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25th Sunday of the Year

24th 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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard...'



THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



Saturday	06.30 pm - Phyllis Holland RIP
Sunday	08.30 am - John Descelles and Ena Grandsable RIP
	and all the Souls in Purgatory
	09.00 am - / Desborough / - For the Holy Souls
	10.30 am - Grace Sturgis RIP / - Joaquina Tavares
Monday	Private Mass - For the Parish
Tuesday	09.30 am - Exposition and Adoration
	10.00 am - Marykutty birthday and for Blessings
Wednesday	10.00 am - Catherine
Thursday	07.00 pm - Robinson
Friday	06.30 pm - Adoration and Benediction
	07.00 pm - Michelle Villanueva RIP
Saturday	06.30 pm - For the Parish
Sunday	08.30 am - Smitha
	09.00 am - / Burton Latimer / - For the Holy Souls
	10.30 am - Augustina De Jesus
12.15 pm - /	Rothwell / - For the Parish

A 2nd collection for *Flowers in the church* will take place this weekend.

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

A 2nd collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day with take place on 7th/8th October.

There will be a **Children's Liturgy** at the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 24th 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.

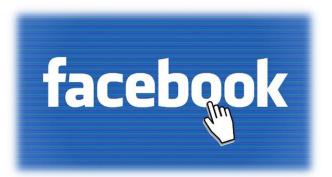
+ Grace Sturgis - Her funeral will be at St Edward's Church on

Tuesday, 26th September at 2 pm.

+ Eileen Francis Reay - Her funeral will be at St Nicholas Owen Church in Burton Latimer on Friday, 6th October at 12 noon.

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)

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE - A BLESSING OR A THREAT?



Although I do not have a Facebook profile myself, I am very grateful for our parish Facebook page and everyone involved in it, because it is a very valuable instrument for promoting our parish, the entire Catholic Church and, above all, an instrument of evangelization to which we are all called. My positive feelings about Facebook are sometimes mixed with concern, especially when I see myself or hear from others about very controversial content published on our parish profile. On the one hand, we live in a free country and Facebook is a forum where everyone can express their views and opinions within the law on various topics, but on the other hand, we are responsible for the faith of others. We cannot mislead our brothers and sisters or undermine their trust in the Holy Father and the bishops who are the shepherds of the Church. I would like to encourage you to think about certain criteria that will ensure that our parish profile will not cause any divisions, controversies and confusion, but will always be an effective instrument of evangelization and mutual love. I propose that **the basic criterion for publishing content and articles should always be the official teaching of the Church contained in the Bible and Tradition** that is in:

- the teaching of the Fathers of the Church and Saints,
- the teaching of our current Holy Father Francis and his predecessors,
- the Catechism of the Catholic Church,
- the teaching of the Councils and especially the Second Vatican Council.

Any other way of thinking about the future of the Church, improving it, and solving its internal problems resembles the ways and attitude of Martin Luther, Henry VIII, and many others whose names we know from history. We must remember that the purpose and task of our Facebook page is neither reforming nor *'converting the Church to the right path'* nor pointing out its sins and weaknesses because, as we know, every authentic, true and positive reform of the Church begins with reform and the conversion of its members - that is ourselves. **We change, 'fix' and 'improve' the Church not through the Facebook page but only in the confessional box.** If you have any doubts or do not know whether what you are going to publish on our website will serve the good of the Church and the parish, do not hesitate to talk to me. I will always find time to listen to you and advise you if you need it, but above all I will pray for you for the light of the Holy Spirit and his guidance whenever you visit the Internet with the sincere intention to proclaim the Good News of salvation as a disciple of Jesus. Thank you for your contribution to our Facebook Page.

Fr Gregory

BATTLE OF THE ANGLES



This week on September 29 we honour the three archangels named in Scripture: **Michael** (in Daniel, Jude and Revelation), **Gabriel** (in Daniel and Luke), and **Raphael** (in Tobit). In Scripture we are told they deliver messages to various people. In the case of Michael, they act as a leader to the heavenly host in their battle against evil. No matter whether they relay God's will or act as an instrument for divine providence, angels represent a conduit between heaven and earth.

Revelation is a book in the Bible written from within St. John's close circle of disciples. It contains the author's vision of Heaven but should be understood to be a product of its time, written to give hope to the Church in a period of persecution and prophesying the downfall of the Roman Empire. It uses figurative language, symbols, visions and picturesque descriptions of the struggle between good and evil. Chapter 12:7-12 tells about a war in heaven when Michael and his angels took on the dragon. The dragon and his "angels" were part of the heavenly court but acted only in their own interests. The dragon created divisions within the court and drove a wedge between loyal subjects and God. By creating discord in the heavenly court, the dragon hoped to eventually topple God in a coup de tat. The dragon's devious intrigue gave him the name "Deceiver."

The heavenly battle ejected the dragon and his angels from the divine realm and hurled them to earth. We are told this had two results. First, the angels and saints in heaven rejoiced, for the one who had sown so much discord was now gone. Second, however, the Evil One and his minion now acted on earth in the lives of people. The seeds of hatred, doubt, and selfishness were spread among the populace. Jesus Himself taught that earth was the devil's domain.

With Diabolos (the ancient Satan serpent) gone, the heavenly faithful could cry praise to the Lamb and the sacrifice he made for the saints. They defeated the devil with the "Blood of the Lamb" as a weapon. His death on the cross made the victory over the dragon possible.

Let us not forget our own Guardian Angels who pray for us, protect and guide us and offer our prayers, good works and desires to God. Like the saints, they bring God closer to us and us closer to our Maker. Theologically, each of us has a specific guardian angel to watch over us night and day (cf. Ps 34:7, Mt 18:10, Acts 12:15), but how often do we recall this sublime reality? Do we ask for their guidance daily or ignore them?

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*

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.

CHURCH STATISTICS



From this weekend, we will be counting the number of people attending Mass. Counting will take place over four weekends:

This weekend 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.

FR ELVIS' ARRIVAL - NEXT WEEKEND Let us give Fr Elvis a warm St Edward's Parish welcome!



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.

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 Rosary at Rothwell (St Bernadette's Church) is every Thursday at 11 am. 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.

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.

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

PACT

Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust) invites you to join them at a free online Just People Workshop on 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> 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,

CAFOD NEWS

It has been very upsetting to see the news this week about the earthquake in Morocco and the terrible floods in Libya. We hope everyone will join us in praying for the communities affected and for the helpers responding to these disasters.

How are CAFOD responding in Libya?



Storm Daniel hit Libya on 10 September, triggering devastating tsunami-like floods. Two dams burst, submerging the port city of Derna. It's feared many thousands have died, with many more missing. CAFOD doesn't have an established programme in Libya and the collapse of state structures there makes it very difficult for aid agencies to operate, but because of the scale of the disaster we will be working with a trusted partner to ensure that help can get to where it is most needed. We have launched a Libya Floods Appeal so that donations can be made to help those affected directly.We will also be relying on the prayers of the Catholic community of England and Wales as our partner works through the unique challenges of delivering help following this crisis.

How are CAFOD responding in Morocco?



It is now estimated that more than 2,800 people have been killed by the earthquake, which struck the High Atlas Mountains, south of Marrakech on Friday. Many roads are blocked by collapsed buildings which is making the rescue effort very difficult. The Moroccan government have not appealed for international aid, but we have been able to send a grant of £30,000 to a local Church partner, Caritas Rabat, to enable them to adapt their usual work and support the families affected by the earthquake. Your steadfast support and that of the whole Catholic Community of England and Wales during previous emergencies and Fast Days is what has enabled us to quickly make this grant to support work in Morocco, and to find a way to help communities devasted by the flooding in Libya. Thank you.

This coming Fast Day, we'll be sharing Meera's story, whose home in Pakistan was swept away by floods last year. With extreme disasters like these happening more and more, your love and support is needed now more than ever.

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, **2nd October 2023**.

COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** will be run by the Children's Liturgy after 10.00 am Mass on **4**th **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.



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.

LUX



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