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**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

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

Master, tell us your opinion.  
It is permissible to pay taxes  
to Caesar or not?



Give back to Caesar  
what belongs to Caesar  
- and to God  
what belongs to God.

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



- Saturday**      **06.30 pm** - Judy George RIP 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Sunday**        **08.30 am** - John Patrick Gallagher RIP 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
**09.00 am** - / **Desborough** / - Catherine, birthday int.  
**10.30 am** - For the Parish / - For peace in the Holy Land
- Monday**        **Private Mass** - Kathreenamma RIP
- Tuesday**        **>>> 09.00 am** - **Adoration with the Rosary for Peace**  
**10.00 am** - Michele Ianniello RIP / - For peace in the Holy Land
- Wednesday**    **>>> 09.00 am** - **Adoration with the Rosary for Peace**  
**10.00 am** - Vincent RIP / - For peace in the Holy Land
- Thursday**       **07.00 pm** - Amminikutty RIP
- Friday**          **>>> 06.00 pm** - **Adoration with the Rosary for Peace**  
**07.00 pm** - Babu RIP / - For peace in the Holy Land
- Saturday**      **06.30 pm** - Paul Forsyth RIP
- Sunday**        **08.30 am** - For the Parish / - For peace in the Holy Land  
**10.30 am** - Anthony John Reed RIP

**A 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for 'Missio' will take place on this weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**A 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund will be on 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> November**

**A 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund will be on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> November**

*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 to 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

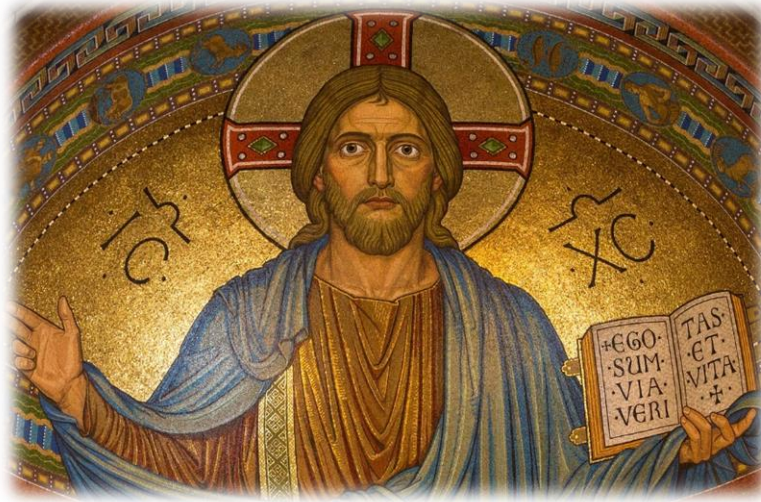


*In our prayers, let us remember our deceased parishioners, family members and friends. Let us especially remember those who have recently passed away.*

+ **Emilia Berardi** - Her funeral will be held at St Edward's on Tuesday,  
**24<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30 pm.**

+ **Margaret Anderson** - We feel the loss of her family and especially her beloved husband Peter and children. Margaret will be greatly missed also by her friends and many parishioners, as she was very involved in our parish life, especially as the leader of the Union of Catholic Mothers. Her Requiem Mass will be held at St Edward's on Friday, **3<sup>rd</sup> November at 11.00 am.**

## GETTING RIGHT WITH GOD



In readings through the coming week, Jesus urges His followers to prepare for escape, in the same way the Israelites dressed at the first Passover before they left Egypt (Exodus 12:11). Notice Luke created a parallel of anticipation for divine encounter - the Israelites journeyed to Mt. Sinai to receive the Law from YHWH, the disciples awaited the Son of Man to return in glory.

Jesus tells two parables, the watchful servant and the watchful homeowner. The servants waited for the Master to return in the night but, unlike custom, the Lord would serve the servants (reminiscent of feet washing from the Last Supper in John 13:1-20). The watchful homeowner looked out for the thief who wanted to break in (the thief represented the devil and evil people and influences within the community). Jesus meant these parables for the leadership of the community, telling them to keep one eye for his return, the other eye against corrupting influences or lax discipline. Jesus wanted His followers to expect Him at any moment, to be ready to act (even escape persecution) and to guard against those with foul intent.

After Jesus' warning to the leaders in the community, He stated in very stark terms the effect His presence and ministry would have on the world. As the Messiah, He would kindle the end times but those fires would begin with His personal suffering. His Passion set off a chain reaction that would rock the very foundation of society.

In Friday's reading from Luke 12, Jesus turned His attention to the crowd with an admonition for the end times. People could intuit the weather (eg: wind from the Negev desert to the south meant dry heat.) So why couldn't people interpret the times? Here, He shifted to a legal analogy. If you're being sued for an unpaid bill, maybe it's better to settle before you're dragged into court and the judge sentences you to debtor's prison. Of course, this parable was an analogy for the sinner's debt owed to God. In other words, Jesus implied, "Get right with God before it's too late."

*Do we make an examination of conscience regularly? We might reflect on how have we tried to "get right" with God lately.*



We pray that the coming week does not see any escalation of the horrifying conflict in Israel/Gaza but a determination amongst leaders to strive for lasting peace. Cardinal Nichols asks that we continue to hold in our prayers those who were killed, injured, held hostage, and their families. He adds “The situation facing the millions of civilians in Gaza also calls for effective humanitarian relief. We pray too for those killed, injured and displaced there. At home I appeal for restraint and the total avoidance of hateful language and action, as the impact of this conflict is felt in communities here.”

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### MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

I have decided to declare **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** a Day of Fasting, Penance and Prayer for Peace. I invite the various Christian confessions, other religious, and all who hold the cause of peace in the world at heart to participate.

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### AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP DAVID

A Mass in honour of Our Lady, Queen of Palestine will be held on Saturday, **28<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am in the Cathedral**. All would be most welcome to come and to pray for peace in the Holy Land. Thank you.

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### AN INVITATION FROM ST EDWARD'S PARISH

In response to the request of the Holy Father for a day of prayer, penance and fasting for peace in the Holy Land, we will have **one hour Adoration** before Masses on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday**. I encourage you, even if you are just passing by the church, having dropped the children off at school or on the way to the shops, to come in - even for a few minutes, to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

## CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST - CAFOD



You will be aware of the terrible conflict in Israel and Gaza. It is easy to feel helpless from such a distance. CAFOD have produced three ways we can respond; prayer, donating and sending a message to our Foreign Secretary.

Find out more here

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/israeli-palestinian-crisis-how-you-can-help>

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### 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 printed 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*

## OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



**October** is the month of the **Holy Rosary**. We pray the Rosary in our church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

I would like the following organisations to lead that prayer for us:

**Tuesday at 9.30 am** - Legion of Mary and UCM

**Wednesday at 9.30 am** - Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

**Thursday at 6.30 pm** - **Rosary on screen**

**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 is 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!**

## ALL SAINTS FEAST DAY 2023



This year, **All Saints Day** (*Holy Day of Obligation*) falls on Wednesday, **1<sup>st</sup> November**. Masses on that day will be as follows:

**Burton Latimer** - Vigil Mass on Tuesday, **31<sup>st</sup> October** at **6.00 pm**

**Kettering** - On Wednesday, **1<sup>st</sup> November** at **10.00 am** and **7.00 pm**

**Rothwell** - On Wednesday, **1<sup>st</sup> November** at **5.30 pm**

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## ALL SOULS DAY 2023



## All Souls Day falls on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Masses on that day will be as follows:

**Kettering** - On Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at **10.00 am** and **7.00 pm**

**Desborough** - On Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at **5.30 pm**



*During these Masses we will pray especially for those parishioners, who passed away in the last year. I would like to invite those who lost their loved ones since last November (2022). We could put photographs or even Orders of Service of those who died, on the steps of the Sanctuary as we did last year.*



In the Sanctuary you can find a basket with envelopes in which you can put a card with the names of the deceased. You can also use ordinary envelopes for this. Please return your envelopes to the Church (put it in the collection basket) or to the Parish office (put it in the letter box). Your donation can be placed in the envelope. Mass for Holy Souls will be offered for them during the month of November and the year ahead.

## AN INITIATIVE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PARISH



Our Parish is very blessed with a number of groups and societies. However, most of them are for adults. We are hoping to launch a specific group for our young people on Friday, **5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6.30 pm until 8.00 pm**. I want this to be a fun time with games, competitions, art work, and there will be always something delicious to eat. The main goal of these meetings would be to learn more about our Faith, to build a strong relationship with God and to make friendships with other young people, which could last a lifetime. Initially, these meetings will be held on the first Friday of the month in the parish hall. They will be open for those who are between 12 - 17 years. If these meetings are successful, we might organise days away. My long-term aim is that as these young people mature, we will be able to set up a group for young adults. I ask all parents to support this initiative and encourage their children to attend our Parish Youth Group.

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## HOSPITAL MINISTRY



*‘For I was sick and you looked after me’*

*Matthew 25*

I am very pleased to say that our priestly ministry in the hospital is now supported by Eucharistic ministers who are visiting all Catholic patients and offering 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.

## WELCOMERS ARE WELCOME!

WELCOME

We are looking for new Volunteers to offer a friendly welcome, to make sure that hymn books are handed out and returned, and to provide a general friendly atmosphere of joy. If you would like to come forward, please email the Parish Office.

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Mary's Meals presents

# A VERY GOSPEL CHRISTMAS

a concert with special guests  
Lichfield Gospel Choir

Step in from the winter chill and join us for an evening of joyful music and festive cheer! Hear from Sunday Times best-selling author, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, and enjoy mulled wine, mince pies and browse our delightful seasonal stalls.

Tickets £10

Saturday, 9 December 2023  
Doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm start  
St Martin in the Bull Ring, Birmingham

For tickets visit  
[averygospelchristmas.eventbrite.co.uk](https://averygospelchristmas.eventbrite.co.uk)  
Or call 0800 698 1212  
Or email [info@marysmeals.org](mailto:info@marysmeals.org)



Raise funds for  
hungry children



## 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, **6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

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## COFFEE MORNINGS - ALL SAINTS DAY



The next **Wednesday (All Saints Day) Coffee Morning** will be run by the Soup Kitchen after 10.00 am Mass on **1<sup>st</sup> November**. This will be followed by Ernie's group in December.

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## OUR PARISH WEBSITE



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

## 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 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**

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### **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.

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

## 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/>

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## 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.

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## 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.**

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## 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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