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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 31st March 2024

MASS TIMES AT ST. EDWARD'S, KETTERING

- Tuesday - 10.00 am
- Wednesday - 10.00 am
- Thursday - 07.00 pm
- 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

Christ is risen!



In Jesus, the passage of humanity from death to life, sin to grace, fear to confidence and desolation to communion has been made.

Pope Francis

May the peace and joy of Easter stay with you throughout the year.

Fr Gregory, Fr Elvis and Canon John

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

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.

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

THE ROAD OF LIFE



Their Lord had been betrayed by one of their own, then publicly crucified and now His tomb was empty. With mixed senses of sadness and incredulity, two disciples left for the small village of Emmaus about seven miles from Jerusalem. On the way, they encountered Jesus as a stranger and retold the events of His suffering, death and Resurrection but from the perspective of a broken heart. Their disappointment coloured their outlook and prevented them from seeing the larger picture. The Lord put those events into the context of their faith tradition. At that, their eyes began to open but they did not truly see him until He broke bread with them.

Much has been written about the liturgical overtones of this passage. The believer travels on the road of life sometimes discounting the presence and activity of Christ in their life. The one proclaiming the word of God (an ordained minister standing 'in persona Christi') tries to give events in the believer's life context and engenders a desire to come closer to the Lord. That desire can only be satiated when the Lord Himself (again represented by the minister standing 'in persona Christi') breaks bread within the community. In a way, the Emmaus narrative describes the Mass.

Western culture is inherently sceptical. We want proof of the "other worldly," like ghosts, and some think those who claim to have seen such phenomena as perhaps fanciful. Yet, some cultures highly prize such seers as those who can look beyond this existence into the eternal. Still, an encounter with those beyond the grave can frighten the common person. Such was the experience of the disciples in Luke 24.

Even with the witness of the two en route to Emmaus, the appearance of the Risen Lord startled the men in the upper room. Jesus greeted them with "Shalom" ("Peace") then challenged their incredulity in two ways. First, showing His wounds proved His identity. Secondly, consuming fish proved His corporeal existence. Both created an experience unlike any in history. Here was a man who not only survived death but transcended it; He was in this world, but existed beyond it. He possessed a reality a ghost could never have, for He possessed a resurrected body.

Now, the disciples had a mission; to witness to the Good News of the Resurrection. He who died was now alive, just as the Scriptures foretold. That event began the reconciliation of humanity with its maker. Today, as we contend with the sorrows and joys of life, we experience the full range of human complexities. What our Catholic faith proclaims on Easter day is that Christ embraces each one of us when He embraced the cross of sacrifice and He embraces each of us when He rose from the dead and escaped the confinement of the tomb. The resurrection connects us to the beginning of everything and with the end of everything.

As we bathe in the light and joy of Easter, let us reflect upon the road of life we have taken so far and resolve to stand always in the company of the risen Lord. This coming Divine Mercy Sunday will help us do just that! It is an important window of opportunity in the year, for Jesus said to Sr Faustina: *"I desire that this feast be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially poor sinners. The very depths of my mercy will be opened on that day. I will pour out a sea of graces upon those souls that will approach the Fount of My Mercy on this day"*.

After many years of investigation, Saint Pope John-Paul II canonised Sr. Faustina and instigated this day as "a day of graces for sinners", re-stating Jesus promise of "complete forgiveness of sins AND any reparation due".

"This is equal to the grace we receive in baptism. It offers a completely new beginning", St. JP II said.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7th April 2024



2.00 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Divine Mercy Chaplet - in Polish

HYMN in Polish

Divine Mercy Chaplet - in Syro-Malabar

HYMN - 'Sweet Sacrament Divine'

Divine Mercy Chaplet - in English

3.00 pm - BENEDICTION

STUDENT CROSS



Such a joy to host in our parish several young students who undertook the 120-mile pilgrimage to Walsingham the week before Easter. I would like to thank the ladies from the UCM for looking after the students and their chaplain, Fr Paul. Thank you to those who volunteered to provide meals and help. Everyone enjoyed this short stay with us.

Fr Gregory

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.**

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** /

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

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JUBILEE YEAR 2025



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

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

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/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

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



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF NORTHAMPTON

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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Places
Limited

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/pilgrimage

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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



www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage



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

CONTACT US

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for an informal chat

REGISTER NOW

Contact Us
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