Office@stm.ket.olicatschools.org</u> or 01536 512112



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 <u>parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org</u> with your name and phone number (and if you are recommending anybody else to receive such calls, their name and phone number) <u>parish.stedwardkettering@northamptondiocese.org</u> 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 <u>https://www.ketteringfoodbank.org/</u>

A list of free food outlets in Kettering (updated March, 2022): http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk/wordpress/wpcontent/uploads/2022/03/Kettering-Food-Outlets-Virus-Update-no32.pdf

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

Redundancy Coaching <u>http://www.vitaeopus.co.uk</u> 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

Please have a look at this page from the Northampton Diocese website: <u>Northampton</u> <u>Diocese Resources</u> 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 or contact Brian Emmanuel on 01604 600337 or brian.emmanuel@northamptondiocese.org