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*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent*

*25<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 - 07.00 pm (*This evening Mass is with music on screen*)
- Friday - 07.00 pm
- Saturday Vigil Mass - 06.30 pm ***After Mass - confession on request***
- Sunday Early Mass - 08.30 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*

*Jesus took with him Peter and James and John  
and led them up a high mountain...*

*There in their presence he was transfigured...*



*This is my Son, the Beloved.  
Listen to him.*

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



- Saturday**    **06.30 pm** - Nuala Hammond RIP / - Kurt Gerndt RIP
- Sunday**      **08.30 am** - Nellie Saunders and Elizabeth Blackman RIP /  
                    - Thanksgiving for a new job and for son Logan becoming a Catholic
- 09.00 am** - / **Desborough** / - For the Parish
- 10.30 am** - Paolo Messori and Maria Messori RIP / - Alicia RIP
- Monday**        **Private Mass** - Mgr. Provost Joseph Tonks
- Tuesday**       **10.00 am** - **No Mass**  
                    **11.00 am** - Requiem Mass for Patricia Dunsmore
- Wednesday**    **+ 09.20 am - Stations of the Cross +**  
                    **10.00 am** - For all the Souls in Purgatory
- Thursday**       **+ 6.30 pm - Stations of the Cross on screen +**  
                    **07.00 pm** - For all the Souls in Purgatory
- Friday**          **+ 05.00 pm - Stations of the Cross at Desborough +**  
                    **+ 06.15 pm - Stations of the Cross +**  
                    **07.00 pm** - For the Holy Souls
- Saturday**       **06.30 pm** - For the Parish
- Sunday**        **08.30 am** - Domingo Quintero anniversary RIP / - Alicia RIP  
                    **09.00 am** - / **Burton Latimer** / - For the Parish  
                    **10.30 am** - For deceased members of the Cannon family /  
                                    - John birthday int.  
                    **12.15 pm** - / **Rothwell** / - For the Parish

**There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day on the 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

*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.*

## 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

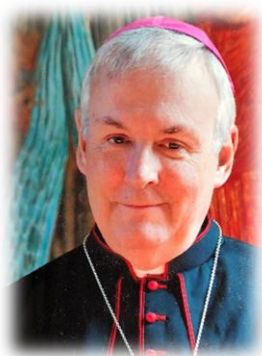


**+ Patricia Dunsmore** - her Requiem Mass will be held at St Edward's on Tuesday,  
**27<sup>th</sup> February at 11 am**

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



## LETTER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 2024



To my dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today we hear an account of the Transfiguration. We always listen to this Gospel moment on the Second Sunday of Lent. The Transfiguration is full of Old Testament images. God revealed himself to his chosen ones on high mountains. There the prophets were unable to look at his face. When Elijah encounters God, not in earthquake or fire, but in a still small breeze, he wraps his face in his mantle (cf 1 Kings 19.13). People who meet with God in the Bible are generally filled with awe and even fear.

All of this, and more, is present in today's Gospel. The message is very clear. The apostles are meeting with the living God when they encounter Jesus. And then those words of our heavenly Father, spoken from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him.' Jesus speaks to his disciples about what lies ahead when they reach Jerusalem. He will be crucified. Not something the disciples could imagine. He will rise again on the third day. Not something the disciples could understand.

As we listen to the Gospel of the Transfiguration this Sunday, how may we live this moment in our own lives? We may wish to commit ourselves to regular times of prayer. We can become so caught up with what we want to do for God, we struggle to simply rest before the Lord and listen carefully to what our Lord may be sharing with us. In our busy schedules, how is the season of Lent going? Are we finding ourselves caught up in the demands of daily life and struggling to find time to meet with the Lord in prayer?

Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount, when we pray, we should go into our room and close the door. We may want to take these words literally. But a great Carmelite saint, Edith Stein sees the "room" in this teaching as our heart. And what are we closing the door of our heart to? All the noise and chatter around us. I remember someone telling me last year, he had decided during Lent, not to listen to the radio between 8.00pm and 8.00am. It was a way to keep his heart a little more quiet and still.

Maybe there is something of the apostle Peter in many of us. We want to do something for the Lord. After all, there is so much to do! During these days of spiritual conversation around our Diocese, with all the decisions we must make in the coming years, it's easy for us to begin all this with a quick prayer and then move on to the main business as we see things.

Perhaps we need a radical change of mind. To my mind, none of our conversation will be of the Lord, unless we make time and space for the Holy Spirit to come amongst us, saturate us with the desire for Jesus, for holiness. 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Sincerely,

***Bishop David Oakley***

Bishop of Northampton

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## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LEAD?



Do as I say, not as I do. Jesus charged the Pharisees with having this attitude, as we are told in the gospel reading from Matthew this week. It was true that the Pharisees and scribes were experts in the Law and their rulings held sway even among the Jewish Christians in Matthew's audience; after all, they sat in the "seat of Moses", the leader's chair found at the head of the congregation in the synagogue. But Jesus' critique ran deeper than words contradicted by actions. He wanted His community to be marked by humility. No one should seek ambition for its own sake, but be willing to serve. For Jesus, leadership was rooted in service and example. In other words, do as I say because I am willing to do it myself.

So, what does it mean to lead? Jesus implicitly asks that question in Matthew's gospel. The narrative was a variation on the request of James and John found in Mark 10:35-45 but this time the mother of the sons of Zebedee asked the question: "Let my sons sit on your right and your left when you enter your kingdom." Since these positions were the second and third most powerful seats in a kingdom, their request angered the other disciples. They considered it audacious and unfair. The Lord used the question as a teachable moment to answer the question of leadership, using His ministry, indeed His own life, as an example: "You don't know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with?"

For Jesus, leadership meant service, even to the point of death. Glory could only come through suffering, resurrection only through death. One does not *grasp* at leadership (e.g. the mother's request noted above). No, one gives to lead as Jesus indicated by His answer as quoted above. Notice this answer had sacramental overtones. One drank from the cup *Christ drank from* in the Eucharist; one was immersed in the baptism *the Lord would suffer*. In other words, Christian worship celebrated and emulated the leadership of the Lord. So, for Christians, *the sacraments* answer the question: what does it mean to lead?

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## CONFIRMATION - REGISTRATION AND PREPARATION 2024



This will take place in the Parish Hall on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 6 pm**

*Confirmation will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024*

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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 at 6.30 pm.**

## 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

There will be an additional ***Stations of the Cross*** before the 7pm Thursday Mass  
on ***February 29, starting at 6.30pm*** on screen.

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

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

***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***



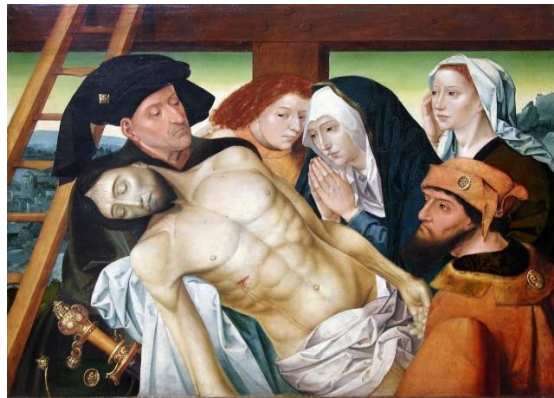
***Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March***

- 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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## STUDENT CROSS



Every year St Edward's hosts a pilgrimage of students, who make their way to Walsingham to be there on Good Friday. Once again, this year they will be sleeping over in the parish hall on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. Usually, the Union of Catholic Mothers coordinate their stay, providing them with an evening meal and a continental breakfast on Saturday before they make their way after morning Mass.

This year, I would like to ask our parishioners from all our communities to offer food for the students. If you are willing to prepare a hot dish for Friday evening, I would be grateful. If you could provide something towards the continental breakfast, that would also be appreciated. You are invited to come and chat to the students and stay for the evening meal, and then come again for morning Mass and breakfast.

If you are willing to help, please contact Fr Gregory with your name and phone number and he will pass it on to the UCM.

**THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING**  
**+ CONFESSION AND ANOINTING +**  
**BEFORE EASTER**



**+ Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March Confession after 6.30 pm Mass**

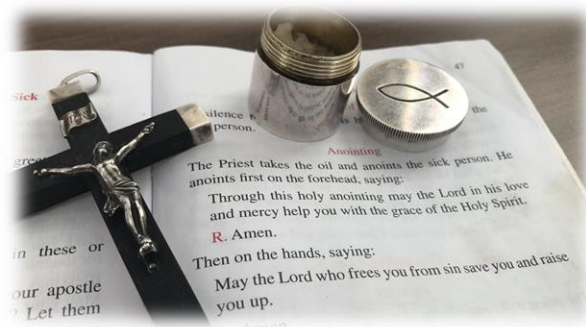
**+ Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March Confession after 6.30 pm Mass**

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March** 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 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, and we arrange a visit.*

**+ Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, Confession 9 am - 10 am and after Mass**

**+ Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, Confession 6 pm - 7 pm and after Mass**

There will be a **Lenten Holy Hour reflection** during confession, starting 6pm, prior to the usual Mass at 7pm on Thursday **March 21**.



*During **Wednesday** and **Thursday Masses** we will give the opportunity to anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Anointing to come forward after the Gospel Reading. You will be invited to approach as you do for Holy Communion. Please remember that this Sacrament is not only for those who are seriously or terminally ill. It is for anybody who feels the need to be strengthened by the Lord. When you come to the steps of the sanctuary, please hold out your hands which will be anointed. Your forehead will also be anointed.*

## THE TRIDUUM AND EASTER 2024



**Maundy Thursday - 7.00 pm** - Mass / **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral - 11.00 am**

**Good Friday - 3.00 pm** - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord,  
7.00 pm - Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday - 8.00 pm** - Easter Vigil

### ////////// EASTER SUNDAY //////////

Masses at **8.30 am** and **10.30 am**

*Burton Latimer - 9.00 am, Desborough - 9.00 am, Rothwell - 12.15 pm.*

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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024



**2.00 pm** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**'Via Lucis'** - Stations of the Resurrection

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** - in Syro-Malabar

HYMN - **'Sweet Sacrament Divine'**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** - in English

**3.00 pm - BENEDICTION**

## 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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## 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 March 2024**.

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## COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** will be run by **the Rothwell Community** after 10.00 am Mass on **6th March**.

On **3rd April** - **Legion of Mary**

On **1st May** - **SVP**

On **5th June** - **UCM**



## 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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## LIGHT UP LENT

### **Light up Lent 29<sup>th</sup> Feb - 7<sup>th</sup> March**

*Light Up Lent* is our diocesan Week of Accompanied Prayer, a retreat in everyday life. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. With one-to-one support each day for a week, via Zoom, from an experienced prayer guide. Find out more and sign up here <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/lightuplent/>

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## DIOCESAN NEWS



We have two lovely events coming soon to the Cathedral:

Tuesday, **19<sup>th</sup> March 2024** will be the **4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bishop David's episcopal ordination and installation as Bishop of Northampton** and everyone is warmly invited. Mass will be at 11am and there will be refreshments in the St Thomas Centre afterwards.

Thursday **28<sup>th</sup> March 2024** is Chrism Mass, which will start with **Mass at 11am** and then refreshments to follow in the St Thomas Centre.

## 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/llgBIXrVJzw> / **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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# Online Safety Live 2024



**Bringing the latest in Online Safety to your  
doorstep.**

**The UK Safer Internet Centre are delighted to partner with  
Northampton Safeguarding Children Partnership to deliver a  
FREE Online Safety Session.**

Open to all who work with children and young people, this event will give you the latest in research, legislation, technology, tools and resources along with exclusive access to the presentation, research and resource materials.

Delivered by the team at SWGfL, a charitable trust dedicated to empowering the safe and secure use of technology through innovative services, tools, content and policy, nationally and globally. SWGfL are proud to be a world leader in online child safety, a founding member of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety as well as an advisor to Governments and the lead partner in the UK Safer Internet Centre. The SWGfL team will be available to answer your online safety queries or questions.



**Tuesday 30th April 2024**

**9:30am to 11:30am**

**Council Chambers  
2nd floor Corby Cube George  
Street Corby NN17 1QG**

**[Click here to book](#)  
or scan the QR code**





## **A Lifeline for Marriage!**

**Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?**

**Has your marriage become stressed, unloving, cold?**

**Do you argue often?**

**Do you want to improve your communication?**

**Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking about it?**

**Do you want to try again?**

**The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need!**

**The next programme commences with a weekend in**

**Welwyn Garden City**

**14-16 June 2024**

**For more information phone or text: 07887 296983 or 07973 380443**

Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com)

Website: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Complete confidentiality assured.**



## **Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages**

**Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Retrouvaille – Do you need help in your marriage?** Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Rediscover Your Marriage** – Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Principal**  
**English Martyrs Catholic Primary School**  
**High Street, Hillmorton Rugby, CV21 4EG**  
**Leadership – L11 – L15**

**Permanent/Commencing September 2024**

Our Lady of the Magnificat is a multi-academy of over 750 employees across 17 schools, all working together to shape the future of Catholic Education of more than 6000 children and young people.

This is a unique opportunity within the organisation for an aspiring leader to gain experience of senior leadership within a primary setting, under the direction of an Executive Principal and supported by a high performing School Improvement Team.

**We are looking for someone:**

- Who is a practicing and committed Catholic who will support the ethos of our school and help inspire our children to develop their own faith.
- Is passionate about educating young people and puts their wellbeing at the heart of all they do.
- Has experience of School Improvement working at the level of at least Assistant Headteacher.
- Who will work collaboratively with the School Leadership Team to motivate and inspire staff while making them feel valued and supported.

As we strive to become an employer of choice, not only will you be joining a progressive multi-academy company you will also receive a salary in line with the School Teacher's Pay and Conditions and a competitive benefits package which includes: -

- **Health & wellbeing initiatives**
- **Continuous career and personal development**
- **Family friendly policies**
- **Excellent pension scheme**

If you are an aspiring Catholic leader, looking for your next career move and are ready to guide our school community, please visit [www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.magnificat.org.uk/vacancies) for a recruitment pack. All forms must be returned to [hr@magnificat.org.uk](mailto:hr@magnificat.org.uk) by the close date.

**Closing date: 9.00am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Interview date: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

*Some of our roles attract a high level of interest and for this reason we review applications as they are received, therefore on occasions this means roles may close earlier than advertised; so early applications are highly recommended.*

*We recognise that a diverse and inclusive workforce is essential to achieving our core mission, therefore we actively encourage a wide diversity of applications. We also are committed to being an equal opportunities employer we will make reasonable adjustments required for interview where requested.*

Our Lady of the Magnificat is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and therefore the post is subject to an enhanced DBS statement. We also conduct online searches for all posts in line with guidance from KCSIE 2023. Online searches are not part of the shortlisting process itself and candidates will have a chance to address any issues of concern that come up during the search at interview.

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