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**Assistant Priest: Fr. Elvis Jose**

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*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*

*17<sup>th</sup> March 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*

*I tell you most solemnly...*



*...unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and  
dies, it remains only a single grain*



*...but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.*



**12.15 pm - / Rothwell / - For the Parish**

**07.00 pm - For the Holy Souls**

**10.30 am** - John Joy RIP, 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death

*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



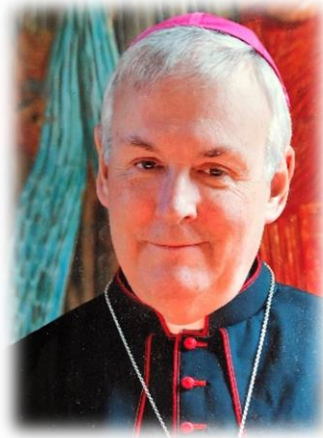
*In our prayers, let us remember our deceased parishioners, family members and friends. Let us especially remember those who have recently passed away.*

- + **Giuseppe Scarvaci** - his funeral will be held at St Edward's on **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am.**
- + **Elizabeth Santoro** - her funeral will be held at St Edward's on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2.15 pm.**
- + **William Marson** - his funeral will be held at the Crematorium on **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 3.30 pm.**

*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.*



## LETTER FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2024



To my dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This is one of my favourite moments in the fourth Gospel. Some Greek-speaking Jews want to meet with Jesus. They need an introduction and approach the apostle Philip who came from Bethsaida, a busy commercial place where Greek was spoken freely. Philip recruits Andrew to the task and the two disciples go to Jesus with the request.

Mention of Andrew reminds me of an earlier Gospel moment when this apostle first met Jesus. At the time, he was a disciple of the Baptist. John had just pointed to Jesus and declared, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God'. Now Andrew and a companion decided to follow Jesus along the road. He turns and asks them, 'What are you looking for?' Some translations say, 'What are you seeking?' As the Passion unfolds, Jesus will ask the same question of those who come to arrest him. But at the beginning of the Gospel, there is a different response. Andrew and his friend want to know where Jesus is staying. What Jesus is really asking them is this, what do you desire? As the Gospel unfolds, the disciples come to see who Jesus is. They learn how to desire life in communion with him. They are living in the school of apostolic mission.

Today Jesus teaches Andrew and Philip a master-class. If these Greek-speaking Jews want to meet with Jesus, they must discover who he really is. He is the grain of wheat that must fall on the ground and die in order to yield a rich harvest. And the only way to learn this, is to enter into the same journey of dying and rising ourselves. If fascination attracts us to our Lord, it will not be enough to keep us within a deepening relationship with him. The master-class continues. 'Wherever I am, my servant will be there too.' Later in chapter 17 of John's Gospel, we are privileged to hear the high-priestly prayer of Jesus to his Father. Jesus prays, 'Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me'.

Do we desire that this prayer of Jesus is fulfilled for us during these days of Lent? Within Christian discipleship, wisdom is gained through the suffering of the crosses in our lives. We understandably shy away from the Cross. We are inclined to seek an easier form of discipleship. We join our Lord in our souls being troubled by

the thought of such an hour in our lives. But we may also find encouragement that this is the path to our witnessing Jesus' glory. Today we enter into Passiontide. Our focus is on Jesus. Let us accompany him as he resolutely sets his face towards Jerusalem. And during these days, may we renew our conviction to serve the Lord and give ourselves generously to what has been asked of us.

I wonder whether those Greek-speaking Jews still wanted to meet with Jesus when the apostles returned to tell them what would be involved in this encounter?

Sincerely,

**Bishop David Oakley**

Bishop of Northampton

*You can watch and listen to the reflection here - <https://youtu.be/kD-VtUQFAio?si=hBjTiAzBAE41nbYy>*

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## A QUESTION OF IDENTITY



Sometimes people do not talk with each other, but beyond each other. Each side does not seek a common understanding but only wants to address their own side. Jesus and the religious leaders had such an encounter in readings this coming week. Just as Jesus pointed to the source of His being and mission in John 7:28, now He would speak of His final destination.

Unlike their pagan neighbours who saw time within the cycles of nature, Jews in the first century AD viewed time as a linear progression, with a beginning and an end. The Lord placed Himself within that great vision of time (Revelation 1:8, 21:6, and 22:13 stated He was "the Alpha and the Omega"). He came from the Father and now He would return to the Father, along with those who believed in Him. The sceptics and haters among the leaders didn't understand Him. He tried to explain His origin, that He was I AM (8:23-24) who came from above, from the Father.

In Jewish tradition, names identified something of the person, their nature or mission. We see this in the scriptures where people are renamed e.g: Simon renamed Peter – the "rock" of the Church. Consequently the Israelites asked Moses to ask God His name so that they could understand something of who He was and God told them He was Yahweh "I AM". God is the one who is beyond Time, the Alpha and Omega, the Prime Mover – Creator and source of everything.

"Who are you?" the sceptics and haters demanded of Jesus. This was not only a question of identity, it was an inquiry into the place Jesus had in their world. He just didn't fit in. He certainly addressed their world with the words of the Father.

In John's theology, the moment of the crucifixion was the moment of revelation and the moment of faith; it was the "hour" of His glory. When the leaders lifted Him up on the cross, the Son of Man revealed Yahweh as a self-giving deity, a Father ready to sacrifice His own Son for the good of the world. The cross also revealed His utter dependence on the Father, even in death giving of Himself to His God. This dual gift of the Son to the Father and the Father to the world define the meaning of "I AM" for the followers of the Christ.

So why did people believe in Jesus? John 10 presents several reasons: His "works" and the testimony of others about him (like the Baptist) helped enormously but ultimately THE reason to believe in Him lay in His relationship with the Father. Of course, this reason was the most controversial. Was His claim to be the "Son of God" blasphemous? After all, He described His Son-ship not only in terms of intimacy, but in terms of equality; He defended His assertion with Psalm 82:6 ("You are gods, all of you are sons of the Most High."). He used the psalm verse to deflect His critics' charge of blasphemy, while insisting on His unique place with His Father. His claim as the "Son of God" would lead to His crucifixion and the revelation of His glory on the cross.

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### THANK YOU FROM FR GREGORY



**Thank you** for your prayers, kindness and so many good wishes which I received on the occasion of my **42<sup>nd</sup> Birthday**. As every year this special day gives me an opportunity to give thanks to God and to my beloved parents for my life, but most importantly for making me a child of God on the day of my baptism, shortly after my birth.

## STATON MASS WITH BISHOP DAVID AT CORBY

This Mass will be held at Saint Brendan and Saint Patrick's Parish in Corby on  
**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm.**

This invitation is for all the parishes from our pastoral area.

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## A FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE ON PALM SUNDAY



The money raised by our parish often goes on major expenditure, which is not noticeable, for instance this year we will be having to pay for *a new garage door, five windows in the parish hall and 33 windows in the parish house.* Although essential, these do not necessarily deepen our faith.

Last year we bought a beautiful statue of the risen Lord. This year on Palm Sunday it would be good if we could cover the cost of the *new edition of lectionaries* (books with Mass readings), which every parish has to purchase. We will need lectionaries for all four of our churches. I would be grateful for even a small donation, when you take a palm cross on Palm Sunday. Thank you!

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN OUR PARISH



+ 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** >

Stations of the Cross at **Rothwell - Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11 am**



## ***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.*

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## **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*****

## **Good Friday Walk of Witness**

We gather at 10.45 on Good Friday morning in front of St. Peter and St. Paul's Church to walk to Toller Church, Gold Street, for the 11.15 ecumenical service of hymns, Bible reading and prayer, accompanied by the Kettering Salvation Army musicians.

## 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 next **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to provide meals and help. This is much appreciated.

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## CONFESSION AND ANOINTING BEFORE EASTER



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

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March - Fr Gregory and Fr Elvis**

*will be visiting those parishioners who are housebound.*

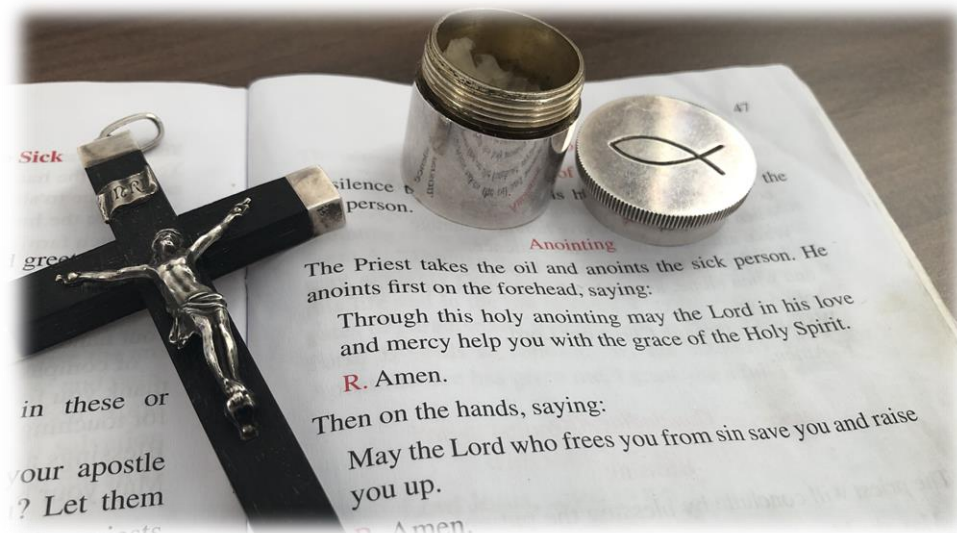
**+ Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, Confession 9 am - 10 am / 11 am - Mass at the cathedral /**

**+ Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, Confession 9 am - 10 am / 11 am - funeral service /**

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

**6pm - 7pm - Reflection on the screen of the Seven Last Words of Christ**

**7pm - Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing**



*During **Thursday (21<sup>st</sup> March)** and **Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup> March)** 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.*

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## **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.**



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



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

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** - in Polish

**'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**

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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** will be **Chrism Mass**, which will start with **Mass at 11am** and then refreshments to follow in the St Thomas Centre.




## FEAST DAY OF ST BERNADETTE 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April

We will begin our celebration on **Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April** when we liturgically commemorate our Patron Saint. On that day there will be a Mass at Rothwell at 10 am followed by the Angelus (There will be NO Mass at St Edward's on that day). Then on the following **Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April** our celebration will continue as shown on the poster below:

Following last year's wonderful pilgrimage...  
you are warmly invited to

***"An Afternoon with St Bernadette"***  
at Saint Bernadette's Church and Grotto, Rothwell



**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
**2pm to 4pm**

2pm Music, Prayer, Readings & Memories  
3pm Afternoon Tea & Bookstall  
3:45 Litany Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

"We can always start all over again.  
Enjoy God's amazing opportunities bestowed  
on us. Have faith in Him always."  
*Saint Bernadette*

St Edward's Parish  
[www.stedwardskettering.org.uk](http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk)

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## JUBILEE YEAR 2025



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. For more information visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage/>

In preparation for the Jubilee Year within this year of prayer, Bishop David and Canon John Udris will lead a **Pilgrimage to Northern France**. From **15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> October**, you will spend a few days in Liseux, the home of Saint Therese before we travel onto Chartres for one night and finally three nights in Paris. We will have the opportunity to stop and pray in the Church of St Etienne de Rouvray, Rouen where Fr Jacques Hamal was murdered whilst celebrating Mass. For more information visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/france/> bookings open on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, Bishop David Oakley will lead a **Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**. Whilst in Rome we will have the opportunity to pass through the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, visit the other major Basilica's and sights in the city. We will end our pilgrimage in the town of Assisi. This pilgrimage will take place from **27<sup>th</sup> March - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025**. All are welcome and bookings open on 18<sup>th</sup> March. For more information visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/rome-and-assisi/>

**SEE POSTERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NEWSLETTER**

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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, 5<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 pm.**

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### COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** will be run by **the Legion of Mary** after 10.00 am Mass on **3<sup>rd</sup> April**. / On 1<sup>st</sup> May - **SVP** / On 5<sup>th</sup> June - **UCM** /

## 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, **8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

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## LET US OPEN ST EDWARD'S DURING THE WEEK FOR PRIVATE PRAYER



Historically St Edward's Church used to be open all day during the week. However, due to some serious incidents and for parishioners' safety, we felt it prudent to keep the church closed outside of Mass times. I would like to slowly reopen the church for longer periods for private prayer, but I will need the help of parishioners to do so. Initially I would like to have the church open on a **Wednesday** from after Mass until 1 pm. This would require two parishioners at a time to be present in the church during that period at all times to keep watch. If you are willing to help, please contact me directly and I will make a rota and announce in the newsletter when we can start. If this goes well, we can then expand the days and times when our church is open for private prayer. - Fr Gregory

## **A COMPLAINT TO ST EDWARD'S PARISH REGARDING PARKING**

**Car Parking at Youth Justice Service -  
73 / 75 London Road  
Kettering Northants NN15 7PQ**

We have been informed that visitors and churchgoers cannot use this car park during the week, otherwise there is a risk of being 'blocked-in', while the staff of the YJS are out on visits, doing their job, which could last all day. By parking or remaining in the car park, drivers accept liability of being 'blocked-in'. Church visitors were asked to refrain from parking, but they are continuing to do so. It is acceptable for us to use the car park at weekends because the staff are not there and the 'blocking-in' does not occur. Thank you for your understanding.

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### **MOVING WITH THE TIMES - CASPAR**

This is a message from the Diocese: In March 2020, our nation went into lockdown. At this point we recognised the challenge we faced in effectively communicating outside of Sunday Mass announcements. Alongside this, we have been seeking a way of ensuring GDPR compliance through all parishes and diocesan departments.

Some of the parishes in our diocese have helped to design a solution. 'Caspar' is a digital solution program which begins as a parish database. Many parishes across our diocese are already using Caspar successfully and reaping the many benefits from it.

I would like to reassure you that Caspar is a parish tool which we hope will improve efficiency of communications for your parish team and enable parishioners to feel valued, digitally. It is not a diocesan tool used by us centrally to communicate with parishioners. All individuals must give permission through Caspar for any diocesan communications outside of those already in place. I hope this clarifies the purpose of Caspar for you.



#### **Parish Registration**

We will soon be using a new computer system to help us manage our parish better. It starts with us making sure that we have up to date contact information for all of our parishioners and so we would be grateful if you could complete the registration form by clicking on this QR code or by typing the link into your browser.

[www.caspar.church/me?!ID=56026](http://www.caspar.church/me?!ID=56026)



If you don't have an email address, please speak to the parish who can complete the form on your behalf.



## 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. 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 NEWS**

#### **Pro-Life Chain - Saturday 27th April 2024**

On Saturday 27th April SPUC Northampton is holding a Pro-Life Chain on St Peters Way, Northampton. This act of silent witness is to remember the millions of lives lost to abortion since the Abortion Act, of 1967. It will take place between 11 am and 1 pm. Please consider joining us at this important event. We will stand together to proclaim the pro-life message. Abortion is a tragedy for babies, Mothers, Fathers,

and society as a whole. We have a moral duty to speak out against the horror of abortion. If you can join us or want more information, then please contact William on 07393965643 (text is fine) or [wpcurrie@btinternet.com](mailto:wpcurrie@btinternet.com) Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

### **Catholic Association - Ask Anything Zoom**

The Catholic Association have sent postcards promoting the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in August 2024 and a Zoom meeting this Saturday called 'Ask anything'. The Zoom is for anyone interested in the pilgrimage to...ask anything! More information: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/askanything>

### **Life In The Spirit Seminars**

Beginning on Tuesday 16th April and running for 6 weeks including a retreat day on 18th May, Life In The Spirit Seminars are designed for anyone looking to know more about life in the Spirit of God. The seminars are free to attend and can be joined at Northampton Cathedral or one of the 'hub' venues in Milton Keynes, Luton, Slough, Bedford, Corby or Aylesbury. For more information visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2024/>

### **Mass for the Sick and Housebound**

Mgr Kevin McGinnell will celebrate Mass for the sick and housebound at Northampton Cathedral on Saturday 27th April at 11 am.



# Special or Extra Needs in Your Family?



The Bethany Group

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 17<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm.

All are very welcome.

Refreshments after the Mass.

Other dates for the coming year are:

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.

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# PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER

15/10/24 - 22/10/24

## NORTHERN FRANCE:

LISEUX / CHARTRES / PARIS



### The price £1875 includes:

- Coach travel from our diocese
- 7 nights accommodation
- Daily breakfasts and dinner
- Daily Mass led by Bishop David Oakley
- Reflections from Fr John Udris



[www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgimage](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgimage)

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# PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER

2025 JUBILEE YEAR

27/03/25 - 3/04/25

## ROME AND ASSISI

### The price includes:

- return flight from Birmingham or Heathrow/Rome
- 5 nights in Rome
- continental buffet breakfast in Rome and Assisi
- 2 nights in Assisi



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Aid to the Church in Need



# JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY

Help us to support the Persecuted Church and those in pastoral need. Your support as an ACN volunteer makes a huge difference to people's lives.

## We Need Help For:

- Sharing our mailings with your parish
- Including us regularly in parish prayers
- Fundraising to support projects
- Supporting our school projects
- Leading a parish Red Wednesday event

**REGISTER NOW**

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for an informal chat

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