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**Assistant Priest: Fr. Elvis Jose**

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**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year**

**12<sup>th</sup> November 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*

*The kingdom of heaven  
will be like this:*

*Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and  
went to meet the bridegroom...*



*Five of them were foolish and five were  
sensible: the foolish ones did take their  
lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas  
the sensible ones took flasks of oil as  
well as their lamps...*

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



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

**06.30 pm - James Lally RIP 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary**

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

**10.30 am - Marilyn Joy Hinson RIP birthday remembrance**

**Monday**                      **Private Mass - Inara**

**Tuesday**      **10.00 am** - Thanksgiving for 25yrs of marriage for John and Melody

**Wednesday**      **09.00 am** - Ann Corrance grateful thanks

**10.30 am - Funeral in the Crematorium**

**Thursday**      **07.00 pm** - Thanksgiving for Binetha Jiju

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**07.00 pm - No Mass**

**Saturday 06.30 pm** - Packie and Katy Kiernan RIP / - Nancy Randell RIP 3<sup>rd</sup> anniv

**Sunday**      **08.30 am - Kim Cassels RIP**

**09.00 am - / Burton Latimer / - For the Holy Souls**

**10.30 am - Margaret Anderson RIP / - Augustus Aten, Josefa Reis Dos**

Soriano Soares, Juliana Iku, Helder Soares Aten

**12.15 pm - / Rothwell / - For the Parish**

On Wednesday, **15<sup>th</sup> November**, morning Mass will be at **9.00 am** due to the funeral.

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

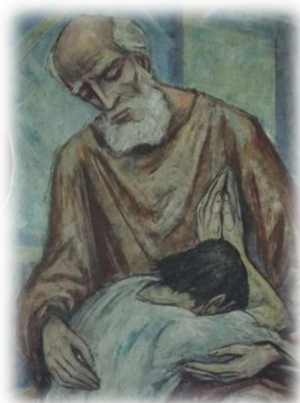
**A 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund** will be this weekend

*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



- + **Leon Szkwarla** - His funeral will take place at the Crematorium on  
**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 am.**
- + **Sebastian Piotr Jakubiszyn** - His funeral will take place at the Crematorium on  
**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 am.**
- + **Antonietta Tartaglia** - Her funeral will take place at the Crematorium on  
**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2 pm.**

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



## LOOKING FOR SIGNS



Sometimes people mistake strength of faith with pride. In this sense, they reduce faith to certain behaviours. St. Paul wrote to the community at Corinth about the extent and abuse of charisms. Some today equate the strength of faith with the sure attitude that comes from certainty. Yes, there is a place for exercising charisms and a time for correcting the mistaken, but faith must be rooted in charity. Such faith requires humility, for the Spirit works in ways unknown.

The readings from Luke 17 this week place the healing of ten lepers in the area between Galilee (Jewish territory) and Samaria (region of heretics). The scene was remarkable, for Jesus found the diseased men of mixed background (one was a hated Samaritan) in a village and was greeted by the men with a request (Leviticus 13:45-46 instructed the men to live alone, outside any village or hamlet, and told them to warn anyone approaching with the phrase "Unclean, unclean"). But, like many other times, Jesus ignored kosher rules to heal those in need.

The one who returned to give thanks was an unclean Samaritan. Yet, Jesus did not reject him; instead, He bypassed the place of the priest and told the man to implicitly return to his former way of life. The passage emphasised how Jesus placed the good of the individual over that of the rule or custom. He came to save, not to punish.

Later, some pharisees challenged Jesus for a sign, for that event of God's power that would validate His message. "When will the Kingdom come?" they asked, almost sneering. But he placed the Kingdom right back in their lap. "God is present, so there's your sign". Of course, His opponents missed the point.

Everyone looks for a sign, an omen of bad times coming or a shining light that gives hope to the glory ahead. They seek the EVENT that changes everything. Of course, most of the time, people muddle through. The only sign they see is the obvious situation they find themselves in.

Among His disciples, Jesus took up the human urge to seek a sign of coming events. On the one hand, He insisted that, after His suffering and death, the Son of Man would return - but not in a way people could anticipate. On the other hand, He would come again, in an instant, in the blink of an eye. The person who based his faith on seeking signs would only find disappointment. The true disciple did not actively pursue such omens; they lived their lives confident that the Lord would return in glory but, until then, showed charity to others.

## **B.E.M. PRESENTATION**



The occasion of the presentation of the British Empire Medal to our parishioners, Hilary and Frank Rodgers by the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire. We are all very proud of them, especially for all the work they did for the Soup Kitchen. Congratulations!

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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>

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

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## THE LIFE OF CHRIST - A PLAY AT WINTERSHALL



On Friday **21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**, The Life of Christ, the greatest story of all time, will be held at the lovely grounds of Wintershall Estate, Guildford, Surrey. The cost for this will be, £30 for Adults and £15 for Students. There will be a coach leaving from Corn Market Hall Kettering at 7am. The coach will have a toilet, air conditioning and space below for folding chairs or garden chairs. All weather clothing is advisable and we recommend that you bring food and a light weight folding chair for your comfort.

Please contact 07932 643368 or [gijjismith@gmail.com](mailto:gijjismith@gmail.com) for tickets.

Graham & Rose Smith.

## 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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## 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, **4<sup>th</sup> December**.

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## OUR PARISH WEBSITE



**We are having difficulties with the website at present, so please bear with us. We will be sending the on-line newsletter to the Parish Facebook for the time being. Fr Gregory.**



**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**. 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**

*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



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** will be run by Ernie's group after 10.00 am Mass on **6<sup>st</sup> December**.

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## 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**

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## St Edwards Catholic Primary School



On Saturday **18<sup>th</sup> November 2023** the school has an open from 10 am to 12 noon for parents to visit our school for a place in Reception for September 2024. You are welcome to visit us on this day or at a convenient time for yourself. Please contact the school office 01536 481430. V Olsen, Head of School.

## 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

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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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## 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](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.



## 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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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

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



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