

St. Edward's, Kettering St. Bernadette's, Rothwell

ST. EDWARD'S PARISH





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4th Sunday of Easter

21st 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

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

I am the good shepherd



I know my own sheep and my own know me...



Alleluia!

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



Saturday 06.30 pm - Christine Lally RIP, 7th anniv. / - Murl Asbrey RIP

Sunday 08.30 am - Irene Villanueva 80th birthday / - Merlinda RIP

09.00 am - / Burton Latimer / - Sr Aidan, 60th anniversary

10.30 am - Donato Demaio RIP / - Anne Levitt RIP

12.15 pm - / Rothwell / - Bronte Elliott

Monday (No public Mass) - Mgr Canon William Hunting

Tuesday 09.30 am - Private Adoration

10.00 am - Mary Murray RIP / - Helen Jones RIP

Wednesday 10.00 am - Bel Stephens RIP / - Geraldine, healing int.

Thursday 07.00 pm - Filomena Mastrangelo RIP, 2nd anniv.

Friday 06.30 pm - Adoration and Benediction

07.00 pm - Gabriel Umeh RIP

Saturday 06.30 pm - Anne Randell intentions / - Margaret Gleeson RIP

Sunday 08.30 am - Janet Tay / - Bernardo RIP

09.00 am - / Desborough / - For the Parish

10.30 am - Marion Forsdyke RIP, 10th anniv.

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.

- + Mary Murray Her Requiem Mass will be held at St Edward's on Tuesday, 23rd April at 1 pm.
- + Janina McDonnell Her funeral will be held at the Kettering cemetery on Thursday, 25th April at 1.30 pm.

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

THE DOOR TO LIFE



This week we begin John's gospel readings with the Good Shepherd discourse, a dialogue Jesus had with the religious leaders ignited by a healing controversy. Jesus accused the leaders of sin, the lack of vision to see God working in the world through His Son (John 9:39-41). Then, He shifted from the spiritual blindness of the leaders to their status among the people. By use of a parable, He undercut their legitimacy, implying they were thieves. Against that charge, He painted the true leader as a shepherd.

Let us consider how ancient shepherds in the Middle East tended their flocks. They treated the animals in their care as pets, giving them individual names and attention, and led them by walking in front of the flock and by using a unique call they could associate with their shepherd. Ancient shepherds would combine flocks in a corral at night, then take turns watching the sheep so their fellow shepherds could sleep. At the shepherd's call in the morning, his sheep would exit through the gate, leaving the other sheep to await their leader's call.

With this background in mind, we can now understand the language Jesus used. Only the shepherd could legitimately enter the sheep gate, call to them and lead them to pasture. Anyone besides the shepherd who wanted to lead was a usurper, a thief. In the context of the controversy from John 9, Jesus clearly questioned the leaders claim to authority, replacing theirs with His own. The mantle of divine authority lay with Him; He was the only one who could enter the corral (i.e. Israel), call to the flock (with his teaching) and lead the faithful.

In 10:7-10, Jesus described Himself as the sheep gate, the "door" to the corral. He was the only true conduit to the Father and the only means to eternal life. Others who claimed such authorities "stole" the faithful. As a result, those who followed the Christ would find life but those who clung to the religious leaders would only find death and destruction. How is Jesus your "door" to life?

Later this week, Jesus tells us "If you ask anything in my name, I will do it." (John 14:13) How many of us are tempted to take the words of Jesus at face value and pray to win the lottery? Deep down, most of us have faced the temptation of the quick fix, but, as the joke goes, how many of us are willing to buy the lottery ticket?

In his Last Supper discourse, Jesus spoke to His followers about revelation. They could only see the Father through Him. He and the Father were one, united in

purpose and will. So, as a corollary, if they saw Jesus speak and act, they saw the Father speak and act in the world. Because of these "works" alone many placed their trust in the Lord. A few believed He and the Father did have unity. Those few would do the works of the Lord and greater because they were united with Him through their trust. Jesus and His followers would perform works meant to bring others closer to God.

Are we willing to ask for the power to do God's will, so we can help bring others to Christ? Are we willing to purchase the heavenly lottery ticket?

HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY TO SISTER AIDAN



We congratulate Sister Aidan
on her Diamond Anniversary of religious profession.
May God bless her abundantly and guide her on the path of her vocation.

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: **Ongoing formation, Seminary training, 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

GIVING BOX ARRANGEMENTS COMMENCING 5th MAY 2024



The New Weekly Offering Envelopes in boxes for the New Year Commencing 5th May 2024 will be available for collection from the entrance of St Edward's Church from Saturday 20th April 2024. They are all individually named in alphabetical order together with the Parishioner's Box number - which please check and let the Church Office know if in-correct.

To those who donate through the Gift Aid Scheme, please be reminded that if your tax situation has changed or you have moved house, then please let the Church Office know in writing.

If there any Parishioners who would like to join the weekly box system and gift aid their donation or wish to give by a regular Standing Order, then please do let us know by completing an enquiry form which is in the entrance to Church and then post it through the Presbytery letterbox. Also, if Parishioners wish to change to a regular Standing Order, then again please let us know in writing via the Presbytery

Fr Gregory would like to take this opportunity to thank all Parishioners who have so faithfully and generously supported our Parishes in the past year.

COFFEE MORNINGS



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

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

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.**

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - MESSAGE FOR PARISHIONERS



This will be an important step forward in our safeguarding practice. Vivien has now been trained in the LMS (Learning Management System). It's an easy to access online course that mainly consists of a series of videos. For now, it would be good if all volunteers have a look at the Level 1 leaflet at Home (catholicsafeguarding.org.uk). There will be a printed copy of the leaflet in all our church buildings. If you register, please use your usual email address and keep a note of the password you choose.

Initially, those asked to complete the mandatory training at Level 3 will be new volunteers who require a DBS check and also those volunteers who are at the point of renewing their DBS. Vivien, Bindu or Joe will contact you when you need to do it. For any volunteers uncomfortable about online training, alternative arrangements can be made.

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.

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 **26**th **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.

LIFE STORY OF CHRIST



The Life story of Christ play held at Wintershall. You are invited to see this openair play for all ages, especially for young people. It is great to see youngsters taking selfies with the actor playing the part of Jesus.

Adults £30.00 students 3-18 £15.00 covers the cost of entry and the coach fare to see the greatest story of all time held at the lovely spacious grounds of Wintershall estate Guildford Surrey. The coach will leave at <u>7am</u> On Friday 21st June 2024 from Corn Market Hall Kettering. The coach will have a toilet, air conditioning and space below for folding or fixed garden chairs. All weather clothing is recommended; the weather can be changeable in June. We recommend you bring food and a lightweight folding garden type chair. We will be holing a social at our home on the 10th May so you can meet some of the other people who will be traveling with us. Contact gjjjjsmith@gmail.com or 07932 643368 for tickets.

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.

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.

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 **15**th - **22**nd **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 **27**th **March - 3**rd **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

DIOCESAN NEWS



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/

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.

National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors

Tuesday 30th April (fifth week of Eastertide) is the National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors. We are encouraging parishes to recognise the day on the following weekend. Resources can be found here https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse/

International Day of Prayer For Eastern Christians

Sunday 5th May (sixth Sunday of Easter) is the International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. It offers an opportunity for us all to join in prayer for peace, especially in the Middle East. Prayers for the weekend can be found here https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pray-for-eastern-christians/

Sycamore

Susan Longhurst of the Sycamore team will explore ways of reaching out to and supporting parents of children preparing to receive the Sacraments (focussing mainly on First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion). Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. Find space to meet other people, share ideas, explore beliefs, and think about questions that matter. It has proven to be a useful and effective tool in family Catechesis and faith-based accompaniment.

Booking details https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/virtual-webinar-by-the-sycamore-team-hosted-by-mission-northampton-may-2024/

RCIA Team Training

A 4 session Zoom course run by the Diocesan Liturgy Commission and Mission Northampton. The course will run over four Monday evenings designed to help RCIA leaders, catechists, liturgists and RCIA teams by exploring the Periods, Rites and Practicalities of running the RCIA process (Journey of Faith) in a parish.

More information including dates https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/rcia-team-training-june-2024/

Return to the Upper Room

Mission Northampton will host a virtual gathering exploring the call to return to the upper room and prepare our hearts for Pentecost. Join them on Friday 10th May at 7.30 pm on zoom. More here https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/return-to-the-upper-room-preparing-for-pentecost-2024-may-2024/

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 (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/llgBlXrVJzw / Right to Life https://youtu.be/llgBlXrVJzw / 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



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Without priests, we do not have a Church. What makes the Church is the Eucharist and priests are those who celebrate the Mass with us and for us.

Bishop David Oakley



scan the code with your phone camera and click the link to find out more about our priest appeal



CHAIN OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

A San Damiano cross, blessed by Bishop David has become a symbol of prayer for priestly vocations across our diocese. The cross is journeying to each parish to encourage prayers for vocations in family homes.



VOCATIONS DIRECTOR

In June 2023, Bishop David appointed Fr Pius Amoako as our diocesan Director of Vocations. Please pray for the ministry of Fr Pius as he journeys with young men discerning a call to priesthood.

Ongoing Clergy Formation

As with all of us, the ongoing development of priests never ends. Formation for clergy in our diocese is led by Mgr Kevin McGinnell. Formation is focused on the four areas of spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human development.

In 2024 and 2025 a full programme of clergy formation has been designed. The programme is a mixture of scriptural. theological and canonical studies, homiletics, prayer and retreats.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY





Men preparing for the priesthood through discernment activities and studies usually spend 6-7 years in seminary.

Our diocese is blessed with three men in seminary at present. Our seminarians have shown prayerful dedication to being witnesses of the Gospel through the sacrifice of giving their lives to God.

It costs approximately £30,000 each year for a man to attend seminary.

Please continue to prayerfully support these young men and to the courageous witness of all our priests.



PRIEST CALENDAR

Thank you for purchasing a copy of the priest calendar 2024. Over 700 copies were purchased and a profit of almost £3000 was made. These funds will be spent on Promotions for priestly vocations. Keep your eyes open in your parish for the Priests calendar 2025!



Under 10's Formation and Training

Priests who have been ordained less than ten years meet regularly for formation, training and fellowship. The gatherings mirror the four strands of seminary training; academic, spiritual, pastoral and human formation.

Prayer For Vocations

Heavenly Father,

inspire the hearts of your people to answer your call to the priesthood

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity and may those you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith.

Enlighten their minds to show them your desire for them; fill their hearts with the determination to answer your call in faith, hope and love.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.



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



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



We Need Help For:

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

REGISTER NOW

CONTACT US

TERESA.KEHOE@ACNUK.ORG

for an informal chat





NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE
WOMEN IN MINSTRY GROUP
INVITE YOU TO

The Gathering, 3

10AM-4PM

An opportunity to reflect on women, their calling and vocation, their gifts and ministries, their voice in the synod.

A chance to listen, pray, share and reflect.

ST MARY'S, WOBURN SANDS, BUCKS, MK17 8NN



Use the QR code to book your place via Eventbrite

For more information email: helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org