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

**29<sup>th</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*

1 NOVEMBER

# ALL SAINTS



Let us rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate  
the feast day in honour of all the Saints,  
at whose festival the Angels rejoice  
and praise the Son of God.

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



- Saturday** 06.30 pm - Paul Forsyth RIP
- Sunday** 08.30 am - Anne Pacifique RIP and John Descelles, Ena Grandsable, Paul and Claudine Pacifique and all Souls in Purgatory  
10.30 am - Anthony John Reed RIP
- Monday** Private Mass - For the Parish and World Peace
- Tuesday** 09.30 am - *Adoration with the Rosary*  
10.00 am - For the holy souls

### <<< >>> ALL SAINTS DAY <<< >>>

- Tuesday (Vigil)** 06.00 pm - / **Burton Latimer** / - For the holy Souls
- Wednesday** 10.00 am - Margaret Anderson RIP  
05.30 pm - / **Rothwell** / - For the Parish  
07.00 pm - Michael McDonagh RIP

### <<< >>> ALL SOULS DAY <<< >>>

- Thursday** 10.00 am - For the holy Souls  
05.30 pm - / **Desborough** / - For the holy Souls  
07.00 pm - For the Souls
- Friday** 11.00 am - Requiem Mass for Margaret Anderson RIP  
06.00 pm - *First Friday Adoration and Benediction*  
07.00 pm - Fr Duncan Campbell RIP
- Saturday** 06.30 pm - Wladyslaw Hyla RIP /  
- The McDonagh family and sick family members.
- Sunday** 08.30 am - Caroline and family / - Michele and Assunta De Santis RIP  
09.00 am - / **Burton Latimer** / - For the Holy Souls  
10.30 am - Hinson and Kerry Families RIP  
12.15 pm - / **Rothwell** / - For the Holy Souls

**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.*

**+ 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.**

## 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.



## MISSING, YET CONNECTED



November is a time when we particularly think of our loved ones and friends who have passed away. Across the world there are various ways in which society honours its dead. In our country do this with funeral services, eulogies, anniversary remembrance services/masses and memorials. We treat our deceased as missing, yet still connected to us in some way.

Christianity adds to this sentiment with one crucial insight. We are still connected with our departed, because we are one in Christ. He is the one who gathered everyone to Him in death... AND in His resurrection. In his gospel, John used opposing images of life and death and turned these images upside down to make a point. Death led to life; here death was used in a literal sense and as a metaphor for self-giving ("dying to self"). In Christ, the meaning of death was used in both senses; His literal death was His death to the self for the good of others. The farming analogy of the seed painted this point beautifully [John 12:24]. Christ's death and resurrection became the example and the power for our self-giving [25]. God is truly present in our unselfish acts. Just as Christ is truly present when we are fed with the Eucharist, He is present when we feed others through our selfless acts.

November, and in particular All Saints Day and All Souls Day, gives us a chance to reflect on God's love and on the way we view death. Nothing will separate us from God's love. Death (both symbolically in our self-giving, and literally) is the door to God's love. In God's love we are alive (both figuratively and literally). In Christ, we are all truly connected.



*All Souls' Day November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the memorial of all who have gone before who are in Purgatory for their final purification before they enter Heaven. As they cannot pray for themselves, we do a great act of mercy when we pray for them and ask them for their prayers for us.*



*All Saints' Day November 1<sup>st</sup> is the memorial of **all** those in Heaven. Just as each of the canonised saints (those officially recognised by the Church through miracles etc. as being in Heaven) have their individual feast days, the Church celebrates **all the ordinary people** in Heaven on **their** special feast day - November 1<sup>st</sup>! **These saints (including our loved ones) can pray powerfully for us - just ask them!***

So, what qualities make a person a "saint?" Matthew highlighted the beatitudes of Jesus as the way to live a highly structured life. The beatitudes (as given in readings this week) pointed to awareness of spiritual need, humility, peaceful living, moral living, and compassion as the keys to happiness. But most of all, Matthew saw Christian witness as the centre piece to a happy, blessed life and so the beatitudes can be our means to this. Saints are ordinary people who do extraordinary things even in the face of criticism and persecution. The power of the Spirit flows through them, even in subtle ways. They are the poor in spirit, the peacemaker, the pure in heart, the ones who thirst for the right way to God. They are the faithful. When we try to live out the Beatitudes, we partake in the lifelong process of achieving Sainthood. It is a life of accepting God's gifts and acting on them, even in imperfect ways.

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## 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>



## 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*

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### CHURCH ATTENDANCE



I would like to share with you the interesting statistics for the four weeks of attendance at Mass, which were counted.

the weekend of **23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> September - 653**

the weekend of **30<sup>th</sup> September/1<sup>st</sup> October - 776**

the weekend of **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October - 685**

the weekend of **14<sup>th</sup>/ 15<sup>th</sup> October - 671**

It would seem that the second weekend was an exceptional weekend of prayer!

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### WELCOMERS ARE 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.

## 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.

**MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS 2023**  
**WITH AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR**



We know that there are wonderful singers in our parish. We invite you to join us for choir rehearsals in the upper room of the **Church Hall at 8pm every Tuesday**. We will begin our Christmas rehearsals on **7<sup>th</sup> November**. Please come along and help us to make our Christmas Eve service extra special.

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Saturday Vigil at 6.30 pm**

**8.30 am - Sunday Mass**

**10.30 am - Sunday Mass**

**SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4.00 pm - Mass with Liturgy for Children**

**+ Burton Latimer - Christmas Eve Mass at 6.00 pm**

**+ Rothwell - Christmas Eve Mass at 6.00 pm**

*8.00 pm - Christmas Carols*

**8.30 pm - Christmas Eve Mass**

**MONDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY**

**8.30 am - Christmas Mass**

**+ Desborough - Mass at 9.00 am**

**10.30 am - Christmas Mass**



## OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



I would like to thank those parishioners, who invited Our Lady into their homes. I am sure that you will all have been showered by very special graces.

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

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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.

## 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

## PLANNING YOUR WEDDING



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

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## OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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

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

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

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## 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 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/llgBIXrVJzw> / **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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## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE



## THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

**Celebrating Our Riches** is an opportunity for us to celebrate the different cultures across the diocese. Mass will begin at Midday at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Luton. Please do your best to attend and encourage others to make this a joyful celebration.

**Mass of Thanksgiving for Donors** is an opportunity to show gratitude for all those who have offered to our mission this year, through prayers, time or a financial gift. Mass will be at 11 am on 25 November at Northampton Cathedral. You would be very welcome to attend and please encourage anyone who has given to attend also.

**PACT Roadshow** is on Saturday 18th November 10am-1 pm in the St Thomas Centre, Northampton Cathedral. All are welcome to attend to find out more about this ministry to prisoners and their families. PACT is currently supporting 6 prisons in our diocese.



**Catholic Parish Summit** is a three-day event planned for June (12-14) next year in Harrogate, Yorkshire and is open to all Catholic parishes across England and Wales. The Summit hopes to bring together parishes who are seeking to develop or enhance a missionary approach to parish life. Book here <https://northamptondiocese.org/cps/>

### **Bishops Diary**

Last weekend Bishop David was pleased to celebrate Mass for our young people in Luton and have the opportunity to meet with them afterwards. The next Mass for young people will be on 14 January at St Augustine's Catholic Church in Milton Keynes at 6.30 pm.

On Saturday 28 October at 11.30 am Bishop David will preside at Mass for the annual gathering of the Equestrian Order of The Most Holy Sepulchre. Mass will be in honour of Our Lady of Palestine. All are welcome to join the Mass to pray for peace in that region.

**SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 2023**  
**The National Board of Catholic Women**  
invites you to a WEBINAR  
11.00am- 12.45pm



## **INSPIRING WOMEN**

Enabling Women to  
flourish in the Church



### **PROFESSOR TINA BEATTIE**

will explore how we can express our creativity and share our gifts as women; encourage and support women's many different abilities and callings; celebrate our achievements, and learn from our frustrations and failings.



Visit Tina Beattie's website



Email: [nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk)  
to register your interest

A concert for the community by

# Trinity Singers



AND GUESTS

**Saturday 25th November 2023**

**At the Baptist Church**

**Station Road, Desborough. NN14 2RL**

**Doors open at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m .start**

**£5 per ticket**

**Unreserved seating / no concessions**

**Tickets available from Mark Churcher Goldsmiths Desb.**

**Choir members, or contacting Ann on 07752132587**



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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

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Doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm start  
St Martin in the Bull Ring, Birmingham

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



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