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*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*28<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

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## 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, please check the newsletter*

*I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.*



*Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away.*



*And every branch that does bear  
fruit he prunes to make it bear  
even more.*

## THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS



**Saturday** 06.30 pm - Anne Randall 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, 10<sup>th</sup> anniv.

**Monday** (*No public Mass*) - Winifred Pettitt

**Tuesday** 09.30 am - **Private Adoration**

10.00 am - For the Holy Souls

**Wednesday** 10.00 am - Kathleen Gallagher RIP

**Thursday** 07.00 pm - Mary Murray RIP

**Friday** 06.30 pm - **Adoration and Benediction**

07.00 pm - Bishop Emeritus Peter Doyle birthday int. /

- May Jeffries & Jean Ayrton RIP

**Saturday** 06.30 pm - Tommy McCarney RIP

**Sunday** 08.30 am - John Everington int.

09.00 am - / **Burton Latimer** / - Mary Murray RIP

10.30 am - Alexa birthday int.

12.15 pm - / **Rothwell** / - For the Parish

*To request a Mass Intention please contact the parish office.*

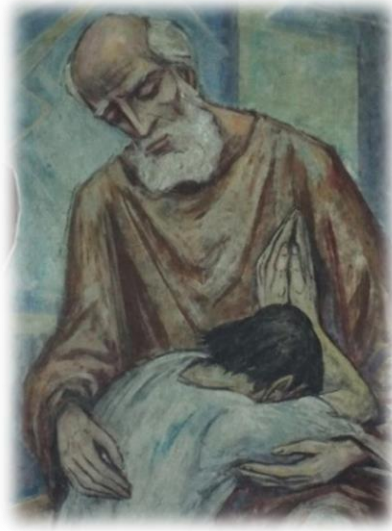
*To respect people's wishes, there has usually been only one Mass Intention per Mass (This Intention might encompass even several people, but it will have been requested by one individual). There are occasional instances though, when there need to be two separate Intentions at a Mass. When this arises, I would be grateful for your understanding.*

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

**There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend for Sudan.**

**There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Sick and Retired Priests on 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> May, and for the Catholic Communications Network on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May.**

## 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*

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## 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.*

## SELFLESS SACRIFICES



Dragged on wooden frames across London and all wearing their priestly vestments, five martyrs “cheerfully went to their deaths as bridegrooms to their marriage” (Thomas More) on 4 May 1535. All were hanged, drawn and quartered for opposing the Acts of Succession and Supremacy. The former recognised the progeny of the adulterous relationship of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn as the legitimate heirs to the throne. The latter had the King asserting himself as “the only Supreme Head on earth of the Church of England”.

They were the first of many martyrs whose feast day we celebrate this week on 4 May and we call to mind not only the 35 other priests, religious and lay men and women canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1970, but the further 242 declared ‘blessed’ and those many unknown Catholics who died defending the faith in a period of 150 years following the Reformation. But the number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison or suffered harsh persecution for their faith during those 150 years cannot now be reckoned. They came from every walk of life and are remembered for the example they showed of constancy of faith and courage in the face of persecution.

One of these martyrs is our very own **St. Nicholas Owen**, a Jesuit lay brother and master carpenter, who constructed many priests’ hiding-holes in houses throughout the country, some of them so cunningly concealed that they were not discovered until centuries later. Another was **St. Margaret Clitherow**, the wife of a butcher in York, who allowed her house to be used as a Mass centre and who was sentenced to be crushed to death in the city.

For most of us practising our faith in England today, the idea of laying down our lives for the supremacy of the Pope, the unity of the Church and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a remote concept. We would not concern ourselves about persecution unto death and it is for this reason that this feast is of such importance. It reminds us of the selfless sacrifices made by so many so that the faith might live in England through the shedding of their blood - and of the continuing sacrifice made by so many in less tolerant areas of the world today. For it still goes on. Man’s brutality to his brothers and sisters still knows no bounds. For example [more than 50,000 Christians](#) have been murdered for their faith in Nigeria in the last 14 years. [The most recent was over Easter](#). There and elsewhere in the world priests are beheaded, village women raped, their husbands tortured, children groomed to use guns, religious buildings torched –

but does this ongoing persecution ever really grab our headlines? Does it sell newspapers?

The rise in anti-Christian incidents globally is well documented on this link to [Aid to the Church in Need](#). It's worth a look if only to appreciate that martyrdom is not confined to the past, nor to England.

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## **A LAST MINUTE SECOND COLLECTION WITH THE BLESSING OF BISHOP DAVID**



**There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend for Sudan.**

### **CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal**



Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at [cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal](https://cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal). Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water

can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

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## **CAFOD**

### **A Year of Encounter**

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](https://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS - 7th May



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May has been chosen as the *Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse* by the Bishops of England and Wales. It is intended as a day of prayer for those who have been abused in a season of hope and new life.

The Rosary and Adoration before Mass will be dedicated for the victims and survivors of abuse.

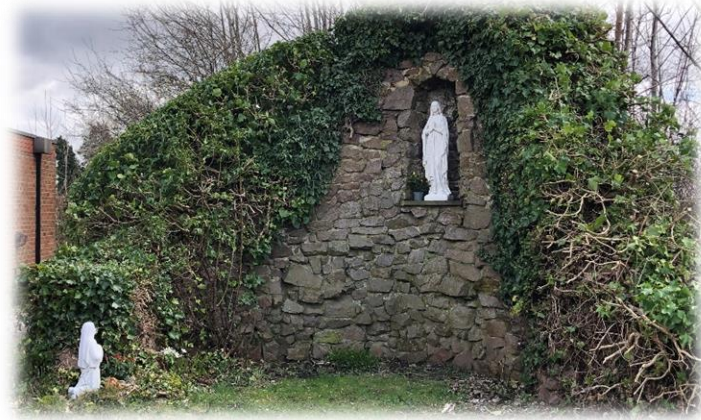
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## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - MESSAGE FOR PARISHIONERS



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 \(catholicsafeguarding.org.uk\)](http://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.

## ROTHWELL NEWS



- Thank you to the organisers and all who came to commemorate St Bernadette last Saturday.
- The church has been blessed by the offering of a relic of our Patron Saint.
- Coffee mornings at Rothwell will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from 10 am until 11.30 am. All are very welcome!

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### **GIVING BOX ARRANGEMENTS COMMENCING 5<sup>th</sup> 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** in the parish hall, will be run by **the SVP** after 10.00 am Mass on **1<sup>st</sup> May**.

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

Coffee mornings at **Rothwell** will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from 10 am until 11.30 am. All are very welcome!

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## 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, **13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.

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## 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 6.30 pm**.

## PATRONAL SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY



The Desborough church and community are under the patronage of the Most Holy Trinity, and therefore on **26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### LIFE STORY OF CHRIST



The Life story of Christ play held at Wintershall. You are invited to see this open-air 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 7am On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 holding 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 [gjjjismith@gmail.com](mailto:gjjjismith@gmail.com) or 07932 643368 for tickets.

## SPUC KETTERING BRANCH



We are holding a coffee morning on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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/>

### National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm on zoom. More here <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/return-to-the-upper-room-preparing-for-pentecost-2024-may-2024/>

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

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## USEFUL LINKS



**National Domestic Abuse Helpline** 0808 2000 247

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

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

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

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

**Mary's Meals** <https://youtu.be/llgBIXrVJzw> / **Right to Life** <https://righttolife.org.uk>

**Redundancy Coaching** <http://www.vitaeopus.co.uk> provides free online information and advice about Job Hunting, Self-Employment and Active Retirement for Parishioners adversely affected workwise by the pandemic. Please pass the link on to anyone who may find it useful.

**Safe Spaces** We welcome contact from anyone hurt by abuse, whether that be through your experience within the Church or elsewhere. **Safe Spaces** is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for

anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England or the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

[safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org](mailto: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.

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## 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.**

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### **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](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/your-legacy) or contact Brian Emmanuel on 01604 600337 or [brian.emmanuel@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:brian.emmanuel@northamptondiocese.org)

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8th June  
2024

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE  
WOMEN IN MINISTRY 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:  
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