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

**4<sup>th</sup> February 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*

*Simon's mother-in-law  
had gone to bed with fever.*



*He went to her, took her by the  
hand and helped her up.*

*And the fever left her  
and she began to wait on them.*

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



- Saturday 06.30 pm** - Catherine (Katy) Kiernan RIP
- Sunday 08.30 am** - Jadwiga Kirchner RIP
- 09.00 am** - / **Burton Latimer** / - Oscar Pacheco, birthday intention
- 10.30 am** - Justin Ike for God's guidance and exam success
- 12.15 pm** - / **Rothwell** / - For the Parish
- Monday Private Mass** - Fr Henry Stanley
- Tuesday 09.30 am** - *Exposition and Adoration*
- 10.00 am** - Patrick Diver RIP
- Wednesday 10.00 am** - Everington Family intentions /
- Chari Dural Hand, healing intention and preparation for back surgery
- Thursday 07.00 pm** - Linda Brazier RIP /
- Julie Gerndt RIP / - Nigel Stokes, birthday intention
- Friday 06.30 pm** - *Exposition and Adoration*
- 07.00 pm** - For the Holy Souls
- Saturday 06.30 pm** - Michelle Villanueva RIP
- Sunday 08.30 am** - For the Holy Souls
- 09.00 am** - / **Desborough** / - For the Parish
- 10.30 am** - Nigel Stokes 70<sup>th</sup> birthday thanksgiving int. /
- Justin Ike for God's guidance and exam success

*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.*

**There will be a second collection for the White Flower Appeal this weekend.**

## 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



+ **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.*

## LOVE IN ACTION



**R**eadings this week follow Jesus in the Sea of Galilee region as He moved from one Gentile area to another, healing and questioning the very way the Pharisees applied the Torah to life. His reputation as a healer was growing and people flocked to the Lord because of His power and that power could be accessed simply by touching the fringe of His garment.

The rural followers of Jesus were not as scrupulous as their urban critics, the Pharisees and the scribes. These city dwellers challenged the country people to follow the Law in their detailed fashion. The Lord returned criticism; their myopic focus on detail missed the larger picture of the Law; indeed, such a small view could *break* the Law. He implied that the Pharisees were not only wrong, their method of interpretation was illegitimate.

Passages like Mark 7:1-13 defined the difference between the Judaism of the Pharisees and that of the early Church. Jesus explained His principle of interpretation: separating ritual duties (like keeping a kosher diet) from moral duties. The distinction between the ritual and the moral began with the prophets ("I desire mercy, and not sacrifice." Hosea 6.6a). Compassion trumped worship, for such mercy gave a prayerful relationship to God meaning. The Lord, however, took this difference to its logical conclusion by separating the two. This was something unthinkable to a faithful Jew, for they saw morality and ritual purity as two sides of the same coin of the kosher. Jesus did not. For Him righteousness was rooted in moral intent, not in simple ritual behaviours. More to the point, such ritual acts were almost pointless. The true source of the kosher was the heart.

Such thinking was revolutionary. It allowed the followers of Jesus to allow Gentiles into their assemblies, not as second class worshipers but as equals. Those born unclean could become clean simply by the goodness of their hearts. Such was the message of the Master, such was the will of God.

*We might ponder these questions: How do we measure the worth of others? Are we too scrupulous or obsessive about our own spiritual life? Have those behaviours hindered our acts of mercy?*



## RECEPTION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Congratulations to our new parishioners **Luke** and **Logan**, who were received into the Catholic Church last Thursday and Friday.

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## THE PILGRIMS OF HOPE TOUR



Throughout 2024 we are asked to prepare for the **Jubilee year 2025**, by hosting a 'year of prayer'. As part of this year of prayer, Bishop David Oakley will be coming to a parish near you to reflect on what it means to be a pilgrim of hope. He will answer questions from those present and pray together as a community. You are invited to attend and invite those who wish to discover more of the beauty of our Catholic faith.

### WHERE AND WHEN IS THE PILGRIM OF HOPE TOUR NEAR US?

*Thursday 7th March at 7 pm*  
*Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,*  
*Wellingborough*

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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, 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

## 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***

## ***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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## **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**.



## **SPUC NEWS**

### **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2024**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this 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)

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## **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/>

## 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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## CAFOD



**CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal** - This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

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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/>

## 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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## 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.

## 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)

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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)

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

We are currently recruiting for a Pastoral Development Worker to help our pastoral areas and parishes identify mission and community needs and to work with local groups to discern and implement their local vision.

The role will be for 37.5 hours per week on a three-year fixed term contract, involving weekend and evening work.

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 16<sup>th</sup> February. Interview dates to be confirmed.

All candidates should complete an application form and email it to: [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

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### Special or Extra Needs in Your Family?



We are a Diocesan group for those with special or additional needs and their families. It is called The Bethany Group.

Mass will be celebrated with The Bethany Group at Sacred Heart Parish, Stopsley, Luton on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 3pm.

All are very welcome. Refreshments after the Mass.

Other dates for the coming year are:

17<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 20<sup>th</sup> October,  
17<sup>th</sup> December.

All at Sacred Heart, Stopsley, Luton LU2 9AY at 3pm.

