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31st Sunday of the Year

5th November 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

+ NOVEMBER +
MONTH OF PRAYER FOR
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



**MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN GOD'S PEACE.**

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

Monday **Private Mass** - For the Holy Souls

Tuesday *09.30 am - Adoration with the Rosary*

10.00 am - David Godson / - For the Holy Souls

Wednesday **10.00 am** - Gillian Turner RIP / - For the Holy Souls

Thursday **07.00 pm** - William Philip Young RIP / - For the Holy Souls

Friday *06.30 pm - Adoration and Benediction*

07.00 pm - Norah & Michael Mangan and family members RIP

Saturday **05.00 pm - / Desborough / - For the Parish / - For the Holy Souls**

06.30 pm - James Lally RIP 2nd anniversary / - For the Holy Souls

Sunday 08.30 am - Special intention / - Winfried and Mary Jane O'Connor RIP

10.30 am - Marilyn Joy Hinson RIP birthday remembrance

On Sunday, 12th November there will be NO morning Mass in Desborough at 9 am.

Instead, there will be a Vigil Mass on **Saturday, 11th November at 5 pm.**

On Friday, 17th November there will be **NO evening Mass** at St Edward's at 7 pm.

Instead, there will be **Morning Mass at 10 am.**

A 2nd collection for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund will be this weekend

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

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 to 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.

PROBLEM WITH THE CHURCH HEATING



Unfortunately, due to a gas pipe fracture and resulting gas leak, the Church heating is not operating. A heating engineer is in the process of planning and carry out repairs, which will be done as quickly as possible. For those who might feel exceptionally cold, the Parish Hall is available, where Mass can be followed on the screen. Holy Communion will be distributed there. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

THE TRUE TEMPLE



Church buildings are sacred places in which people hope to become closer to God. The notion of "sacred place" has existed throughout human history and is the reason temples were built. This is especially true for the Temple in Jerusalem.

Thursday's feast day of The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica* reminds us of an incident that revealed Jesus as the Messiah - the cleansing of the Temple where commercial enterprises had been allowed in. He believed business activity in God's house defiled the very presence of God.

When He was asked why He cleansed the Temple, Jesus gave a strange response. "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." Jesus was referring to the sanctuary that was *His body*, God's true Temple. Furthermore, after He was raised from the dead, His followers remembered He had said this and they understood His words (see John 2:21). His body was the living presence of God on earth and it would be broken, torn down and three days later raised anew. The living God would be among His people in a miraculous way never before possible. For Christians then, the true Temple is the Body of Christ - a term which refers to the body of the Risen Christ and the Church (1 Cor 3:16). The Risen Lord is present and active in the community, His Church, for His spirit works in us and through us.

But with this fantastic gift comes two responsibilities.

First, as bearers of the Holy Spirit, we are called to be holy (1 Cor 6:19-20). We are asked to treat our individual bodies and our corporate (church) body with the highest degree of moral ethics: *holiness*. This is a challenge beyond our human weakness. But we can ask the Holy Spirit to work within us, calling out our sin, calling us forward in our walk with Christ, refining and purifying us to be more like Christ.

A second responsibility is to maintain the unity of the church. We are one people, one body, and one temple. It is not many mini-temples seeking to impose different and sometimes extreme ideologies. There are many members but only One Spirit (1 Cor. 12:12-13). The presence of God is the same presence in each of us and this presence is One.

May we rest in His work, pray against temptation, and *participate* with the Spirit of God in working out our holiness.



** (The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of Rome. It was built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honour of the basilica called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" as a sign of union with the See of Peter.)*

ALL SAINTS FEAST DAY 2023 - GALLERY





ALL SOULS DAY 2023 – GALLERY





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>

A LABOUR OF LOVE



I was wondering if there is anyone in the parish, who would mind helping me from time to time, with washing and ironing the Altar cloth, any other linen and vestments in the church. Most of the items are not like from the past when everything white needed to be starched or care had to be taken with embroidery. Now, nearly everything can go into the washing machine on 'handwash'. I would really appreciate any help. Fr Gregory

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, **5th 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.

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.

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, **6th November**.

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 **7th November**. Please come along and help us to make our Christmas Eve service extra special.

4th 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

Last year our Christmas Crib at St Edward's was very well received and admired by many parishioners and visitors. I cannot get over how some people even took selfies with it! If you would like to have a go at designing this year's Christmas Crib in any of our churches, please share your ideas with me. Let this be an opportunity for us to work together.

COFFEE MORNINGS - ALL SAINTS DAY



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** will be run by Ernie's after 10.00 am Mass on **1st November**.

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 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

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.

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 or 01536 481430

St Thomas More - Office@stm.ket.olicatschools.org or 01536 512112

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/>

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 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 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 <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

Please have a look at this page from the Northampton Diocese website: [Northampton Diocese Resources](#) which gives further information and contact details.

Safe Spaces is an independent and confidential support service for adults who have been abused by someone in the Church. Please see parish noticeboards for further details.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY DONATIONS



If there are any Parishioners who would like to join the weekly box system / gift aid scheme, then please do let us know by completing a form, available from the porch table and putting it on the collection plate or through the Presbytery letterbox. To those who already donate through the Gift Aid Scheme, please be reminded that if your tax situation has changed or you have moved house, then please let us know.

There are several other ways of donating as follows;

- **Online** This can be done via the Diocesan website which can be found at <https://northamptondiocese.org/>. Scroll down to find the 'Donate' button and follow the instructions on the Catholic Diocese of Northampton Virgin money giving page. By indicating in the notes section of the donate page that the donation is for "**St. Edward's Kettering**" your donation will go into our parish account with the diocese, and will at the same time help our diocese as a whole. Please note that there is the facility to Gift Aid any donation to your parish if you are a taxpayer.
- **Standing Order** via your own bank. Alternatively, you can set up a standing order for donations to your parish using your online bank account. The information required to make the donation is as follows. Bank; NatWest Sort Code; 60-06-11 Account Name; 46898093 Account Name; Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Payment Ref; St. Edward's, Kettering
- **Make a donation to your own parish over the phone** - Each 'Tuesday' between 10.00am and 4.00pm, a member of the finance team will be available at Bishop's House to take your calls to donate to your parish community over the telephone. To donate simply call 01604 712065 with your debit or credit card details. (If you get the answering machine just leave your name and number NOT bank details and you will be called back). You can make a one-off donation or regular weekly or monthly payments, on any Tuesday until further notice.
- You can also support the Parish by **making a donation through the letterbox** of the presbytery at any time.

Thank you for any help you can give.

YOUR LEGACY

Your Legacy - Invest in the future of your parish and our Diocese. Gifts in your Will are a memorable and lasting way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information, pick up a bookmark; contact your parish office, alternatively, go to www.northamptondiocese.org/your-legacy or contact Brian Emmanuel on 01604 600337 or brian.emmanuel@northamptondiocese.org

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



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Visit Tina Beattie's website



Email: 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



In aid of Kettering Foodbank

Registered Charity No.1189703

Refreshments Available

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
Or call 0800 698 1212
Or email info@marysmeals.org



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