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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

26th 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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING



When the Son of Man comes in glory, escorted by all his angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats.

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



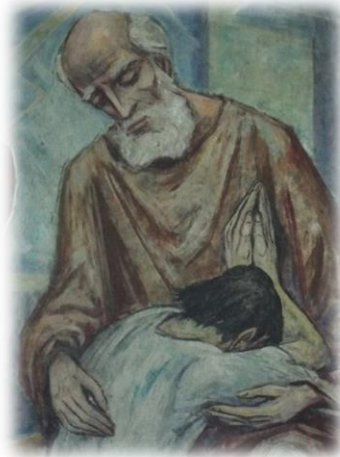
- Saturday** **06.30 pm** - Deceased members of the Cannon family /
 - Pam Nolan, relatives and friends RIP
- Sunday** **08.30 am** - Nellie Saunders and Elizabeth Blackman RIP /
 - Hannah Tony 2nd birthday int.
- 09.00 am** - / **Desborough** / - Gordon Collis and Dorothy Springer RIP
- 10.30 am** - Moises Soares dos Reis, Domingos Maia, Angel
- Monday** **Private Mass** - Sali RIP
- Tuesday** **09.30 am** - *Exposition and Adoration*
- 10.00 am** - All the deceased members of the Legion of Mary /
 - Lawrence Tay RIP / - Rev. Edward Pitt RIP
- Wednesday** **10.00 am** - Margaret Marsh RIP /
 - Mick Brody relatives & friends RIP
- Thursday** **07.00 pm** - Jean Brookes RIP
- Friday** **06.00 pm** - *First Friday Adoration and Benediction*
- 07.00 pm** - For the Holy Souls
- Saturday** **06.30 pm** - Trudy De Mello RIP / - Princy Romy 2nd anniversary RIP
- Sunday** **08.30 am** - Teresa and John Antill RIP
- 09.00 am** - / **Burton Latimer** / - For the Parish / - For the Holy Souls
- 10.30 am** - Joaquina Tauares, Alberto Pereira, Marcelino, Marcelina and
 Augustinha De Jesus, Inacio Pereira /
 - Salvatore Meli Michelina Di Micco RIP
- 12.15 pm** - / **Rothwell** / - John McGrenaghan RIP

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - **SUNDAY, 26th NOVEMBER at 10.30 am**

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



- + **Antonietta Tartaglia** - Her funeral will take place at the Crematorium on **Tuesday, 28th November at 2 pm.**
- + **Thomas Mitchell** - His funeral will take place at St Edward's Church on **Tuesday, 28th November at 3.30 pm.**
- + **John McCartin** - His funeral will take place at St Edward's Church on **Friday, 1st December at 11 am.**
- + **Fr Richard Moroney** - Who ministered in our parish from 1983-1985.

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

DESPITE THE CHAOS



Throughout the week, in Luke 21, Jesus begins His discourse on the end times. His disciples awed at the Temple's size and decorations (votive gifts from the rich). Jesus prophesied most of the edifice would be destroyed and His disciples took this as a sign of the end. He immediately shifted the discussion away from a particular event to the rise of false Messiahs, international conflicts and upheavals of nature on a cosmic scale.

In the midst of the Tribulation, Jesus said the tensions of international conflict and cosmic upheavals (21:9-11) would become personal. Jewish Christians would face judgment before synagogue elders; family, friends and community would shun them. Disciples in general would face rejection by others in their neighbourhoods; fellow citizens would drag them before magistrates for condemnation on charges of impiety, for refusing to honour the patron gods of the city. Yet, even in all this chaos, the Spirit would validate them before other Christians and inspire them before their adversaries. No one could prepare for such events; only the Spirit could provide the words to silence enemies and evangelise others. Even in the face of death, the Spirit would insure the salvation of the faithful. Despite the chaos, the disciples would experience the presence and activity of the Spirit.

After the signs of the terrestrial and cosmic upheavals, after the persecutions disciples would suffer, the Tribulation would focus on Jerusalem and finally the Second Coming. Jesus advised those who lived in and around the capital to flee, for armies would put the city under siege, slay its inhabitants and tumble down its walls. In the end greater cosmic signs would accompany the coming of the Son of Man, as described in Daniel 7:13. While these events would disturb the pagan population, disciples should rest assured the Lord came to save them.

As we continue to experience today (even in the same land), every generation sees its share of uncertainty and conflict; many interpret these events as the end days. No matter the stresses and struggles of life, we should take note of Jesus' words in this week's readings. In the end, He will come to save us.

Also, this week, we have the feast day of St. Andrew, a fisherman and an early disciple. Yet, those two facts gloss over the impact this apostle had. According to John 1:40-42, Andrew introduced his brother Simon to Jesus. The gospel seemed to imply he would continue to pass along the Good News by word of mouth (John 6:8). He would bring his friends to meet Jesus who then called Andrew and Andrew followed. Jesus calls us not only to Him, He calls us to extend His friendship to others, just like Andrew. *How do we invite our own friends to meet Jesus?*

ADVENT CONFESSIONS AT ST EDWARD'S



Saturday, 9th December after 6.30 pm Mass

Tuesday, 12th December after Mass at 10 am - We would like to offer confessions and the sacrament of anointing to those who are housebound. If you know anyone who would like a visit by a priest, please contact the parish and provide us with the relevant details, like name, address and telephone number of the person who would like the sacraments, before Sunday 10th December, and we arrange a visit.

Wednesday, 13th December 9 am - 10 am and after Mass

Thursday, 14th December 6 pm - 7 pm and after Mass

Saturday, 16th December after 6.30 pm Mass

There will be Exposition and Adoration before Wednesday and Thursday Masses during confession.

CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT AT ST EDWARD'S



Both of our Catholic Schools would like to invite us to their Carols by Candlelight Services before Christmas. Please come and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere.

St Edward's School - Thursday, 7th December at 5.30 pm

St Thomas More School - Monday, 11th December at 6 pm

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS 2023



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

JOB OPPORTUNITY



We are currently recruiting for a cleaner at St Edward's Kettering to provide a high quality of cleaning duties in the Presbytery and in the Church Hall, including all office spaces.

The role will be for 10 hours per week. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/>

The closing date for applications will be **Friday 8th December**. Interview dates to be confirmed.

All candidates should complete an application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

In the meantime, I would appreciate any offers of help to keep the parish outside toilet in a reasonable condition for the use of parishioners. If you have a spare 10 minutes, please let me know.

Fr Gregory

KETTERING FOOD BANK



KETTERING FOOD BANK greatly appreciate donations from **St Edward's Church** especially at this time of year as we try to cope with the increase in seasonal demand. **List of preferred items** - Various Tins of Meat - Tins Tuna Chunks, Tins Soup - Tins Spaghetti - Tins Vegetable Chili - Tins Corned Beef - Small Jars Coffee - Small boxes of Tea Bags - Sugar - Easy Cook Rice - Pasta - Cereals various - Anti-bacterial Spray for Kitchen Cleaning - Washing up liquid - J Cloths Please place any donated items in large marked box at back of St Edward's Church - Many thanks.

SVP



The Saint Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) is made up of volunteers who are dedicated to helping people in need, and supporting people in our local community who may be struggling due to loneliness, financial problems, needing practical support or just a listening ear. For further information please contact the Kettering SVP on 07565 395955 or email svp140512@gmail.com.

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>

THINKING OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?



At the back of the Church are CAFOD's World Gifts Catalogues. Please take one home. World Gifts are a wonderful way for St Edward's parish to share the hope and joy of Christmas with God's family throughout the world.

AN INITIATIVE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PARISH



Our first meeting will be on Friday, **5th January 2024 at 6.30 pm until 8.00 pm.** More information about registration will be announced in due course.

PIANIST



We are looking for a piano player to rehearse with the choir and then to play on every 3rd Sunday of the month for us during Mass. For more details, please contact the parish office.

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, **4th December.**

COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** will be run by Ernie's group after 10.00 am Mass on **6th December**.

COFFEE MORNINGS 2024

On **3rd January** - **The Burton Latimer Community**

On **7th February** - **The Desborough Community**

On **6th March** - **The Rothwell Community**

Any funds raised will go to the communities for flowers and other necessities.

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.

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/IlqBIXrVJzw> / **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

DIOCESAN E-NEWSLETTER

Our diocesan e-news is now published fortnightly.

Keep up to date with news and opportunities from across our diocese by signing up to receive updates straight into your inbox. Simply visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/#signup>

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

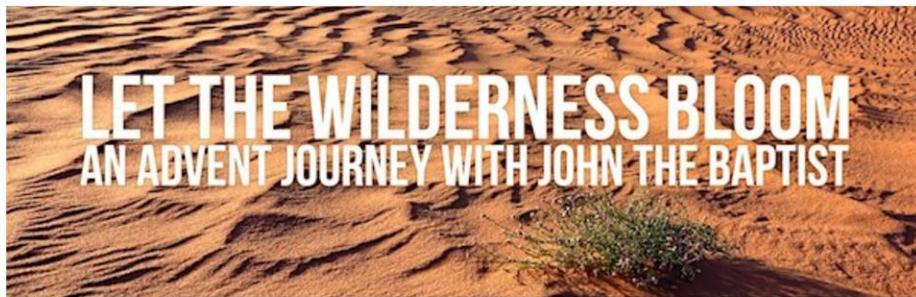
Online Advent Retreat: Mondays from 27th November, 7.30-8.30pm

Our online Advent retreat this year is "Let the Wilderness Bloom!". Join Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent as we draw on the life of John the Baptist to explore themes of silence, solitude, dryness, and vulnerability, moving towards resilience, promise and hope. Join us live on Monday evenings or access the recording at a more convenient time. Register here: <https://pastorchildren.alministryoffice.org/bloom/>

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NEW: Access the retreat as a podcast

*Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult
Let the wasteland rejoice and bloom*

Find out more, watch the trailer and register here:

<https://pastoralministryoffice.org/bloom/>

