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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

24th March 2024

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 5th Sunday of the month, please check the newsletter

Hosanna to the Son of David!



*Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord!*



THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



Saturday **06.30 pm** - For the Parish

Sunday **08.30 am** - Assunta De Santis RIP / - Dorothy and Martin Mannion RIP

09.00 am - / **Desborough** / - John Martin Jude Burns RIP

10.30 am - John Joy RIP, 1st anniversary of death

Monday **Private Mass** - Launora Kaupiete

Tuesday **10.00 am** - Irene and Vivien Villanueva, good health int.

/ - John Descelles RIP, on his birthday and for all the souls in Purgatory

Wednesday **10.00 am** - For the Parish

Maundy Thursday **07.00 pm** - Martin Tay **11.00 am - Chrism Mass (Cathedral)**

After the Lord's Supper Mass there will be a period of watching and adoration

Good Friday **11.00 am** - *The Stations of the Cross in Burton Latimer*

11.00 am - *The Stations of the Cross in Rothwell*

03.00 pm - **The Passion of the Lord**

05.00 pm - *The Stations of the Cross in Desborough*

07.00 pm - **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday - Easter Vigil **08.00 pm** - Martin and Mary Corrigan /

- Martin, Gerry and Phil, Patricia RIP

Easter Sunday **08.30 am** - Irena Nalepa RIP / - Lilibeth Prescott special intention

09.00 am - / **Burton Latimer** / - For the Parish and Canon John

09.00 am - /**Desborough**/ - For the Parish and Fr Gregory

10.30 am - Salvatore Cordaro RIP / - Vincenza Saglimbene RIP

12.15 pm - / **Rothwell** / - For the Parish and Fr Elvis

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.

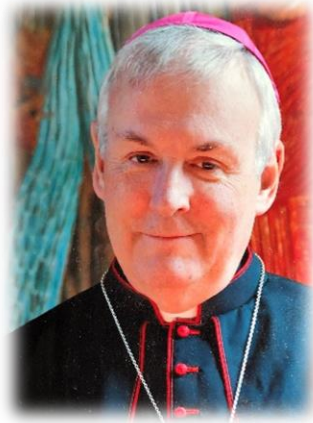
*“The first step we must take to build the Kingdom of God on earth is to rediscover and appreciate the importance of the sacrament of confession, which will allow us to appreciate the sacrament of the Eucharist. **We cannot appreciate the Eucharist while removing the sacrament of Confession from our spiritual life**”. - Fr Gregory*

WATCHING AND ADORATION ON MAUNDY THURSDAY



On Maundy Thursday, after the Lord's Supper Mass there will be an opportunity to 'watch and adore'. We are reminded that Jesus asked his disciples to watch while he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, but they fell asleep. Let us stay awake at least for a few minutes and keep watch and adore the Blessed Sacrament.

LETTER FOR PASSION SUNDAY 2024



To my dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

A reflection on this Passion Sunday Gospel may begin with a question, which Gospel? Many of us will hear the account of Jesus sending two of his disciples to the village to find a tethered colt. Jesus even gives the disciples the answer they must use if anyone questions them about this seeming act of theft. Jesus then rides into Jerusalem to a rapturous welcome from some at least. We listen to this Gospel before our liturgical re-enactment of this moment by procession into our churches. It's a strange story. We very easily get the sense that Jesus is in charge. He is not only the central figure in these events, he is director and producer too.

Things seem to change very quickly when we consider the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. This year we listen to St Mark's account of these events. The action begins in Bethany and the woman 'wasting' the expensive perfume over Jesus' head. There is much for us to ponder here. Are we so generous in our witness to our faith in Christ? Are we prepared to become disciples without counting the cost? Again, we need to hold this truth in our hearts. All this is about Jesus. This event is a mystical prelude to what Jesus will accomplish on the Cross. He will be obedient to the Father's will and lay down his life in love for us.

There is so much mystery in the story which unfolds. Again, disciples are sent into the city and invited to prepare the room where Jesus and his disciples will eat the Passover. This is not any ordinary table reservation in a local hostelry. The moment echoes the earlier one with the finding of the colt for Jesus to ride into the city. Now they must follow a man carrying a pitcher of water. Something in all of this may encourage our hearts to look forward to the Easter Vigil. There will be water there. The blessing of the font. Possibly baptisms, and certainly our renewal of baptismal commitment with the sprinkling of water.

At the end of the Passover meal, psalms are sung and Jesus and his disciples leave for the Mount of Olives. Things seem to change. The weakness of the disciples is very much on display. Something seems to slip away from Jesus himself. We hear the chilling words of the traitor, 'the one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge'. It seems that others are now in command. Despite the prophetic words of our Lord, 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with

the clouds of heaven', there is an inevitable impetus towards the death and destruction of Jesus of Nazareth.

The desolation reaches a new pinnacle when Jesus cries out from the Cross, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' And if others are assured this prefaces the end of it all, through the gift of faith, we know differently. We hear the testimony of one who came to faith whilst standing at the foot of the Cross. We too echo the words of the centurion, 'Truly this man was the son of God.'

Sincerely,

Bishop David Oakley

Bishop of Northampton

The reflection for passion Sunday can be viewed on video here:

<https://youtu.be/BCONGLQ4hSM?si=hSoUvIc-mlpPV95K>

WASHING THE FEET OF OTHERS



As we move into Holy Week, we might consider the responsibilities that reception of the Eucharist places upon us. What sort of God do we reveal to others? A simple question with a difficult answer.

Of course, we know God is love. God loved us so much He gave His Son for the salvation of the world. But if God is love, although we will never be able to equal His love, some people ask why aren't Christians more loving? In a simple, humble act of service which we honour on Thursday, Jesus revealed what sort of God we worship. And He gave us a command to act in the same way. Despite the caveat of Judas in John 13:2, these verses led up to the act of love He would show His followers: the washing of their feet. This can be divided into three sections: the washing and Jesus' insight, Peter's objection, and Jesus' command to do likewise.

Because Jesus came from God, because He had the power to lay down His life and take it up again, because He was all-powerful like His Father, He could tie a towel around His waist and wash His followers' feet. Because He was God, He could so humiliate Himself. All for love.

Peter confused Jesus' service with the hospitality of a Jewish host. At that time, Jewish homes had jars filled with water for ritual cleansing. When Jews entered a home, they would use the water to wash their head and hands as a means to purify themselves (make themselves ritually "clean"; see John 2:6).

When Peter objected to Jesus' foot washing, he questioned the humbling (even humiliating) role of Jesus as servant. Jesus countered with a rejection of association, clearly something Peter cherished. Since ritual purity preceded table fellowship (one had to cleanse himself before he could eat with friends at a party), Peter insisted Jesus wash his head and hands as a sign of ritual "cleansing." Still, Peter missed the point. He was ritually "clean" since he had (presumably) done the washings.

Jesus had added a new level of association. No longer was ritual purification needed. No, to be a follower meant something deeper. A Christian willingly receives and gives service. A Christian "washes the feet of others," even those who would betray them. After all, Jesus did wash the feet of Judas!

When we compare these two commands of Jesus at the Last Supper, ("Do this in memory of me" and, referring to the washing, "I gave you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you."), certain themes come forward.

In Matthew, Mark, Luke and 1 Corinthians, Jesus invoked the command during the Words of Institution. In the context of the Eucharist, the reception of the Body and Blood marked the Christian. For the Christian had a share in the Lord's pending death and resurrection. And a share in risen, everlasting life. In John's Gospel, Jesus told His followers to serve others, even if that meant being a slave. This defined the Christ and His follower.

Receiving risen life and communal service actually complement each other. One is a moment of revelation; the other is a moment of mission. As we read the Gospels, revelation entailed mission. (For example, when Jesus revealed himself to the Samaritan woman at the well, the woman responded by spreading the Good News; see John 4:25-29.) When the two commands converged at the Last Supper, the questions became clear. What did the disciples encounter at the Last Supper? What were they to do with this encounter? They encounter the Lord and His risen life. They also made a commitment to serve each other as the Lord had served them.

Jesus gave us a revelation in an example of service. When He washed His disciples' feet, He showed them His Father, the God of love. When He gave His command to "do as I did to you," He gave us a responsibility to reveal the God of love through our love.

How do we plan to "wash the feet" of others this week? How will this act of love help us prepare for Easter?



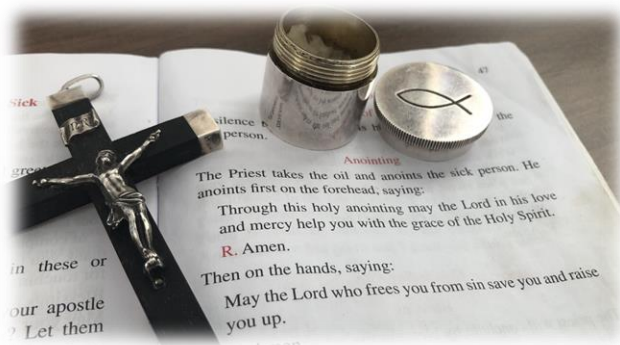
A FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE ON PALM SUNDAY



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!

MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING



*During the **Tuesday (26th March) Mass** 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.*

Good Friday, 29th March - 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7th 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

FEAST DAY OF ST BERNADETTE 16th and 20th April

We will begin our celebration on **Tuesday, 16th 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, 20th 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 20th 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

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, 5th April at 6.30 pm.**

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 **15th - 22nd 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 18th 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 **27th March - 3rd April 2025**. All are welcome and bookings open on 18th March. For more information visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/rome-and-assis/>

SEE POSTERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NEWSLETTER

COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** will be run by **the Legion of Mary** after 10.00 am Mass on **3rd April**. / On 1st May - **SVP** / On 5th 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, **8th April 2024**.

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.

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



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/>

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 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 with your name and phone number (and if you are recommending anybody else to receive such calls, their name and phone number).

USEFUL LINKS



National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Refuge website <https://www.refuge.org.uk/>

Kettering Foodbank 1 Horse Market, Unit 1B, Kettering, NN16 0DG (side entrance at the top of Market Street) Tel. 07709 741353 <https://www.ketteringfoodbank.org/>

A list of free food outlets in Kettering (updated March, 2022):

<http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Kettering-Food-Outlets-Virus-Update-no32.pdf>

Mary's Meals <https://youtu.be/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

Please have a look at this page from the Northampton Diocese website:

[Northampton Diocese Resources](#) which gives further information and contact details.

Safe Spaces is an independent and confidential support service for adults who have been abused by someone in the Church. Please see parish noticeboards for further details.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY DONATIONS



If there are any Parishioners who would like to join the weekly box system / gift aid scheme, then please do let us know by completing a form, available from the porch table and putting it on the collection plate or through the Presbytery letterbox. To those who already donate through the Gift Aid Scheme, please be reminded that if your tax situation has changed or you have moved house, then please let us know.

There are several other ways of donating as follows;

- **Online** This can be done via the Diocesan website which can be found at <https://northamptondiocese.org/>. Scroll down to find the 'Donate' button and

follow the instructions on the Catholic Diocese of Northampton Virgin money giving page. By indicating in the notes section of the donate page that the donation is for "**St. Edward's Kettering**" your donation will go into our parish account with the diocese, and will at the same time help our diocese as a whole. Please note that there is the facility to Gift Aid any donation to your parish if you are a taxpayer.

- **Standing Order** via your own bank. Alternatively, you can set up a standing order for donations to your parish using your online bank account. The information required to make the donation is as follows. Bank; NatWest Sort Code; 60-06-11 Account Name; 46898093 Account Name; Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Payment Ref; St. Edward's, Kettering
- **Make a donation to your own parish over the phone** - Each 'Tuesday' between 10.00am and 4.00pm, a member of the finance team will be available at Bishop's House to take your calls to donate to your parish community over the telephone. To donate simply call 01604 712065 with your debit or credit card details. (If you get the answering machine just leave your name and number NOT bank details and you will be called back). You can make a one-off donation or regular weekly or monthly payments, on any Tuesday until further notice.
- You can also support the Parish by **making a donation through the letterbox** of the presbytery at any time.

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 or contact Brian Emmanuel on 01604 600337 or brian.emmanuel@northamptondiocese.org

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 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.

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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



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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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