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**Parish Priest: Fr. Gregory Marchwiński**

**Assistant Priest: Fr. Elvis Jose**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

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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 **1<sup>st</sup>** and **3<sup>rd</sup>** Sunday of every month - **9.00 am**

### **MASS TIMES AT DESBOROUGH**

The **2<sup>nd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup>** Sunday of every month - **9.00 am**

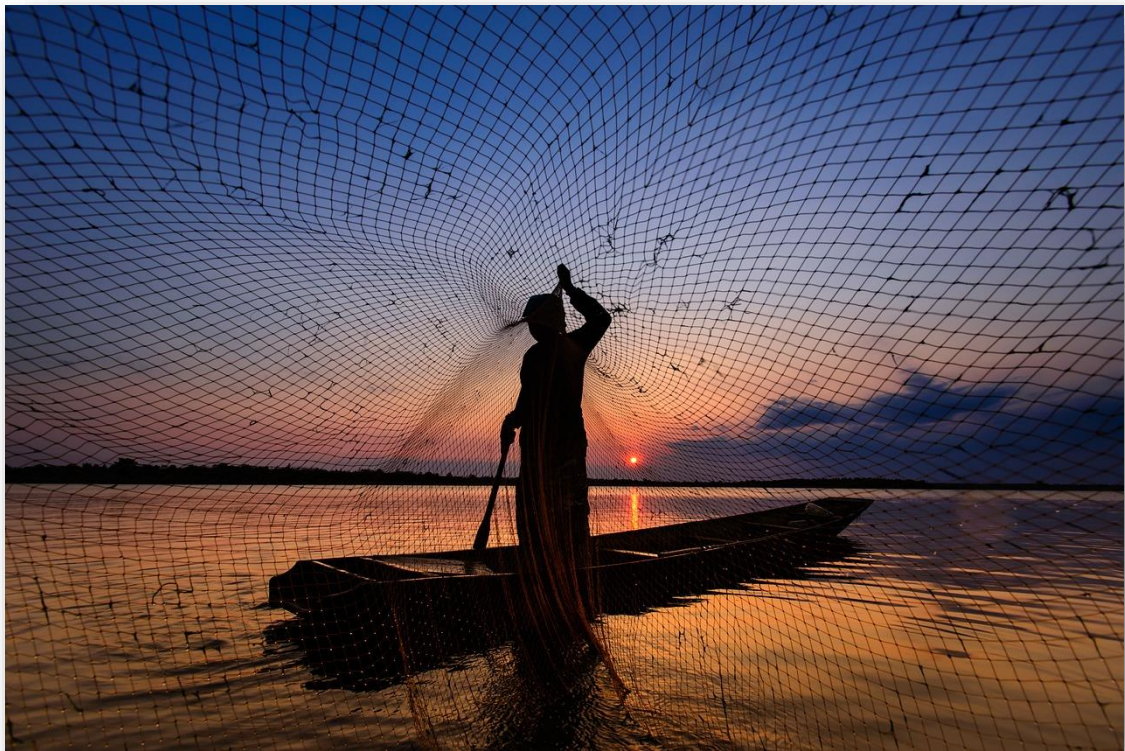
### **MASS TIMES AT ROTHWELL**

The **1<sup>st</sup>** and **3<sup>rd</sup>** 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*

*Jesus saw Simon and his brother Andrew  
casting a net in the lake  
- for they were fishermen.*



*And Jesus said to them,  
'Follow me and I will make you  
into fishers of men.'  
And at once they left their nets  
and followed him.*

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



- Saturday**     **06.30 pm** - Sister Elizabeth Morris RIP /  
                             - Ettie Rothwell and family following the death of John
- Sunday**        **08.30 am** - Roberto RIP  
                             **09.00 am** - / **Burton Latimer** / - Tony Hall RIP / - Anthony Forwell RIP  
                             **10.30 am** - Patrick and Teresa Cummins RIP / - Martin O'Hara RIP  
                             **12.15 pm** - / **Rothwell** / - For the Parish
- Monday**            **Private Mass** - Cannon Bernard Murray
- Tuesday**           **09.30 am** - **Exposition and Adoration**  
                             **10.00 am** - Michael Dowler RIP
- Wednesday**      **10.00 am** - For the Holy Souls
- Thursday**         **07.00 pm** - For the Holy Souls
- Friday**             **06.00 pm** - **Adoration led by Seminarian Renver**  
                             **07.00 pm** - Thanksgiving for Jiju and Bineeta, 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.  
                             / - Thanksgiving for Binoy and Gili, 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.
- Saturday**        **06.30 pm** - For Seminarian Renver and his family
- Sunday**        **08.30 am** - Teresa and John Antill RIP /  
                             - Richard Ablett RIP / - Roberto RIP  
                             **09.00 am** - / **Desborough** / - For the Parish  
                             **10.30 am** - For the Parish

*To request a Mass Intention please contact the parish office.*

*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.*

**The second collection on 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January will be for Seminarian Renver.**

**There will be a White Flower Appeal on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> February.**

## 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



- + Rodney Stuart Hart** - His funeral will be held at the Crematorium on Friday,  
**26<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00 am.**
- + Trudy Boddington** - Her funeral will be held at the Crematorium on Thursday,  
**1<sup>st</sup> February at 12 noon.**

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



## EACH OF US A DIFFERENT PART



This coming week (25<sup>th</sup>.) the church celebrates the **conversion of St. Paul**. This is different to his feast day on June 29 when he is honoured with St. Peter. No conversion has been more consequential than Paul's as he had previously persecuted the church, even taking part in the stoning of St. Stephen. He was determined to wipe out the new Christian church. Acts 9:1 says that Paul was "still breathing out threats to slaughter the Lord's disciples." He had gone to the high priest and asked for letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus authorising him to arrest any followers of Jesus in the city. But God changed his views on that journey to Damascus and the details of this are well known. While fallen on the ground Paul heard the voice of Jesus: "Why are you persecuting me?"

In view of the events at the time, we might have thought it more relevant for Jesus to ask why Paul was persecuting *Christ's followers* like Stephen. The answer is clear from a letter later written by Paul to the Corinthians (Cor.1 12:12-30). Anyone who persecutes the Christian church is persecuting Christ himself and vice versa. Jesus is the head and the Church is His body. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. "Now you together are Christ's body; but *each of you is a different part* of it." The Church is not just a means of conveying God's revelation. The Church is actually *part* of God's revelation. Jesus and the Church are clearly one.

Paul became the most determined of the apostles, suffering brutal physical pain, persecution and finally martyrdom. He revealed in his letter to the Philippians (4:13) how he endured his remaining life of hardship: "There is nothing I cannot do with the help of Christ who gives me strength." Paul possessed good credentials to be an evangelist: He was versed in Jewish culture and language, his upbringing in

Tarsus gave him familiarity with the Greek language and culture, his training in Jewish theology helped him connect the Old Testament with the gospel, and as a skilled tentmaker he could support himself on his travels.

Christianity was changed on that desert road by this important event. We might reflect on the extent of change by pondering what our church might be like today if St. Paul had remained Saul of Tarsus, a Roman citizen and zealous Jew. What if he had never converted or written his many teaching letters or sailed the seas on missionary voyages? Might the church have been confined to Palestine for longer? Paul's conversion showed that Jesus himself wanted the gospel message to reach the Gentiles and beyond, quashing any argument from the early Jewish Christians that the gospel was only for the Jews.

Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a contrite person's past does not matter to Christ as much as the person's future. Even though Saul had been one of Jesus' most cruel enemies, he became one of his closest friends. *What could Jesus do through you if you surrendered as Paul did and gave him complete control of your life?*

(The story of Paul's conversion is told in Acts 9:1-19 (most likely written by St. Luke) and, because Luke probably travelled with Paul for a while, is retold by Paul in Acts 22:6-21 and Acts 26:12-18.)

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## **AN INVITATION FROM SEMINARIAN RENVER**



I would like to invite you to Adoration with music and meditation on this coming **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January**, which will begin at **6 pm**. I would like to lead you in prayer and I have asked my brother to come along and play with me. As well as praying for your own intentions, I would like us to pray for new vocations to the priesthood. I look forward to seeing many older and younger members of the parish.

## THE PARISH YOUTH GROUP



If you would like your son or daughter to take part in youth group activities, please email the parish office and request a registration form. The next meeting will be on **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February**.

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## KETTERING FOOD BANK



**KETTERING FOOD BANK** are very grateful to **St Edwards Church** for their **wonderful supply of food donations over the Christmas period** but are presently inviting us to be extra generous to help them cope with the increased demand on their service over this cold spell of weather. Contributions of non-perishable items such as tinned products: meats, fish, vegetables, beans and soup. Dry products such as pastas and cereals are also very welcome.

Please place any donated items in large marked box at back of St Edwards Church. Many thanks

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## A NEW CARD READER - ACTIVATED



We have a sim card for the 'DONA' station, so it has been activated and you will find it next to the statue of the Sacred Heart.

## SPUC NEWS



### **SPUC Youth Conference, Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th February 2024**

Every year the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) holds a residential weekend Youth Conference for young people aged 16-35. This year's conference will be held at Yarnfield Park Training and Conference Centre, Staffordshire. The full cost is £160, but our local SPUC Kettering branch is willing to sponsor young people to attend. Please contact Branch Secretary Ann Machell to arrange sponsorship: [ann.machell127@gmail.com](mailto:ann.machell127@gmail.com)

The Youth Conference is a great place for pro-life young people to meet like-minded friends, and to equip themselves to defend and promote their pro-life beliefs in the wider world. Further details can be found at:

[www.spuc.org.uk/youthconference](http://www.spuc.org.uk/youthconference)

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## COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** will be run by **The Desborough Community** after 10.00 am Mass on **7th February**.

## COFFEE MORNINGS 2024

On **6<sup>th</sup> March** - **The Rothwell Community**

On **3<sup>rd</sup> April** - **Legion of Mary**

On **1<sup>st</sup> May** - **SVP**



## CAFOD



### **CAFOD School Volunteers needed.**

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? You will be supported by CAFOD with training and all resources will be provided and expenses paid. Do consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Debbie Purfield [dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk) or call 07786 114 390

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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, **5<sup>th</sup> February 2024**.

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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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## 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)

## 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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## **DIOCESAN E-NEWSLETTER**

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