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**Assistant Priest:** Fr. Elvis Jose

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**28<sup>th</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 **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**

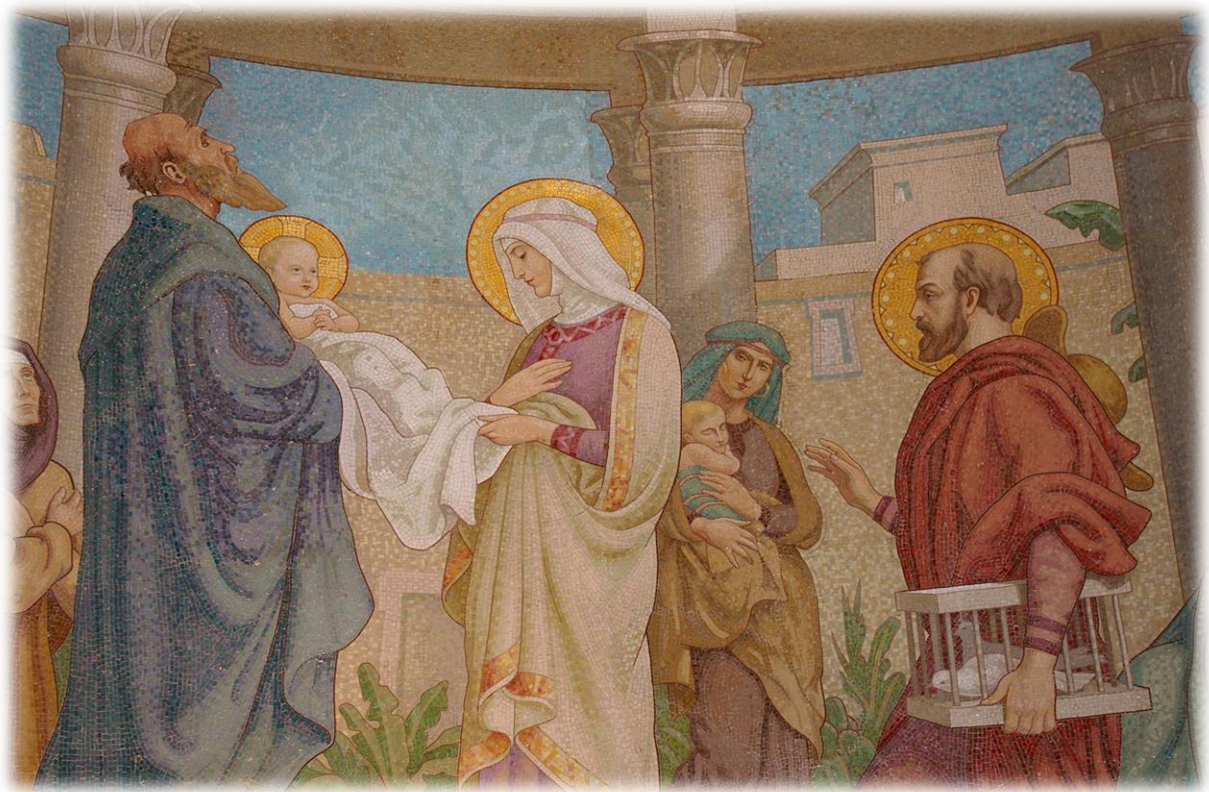
The **1st** and **3rd** Sunday of every month - **12.15 pm**

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*For the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, please check the newsletter*

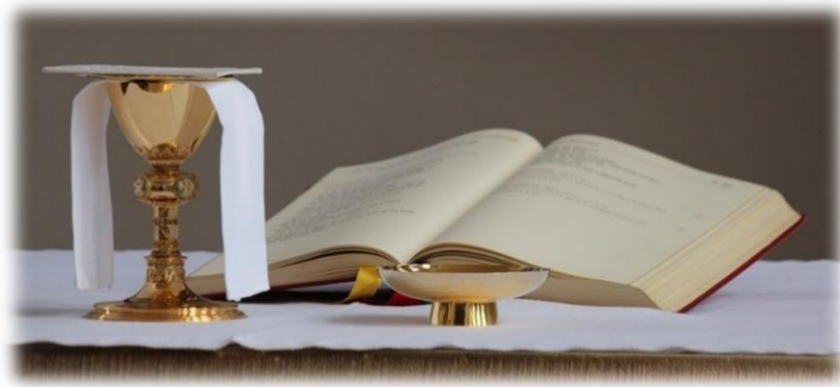
# *THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD*

*Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February*



*The light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel,  
your people.*

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



- 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** - Lady Susan Enekebe RIP / - Mrs Monica Mokwe RIP
- Monday**            **Private Mass** - Canon Thomas Walmsley Carter
- Tuesday**           **09.30 am** - **Exposition and Adoration**
- 10.00 am** - William and Eileen Walsh RIP
- Wednesday**      **10.00 am** - For the Holy Souls / - Naveena
- Thursday**          **07.00 pm** - For the Holy Souls / - Joseph
- Friday**              **06.00 pm** - **First Friday Exposition and Adoration**
- 07.00 pm** - Mark Anthony Villanueva RIP / - Annie
- Saturday**      **06.30 pm** - Catherine (Katy) Kiernan RIP
- Sunday**            **08.30 am** - For the Parish
- 09.00 am** - / **Burton Latimer** / - Oscar Pocheco, birthday intention
- 10.30 am** - Justin Ike for God's guidance & exam success
- 12.15 pm** - / **Rothwell** / - 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 second collection for the 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



- + **Trudy Boddington** - Her funeral will be held at the Crematorium on Thursday,  
**1<sup>st</sup> February at 12 noon.**
- + **Sabina Marsden** - Her Requiem Mass will be held at St Edward's on Tuesday,  
**13<sup>th</sup> February at 10 am.**

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



## THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION AND CANDLEMAS



Although, Candlemas is not a Holy Day of Obligation, there will be Mass on **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, at 7 pm**, please take the opportunity to partake in this beautiful feast day. Please bring a candle along with lighter or matches when you come. We will light the candles before Mass, and we will keep them lit until the end of the Gospel.

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## TEMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



We celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord this week. Only Luke gives this account, probably because his audience (the Gentiles) were not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. Luke's writing shows that the promise made by God to Israel, as fulfilled in Jesus, also extends to the Gentiles. The Feast is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, marking the end of that liturgical season.

Under Jewish tradition, as stated in Leviticus 12, a woman who gave birth was considered "unclean" for forty days and the law required her to bring an appropriate offering (a lamb, a pigeon/dove) which would then be sacrificed to bring about the purification. The idea of women needing purification after childbirth may seem rather primitive and unscientific – unfortunately there exists even today in the developing world many taboos surrounding reproduction and child birth. These and also some Western attitudes can deny us a full appreciation of the sacred miracle of a natural loving process and resulting new life.

When we reflect upon the wonder of our miraculous bodies and the intricacy of all its working components, growing and developing from before birth to fullness, we can only conclude that there is a super-intelligent design behind it all. Each of our

limbs, muscles and organs operate through a mix of electrical and chemical reactions, all interacting precisely together to control our thoughts, movements and well-being processes, fuelled by the air we breathe, sunlight and what we eat. Just ponder that marvel for a moment! It does not deny our evolutionary process when we ponder that a loving creator has brought it about with a power beyond our understanding.

This becomes even more fantastic to comprehend when we marvel at creation extending beyond our bodies! Dig any square metre of soil and it's teeming with life! Even an ant has an intrinsic purpose in life and a tiny body packed with miniaturised organs all working together seamlessly, truly beyond our comprehension. It has a brain, tiny muscles and joints, a tiny heart and stomach, but it can lift ten times its own weight with ease! Marvelling at all creation around us aids the working of the Holy Spirit within us!

When Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem (Luke 2:22), also present was Simeon who had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Messiah before he died. Upon seeing Jesus, the holy man immediately recognised Him as the promised Saviour and held Him in his arms. Now with just a glimpse of God's salvation embodied in Christ, Simeon could face his death with peace (Luke 2:29). We too can be comforted that when our miraculous bodies tire, with the light of Christ there can be joy in the face of death, strength in the midst of trials, and hope in the depths of despair.

After the Presentation, Jesus was to enter the temple again as a boy and later as an adult. He would even refer to His own body as a temple which He would raise up in three days. As well as being a marvel of creation, our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and as such we must strive not to abuse them. In our seemingly ordinary lives, where else can we recognise the extraordinary signs of God's love and majesty?

We pray that the Holy Spirit guides us, just as He guided Simeon, to recognise the presence of God all around us in creation, in our bodies, in our lives. May we discern the signs of God's love for us and, when in the depths of despair, recognise that God is giving us signs. May we reach out and understand them.

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## 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.**

## THANK YOU AND GOODBYE TO SEMINARIAN RENVER



We would like to thank **Renver** for his time in our parish. I am sure he learned a lot from us and we learned a lot from him. We will keep him in our prayers, and please God he will become a good and holy priest, who will minister in our Diocese of Northampton. He is always welcome to visit us any time in the future.

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## ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT



**14<sup>th</sup> February - Ash Wednesday**

**10.00 am - St Edward's, Kettering**

**05.30 pm - St Bernadette's, Rothwell**

**07.00 pm - St Edward's, Kettering**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



+ Every **Wednesday at 9.20 am** before Mass at 10 am

+ Every **Friday at 6.15 pm** before Mass at 7 pm

< **Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at 7 pm** >

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Stations of the Cross at **Desborough** and **Rothwell** led by parishioners

*Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February at 5 pm - Desborough*

*Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 11 am - Rothwell*

*Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 5 pm - Desborough*

*Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am - Rothwell*

*Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at 5 pm - Desborough*

*Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11 am - Rothwell*

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***Feast Day of St Nicholas Owen***



***Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March***

- Stations of the Cross in **Burton Latimer** at **9.20 am**

*followed by Holy Mass at 10 am and refreshment afterwards.*



## Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March



*29<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am - The Stations of the Cross in **Burton Latimer***

*29<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am - The Stations of the Cross in **Rothwell***

*29<sup>th</sup> March at 5 pm - The Stations of the Cross in **Desborough***

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### **SPUC NEWS** **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2024**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions, and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GPs are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.



### **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)

## LUX



The annual residential weekend for young people of secondary school age is fast approaching and there are still places available. Please consider sending your children on this valuable retreat weekend.

For more information visit <https://nymo.org/lux-dive/>

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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**.

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**

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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**.

## 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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## PILGRIMAGES

As we prepare for the Jubilee year in 2025 as 'Pilgrims of Hope' you are invited to join our diocese on pilgrimage. There are plenty to choose from including the Shrines of Northern France in October 2024, Lourdes in August 2024, Walsingham in June 2024 and Rome and Assisi in 2025. For more information on all of these pilgrimages and our diocesan walking pilgrimage, 'The Way of Our Lady of Guadalupe' visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage/>

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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

## **REQUEST FROM THE DIOCESE**

Bishop David is seeking experienced Directors/School Governors to represent his wishes on the Duns Scotus Trust – the diocesan body that has ultimate oversight of all diocesan schools and reports back to the Trustee. Do you know anyone who has experience in business, finance or education? Would they have time to commit to three meetings per year? For an information pack or to discuss this volunteer position, please ask them to contact Debbie Main on 01634 953369 or email [debbie.main@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:debbie.main@northamptondiocese.org)

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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.

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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.

### **DONATIONS BY CARD**



You will find the **DONA STATION** next to the statue of the Sacred Heart.

**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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