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3rd Sunday of Easter

14th 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

*Lord Jesus,
explain the scriptures to us.*



*Make our hearts burn within us
as you talk to us.*

Alleluia!

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



- Saturday** 06.30 pm - Mary Murphy RIP / - Mary Murray RIP
- Sunday** 08.30 am - Florence Saunders RIP
09.00 am - / **Desborough** / - John Burns RIP
10.30 am - Harford family RIP
- Monday** (*No public Mass*) - Jane Ostrowski
- Tuesday** 10.00 am - **NO Mass at St Edward's**
10.00 am - / Rothwell, Rock Hill / - Marie Tite RIP /
- Tom and Trevor Bean Nolan int.
- Wednesday** 10.00 am - Margaret Gleeson RIP
- Thursday** 07.00 pm - Paddy Crawley RIP
- Friday** 06.30 pm - **Adoration and Benediction**
07.00 pm - For the Holy Souls
- Saturday** 06.30 pm - Christine Lally 7th anniversary / - Murl Asbrey RIP
- Sunday** 08.30 am - Irene Villanueva 80th birthday
09.00 am - / **Burton Latimer** / - For the Parish
10.30 am - For all the children in our Parish
12.15 pm - / **Rothwell** / - Bronte Elliott

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.

There will be a Children's Liturgy at the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 21st and 28th April. Everyone is invited to tea and coffee in the church hall afterwards.

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



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

+ **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.**

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

TO WHOM WOULD WE GO?



Gospel readings this week introduce the Eucharistic discourse in John 6. Jesus said "I AM the living bread which came down out of heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Yes, the bread which I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The crowd focused on the literal (cannibal) suggestion of John 6:51. Of course, they missed the point of the phrase "living bread" (how can consuming someone that continues to live be considered cannibalism?). Jesus was explaining that they consume His Body and Blood to gain eternal life. He shifted towards the sacramental meaning in 6:57 when he said "As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; so, he who feeds on me, he will also live because of me."

Notice the causal relation as well as the temporal one. The Father lived forever, so the Son who depended upon Him lived forever, so the disciple who ate of His flesh and drank His blood would live forever. And, the living Father sent the Son (entering time) to give life, so the disciple would be implicitly sent (when the time was right) to proclaim the living Christ in the Good News. Receiving the Eucharist means more than eating "the bread of life." It means depending more upon the Risen Christ and sharing in His mission.

After the Eucharistic pronouncement in John 6, although people were attracted by His signs and His teaching, some could not abide the command to "eat His flesh and drink His blood" (6:53-56). Cannibalism and consuming blood were abhorrent to Judaism and these followers could not go on, even as the Lord reminded them of His origin (6:62). Their earthly thinking ("flesh") could not comprehend revelation ("words of spirit and life"). No wonder, for faith is a gift from the Father (6:65).

The doctrine of transubstantiation, the teaching that bread and wine are converted into the glorified body of Christ, is difficult conceptually. When Christ first told His followers of it, many disciples turned away – and interestingly Jesus let them go. He did not clarify or correct their misunderstanding. He simply repeated His command to the disciples at the Last Supper. What would happen to those who remained? Would they leave? Peter had it completely right: "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (John 6:68-69)

Some Christians today still have trouble accepting this teaching. However, many people have reported Eucharistic Miracles that brought them back to the truth. The Church has recognised over one hundred such miracles, the more famous ones occurred in Lanciano, Italy, also Buenos Aires (1996) and Poland even more recently. The blood and flesh that developed on these hosts (integral to it and not merely placed on top as some form of hoax) has been independently scientifically analysed in pathology labs in several academic institutions around the world. All reveal similar evidence that the flesh is human heart tissue containing products suggestive of near-death extreme stress (eg: adrenaline). The flesh and blood also retain substances suggestive that it is actually still living (13 centuries later in Lanciano's case!). Incredibly the rare blood type is the same as that which appears on the Turin Shroud, the cloth which we believe was used to cover Christ when He was laid in the tomb.

How has the Eucharist drawn us closer to Christ? How have we shared the Eucharist with others, even outside of Mass? How do you view Eucharistic Miracles? Sceptical? [View the evidence here!](#)

61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



Sunday, **21st April** is the fourth Sunday of Easter which the Church calls Good Shepherd Sunday. Over this weekend a **second collection** is taken to support the work in three key areas of priestly life:

1. **Ongoing formation**
2. **Seminary training**
3. **Priestly vocations promotion**

Pope Francis's message for the day can be viewed here <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/20240421-messaggio-61-gm-vocazioni.html>

A video from the National Office of Vocations can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/q9DhyTHbGX8?si=onuFZAxE4ib4EBM9>

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 (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.

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, **13th May 2024**.

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.

SPUC KETTERING PRO LIFE CHAIN

This will be held outside at St Edward's Church on Saturday 27th April at 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. This is a silent witness for all babies who lost their lives since the Abortion Act was passed. Anyone wishing to join us please be outside the church on that day.



SPUC KETTERING BRANCH

We are holding a coffee morning on Saturday, May 11th at 11.00 am in the Church Hall. There will also be a raffle. If you can donate some raffle prizes, please see Wanda Leckie or Ann Machell or give them to Fr Gregory. We hope to have Alithea Williams, who is the political officer for SPUC and Katherine Hampton, the regional branch manager, who will speak and update us on pro-life issues.

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?ID=56026



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - MESSAGE FOR PARISHIONERS



Coming soon! Safeguarding training for parish volunteers. This will be an important step forward in our safeguarding practice. Initially, those asked to complete the mandatory training will be new volunteers who require a DBS check and also those volunteers who are at the point of renewing their DBS. I will also encourage volunteers who do not need a DBS check, such as welcoming stewards, to complete training. Please watch this space for further details of the LMS (Learning Management System).

SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE



Pastoral Message

Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency Baseline Audit Report

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Following months of preparation, a substantive baseline audit of safeguarding across our diocese by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency took place in November 2023. This was a planned audit in line with recommendations presented in the final report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, ICCSA published in 2020.

Creating and developing a culture of safeguarding and protection of the vulnerable within our church is the responsibility of each of us. It requires every member of our diocesan family to be vigilant, to take time to know our procedures and to pray that all within our places of worship will uphold the dignity of all God's children.

I am pleased to share with you that we received a grade of 'comprehensive assurance' in six of the eight standards with one more being rated as 'exemplary' and the last graded as 'firm progress'. Our overall grading was rated as 'comprehensive assurance'. There is a great deal to be encouraged by as we strive to embed safeguarding practices in our everyday mission.

To this end, I wish to thank you all. The audit has affirmed our commitment to safeguarding, it has recognised the dedication of many people engaged in this valuable ministry and given clear indication of the recommended areas of improvement.

Having said this, we must not get complacent. We should all continue to place those who have suffered in our Church at the heart of our response to abuse. As I read the report, I was reassured that the audit team had reflected that we have a "survivor-led approach" to safeguarding which "involves a wide range of Diocesan individuals, from leadership to volunteers".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few of the individuals and groups of people who work tirelessly in this area. Every parish in our diocese has at least one Parish Safeguarding Representative. As volunteers the parish representatives give up a considerable amount of time, sharing the messages of safeguarding,

implementing diocesan and national policies and procedures, and promoting good and safe practice within the local area. We are blessed by their dedication and sensitivity as they often are the 'first responders' to concerns.

Our diocesan trustees and safeguarding advisory board offer oversight and governance of our safeguarding practices. The report highlights that the "diocese has good oversight of key safeguarding risks, current and future", which reassures me as Bishop of this diocese. I know how much time is put in by these two groups, mainly volunteers as they scrutinise and offer reflection on all the work of the safeguarding team. I would particularly like to thank the two chairs of these committees, Mr Hugh Williams and Canon Brendan Killeen. Their diligent work means that all casework and practices are governed in a "robust and effective" manner.

Our diocesan safeguarding team are second to none. The report highlights that the "Diocese has maximised it's modest clergy and lay resources to deliver effective safeguarding practice". Danielle Dixon, our diocesan safeguarding coordinator and Laura Lester, the safeguarding support officer, have developed a professional environment which firmly roots safeguarding within the mission of our Church.

I wish to take a moment to reassure you all that we will continue to evaluate and reflect upon the resources available for safeguarding in our diocese. As a Church, we rely heavily on the generosity of volunteers and as well as my thanks to all those currently engaged in this vital effort, I would like to encourage anyone wishing to volunteer to have an informal conversation with a member of our team.

I am encouraged by the positive way in which we place the most vulnerable at the heart of our mission and I am grateful to Deacon Peter Collins and his team who make up the Healing and Reconciliation Group. This group seek ways to proactively reach out to victims and survivors of abuse in small ways which can increase our understanding of the impact of abuse and develop resources which can help an individual in their journey towards healing. The report refers to this work as "inspirational and innovative" which we should all be proud of.

As we continually seek to improve our safeguarding services, again, I would like to encourage each of you. Safeguarding in the diocese of Northampton is not a departmental responsibility but a culture which relies on every member of our parish and diocesan communities playing their part. This report highlights the good practice across all eight national standards and the positivity of the report is a reflection of the culture created by each of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ David". The plus sign is positioned to the left of the name, and the name is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bishop David Oakley

Bishop of Northampton

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-assisi/>

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

Parish Musicians

Our diocesan liturgy commission music section will host a day for singers, choirs and instrumentalists on Saturday 11th May at Thomas Becket Catholic School in Northampton. The cost is £10 for adults and free for those under 18's (who must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings and more information here <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/diocesan-music-day/>

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

TERESA.KEHOE@ACNUK.ORG

for an informal
chat

REGISTER NOW

Contact Us
07939 809412

