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Second Sunday of Easter

7th April 2024

MASS TIMES AT ST. EDWARD'S, KETTERING

- Tuesday - 10.00 am
- Wednesday - 10.00 am
- Thursday - 7.00 pm (*This evening Mass is with music on screen*)
- Friday - 7.00 pm
- Saturday Vigil Mass - 6.30 pm **After Mass - confession on request**
- Sunday Early Mass - 8.30 am
- Sunday Family Mass - 10.30 am

MASS TIMES AT BURTON LATIMER

The **1st** and **3rd** Sunday of every month - **9.00 am**

MASS TIMES AT DESBOROUGH

The **2nd** and **4th** Sunday of every month - **9.00 am**

MASS TIMES AT ROTHWELL

The **1st** and **3rd** Sunday of every month - **12.15 pm**

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For the 5th Sunday of the month, please check the newsletter

*For the sake of
His sorrowful Passion...*



*...have mercy on us
and on the whole world.*

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

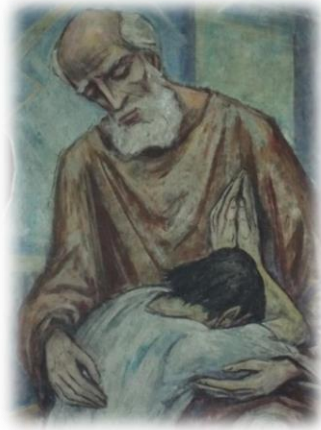


- Saturday** 06.30 pm - Lilian Scanlan RIP / - Joe Byrne RIP
- Sunday** 08.30 am - Nigel Askew RIP
09.00 am - / **Burton Latimer** / - For the Parish
10.30 am - David Marlow RIP / - Harford family RIP
12.15 pm - / **Rothwell** / - For the Parish
02.00 pm - 03.00 pm - DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION
- Monday** (*No public Mass*) - Herbert and Helen Winterhalder
- Tuesday** 09.30 am - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
10.00 am - David Dicks personal intention / - Paul and Anne Pacifique RIP anniv, Ena and Laurence Gransable RIP and all the Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday** 10.00 am - For the Holy Souls
- Thursday** 07.00 pm - For the Holy Souls
- Friday** 06.30 pm - **Adoration and Benediction**
07.00 pm - For the Holy Souls
- Saturday** 06.30 pm - Mary Murphy RIP
- Sunday** 08.30 am - Florence Saunders RIP
09.00 am - / **Desborough** / - For the Parish
10.30 am - Harford family RIP

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 the 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



- + **Maria Drozdowska** - Her Funeral Service will be held at St Edward's on
Friday, **19th April at 12 o'clock.**
- + **Mary Murray** - Her Requiem Mass will be held at St Edward's on
Tuesday, **23rd April at 1pm.**

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.

FROM ORIGIN TO DESTINY



This week we read about the encounter of Nicodemus with Jesus. According to John's gospel, the Pharisee held high office and high esteem among his peers. He came to the Lord with an opinion now shared by many people, that Jesus and His teaching must come from God because of the signs He performed. The Lord shifted the conversation, however, from a statement of origin to one of destiny. Nicodemus may have believed Jesus came from God but now the Jewish leader was confronted by the question of the Kingdom. If he wanted to experience God's reign, must he like the Lord come from God and be "born anew"?

How was this possible? Nicodemus gave an absurd, almost rhetorical question. How can a grown man re-enter his mother's womb and experience birth again? Jesus answered not in physical terms but in terms of faith and lifestyle. A person was born anew when he entered the Christian community, when he was baptised in water and lived a life in the Spirit. Within the Church, the disciple led a new type of existence, preparing for the Kingdom. The Lord drew a clear line of separation between the non-believers ("born in the flesh") and the believers ("born of the Spirit"). He ended by speaking of the disciple in metaphorical ways. People don't know the origin or destination of the wind (a word that could also be translated "Spirit"); those outside the community just didn't understand the mindset of the Christian, for the Spirit led the faithful in ways foreign to general culture.

Later we read of Jesus moving to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, followed by great crowds eager to hear His teaching. We hear about the famous multiplication of the loaves and fishes from John 6. Jesus taught his disciples faith by testing them with a simple question: "Where are we going to get enough food to feed all these people?" The task was not only daunting, it was impossible! Not even 200 days wages could even begin to solve the problem; all they possessed was five barley rolls and two small dried fish. Yet that was more than enough, for twelve baskets remained.

After this miracle, Jesus and His disciples went in different directions; Jesus escaped the crowd up the mountain (6:15), while the disciples returned to Capernaum by boat. A night storm arose on the lake which tossed the disciples about as they furiously rowed towards safety. Suddenly, they saw Jesus walking on the water and were afraid. (The image echoed Job 9:8: God alone stretches out the heavens, and treads on the waves of the sea). Then He announced "I AM. Do not be afraid." This statement proclaimed the divinity of the Lord - in other words, God is here, be at peace. When he climbed aboard, they reached their destination.

The miracle of Walking on the Water appears in three gospels: Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52 and John 6:16-21. While differing in detail, each mentions the storm, Jesus' place on the water, His declaration of divinity ("I AM") and His command ("don't be afraid" or "have courage") and His entering the boat. Scholars have debated the symbolic nature of this passage for centuries but, thematically, the story related crisis (storm on the lake), epiphany (appearance and identity of the Lord) and union with the divine (His entry onto the boat).

Don't our lives sometimes follow the same pattern? Have you ever had a time of crisis, followed by the peace of God's presence?

A THANK YOU FROM FR GREGORY AND FR ELVIS



A big thank you to all who worked so hard during the Easter Triduum to prepare the church, to all who took part in the different liturgies: readers, singers, servers, cleaners, flower ladies and welcomers. Thank you for all your gifts and generosity. Our gratitude, prayers and best wishes to everyone!

Fr Gregory and Fr Elvis

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**.

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

PATRONAL SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 26th MAY



The Desborough church and community are under the patronage of the Most Holy Trinity, and therefore on **26th May at 9 am** there will be our usual Mass at Desborough followed by a little celebration with coffee and cake.

Fr Gregory and Fr Elvis and all the members of the community would like to invite parishioners from elsewhere to join them on this special occasion.

STUDENT CROSS - KETTERING LEG

Fr Paul and the students wish to thank our parishioners who contributed towards feeding them on the Friday night and Saturday morning - and taking any left overs with them - before they walked with the heavy cross to Walsingham for Good Friday. It was very much appreciated.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE



The Union of Catholic Mothers have booked a 35-seater coach to Walsingham for our annual pilgrimage on Tuesday 2nd July leaving at 8 am. The cost is £25. We will not do the mile walk to the village, instead we will stay around the Chapel of Reconciliation site and take the coach back from there. If any parishioners would like to go with us, please give your names and a deposit of £10 to either Breege Conway 07968175213 or Sue McGrenagham 07747663957 as soon as possible.

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*

COFFEE MORNINGS



The next **Wednesday Coffee Morning** will be run by **the SVP** after 10.00 am Mass on **1st May**.

/ On 5th June - **UCM**, On 3rd July - **the Burton Latimer Community** /

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, 3rd May at 6.30 pm.**

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?!D=56026



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

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-assisii/>

SEE POSTERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NEWSLETTER

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/pilgirmage

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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

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for an informal
chat

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