



**OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH,
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Second Sunday of Lent (A)

We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors and friends who are celebrating with us.

SUN: 1/3/2026 MASS: 9.00am: Paul Olney RIP, MASS: 11.00am: Joseph Fernandes RIP, Joaquim Rodrigues RIP, Mrs Bola Kubaripo Birthday & Thanksgiving MASS: 6.30pm Teresa McGuire RIP
MON: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am A. Macdonald RIP, Tereza Fernandes RIP
TUES: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am John, Bridget, Martin Keogh & Fly RIP
WED: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 4pm – 6.00pm 6pm Lenten Talk MASS: 6.30pm: Carlos Pereira RIP, Aaron & Family Thanksgiving, Eugenio & Ernestina Pereira RIP
THURS: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am Fr Andrew Kay RIP Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10am – 1.00pm
FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10am – 11.30am 11.30am – 12.30pm Stations of the Cross MASS: 12.30pm A. Macdonald RIP, 7pm Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Hour Adoration
SATURDAY: No Morning Prayer or Mass

SUN: 8/3/2026 MASS: 9:00am
MASS: 11.00am: Filomena Rodrigues Birthday Thanksgiving **MASS: 6:30pm**
CONFESSIONS: Available this week on, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday during the Exposition of the Holy Sacrament. Please contact Father at the Presbytery if you would like him to hear your confession during this period if he is not already in the confessional.
OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: THURSDAY 1pm until 7pm – Please come to the Presbytery with your enquiries.

MINISTRIES:

Readers for this Sunday, 1st March

9am Mass: Reece G, Aleina, John Jude

11am Mass: Vicky J, Constance, Rose L.

6.30pm Mass:

Readers for Next Sunday, 8th March

9am Mass: Millie A, Steve S, Oscar

11am Mass: Kodijo K, Sandra M, Lawrence A.

6.30pm Mass:

Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 1st March

9am Mass: Alice S, John McN, Evelyn P.

11am Mass Rosemary M, Cecilia JP, Dorothy

6.30pm Mass: Lucas Seb, Sr. Susan

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 8th March

9am Mass: Chris L, Natalina S, Alice S.

11am Mass John I, Dorothy, Jessicah M.

6.30pm Mass: Jean Pierre C, John McN, Clement A.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

This Sunday:

11am: Adebola Kubaripo & Deborah Kubaripo

Next Sunday:

9am: Lucio Dery

11am: Natty R.

Our Readings:

First Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4a

The call of Abram, the father of the People of God

Psalm: Ps 33(32):4-5, 18-19. 20, 22. R 22

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

God calls and enlightens us.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

His face shown like the sun.

Thank you for your generous giving, May God bless you.

St Ethelbert's Bank Details for Bank Transfers:

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SLOUGH**

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NOTICES: **Second Collection:** Sunday 1st March CAFOD Fast Day collection.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection: This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood -resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope from the back of the church to bless others with your support.

Change in Services Saturday 7th March: Please note that there will be no morning prayer or Mass on Saturday 7th March as Fr. Pius needs to attend a meeting.

First Holy Communion Group Important Note: The next First Holy Communion Group session **will now be on Saturday 14th March** at 11am when the children will make their First Reconciliation. Parents, please note this new date.

Confirmation Group & Youth Meeting: Will take place on Saturday, 7th March at 12pm.

Lenten Talk: On Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th March and 1st April, Fr. Pius will give a Lenten talk at 6pm before the evening mass.

Adoration with Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: On Friday, 6th March, we will have a Holy Hour at 7pm with sung Adoration. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross: During lent we will have stations of the cross each Friday at 11.30am (before mass). There is a list at the back of the church should you wish to read at stations at one of these sessions, please put your names down against the chosen date. We are looking for four individuals for each Friday.

Choir Tridium Services: We are putting together a choir for the Tridium Services in April, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Please put your name down on the list at the back of the church if you would like to be part of this group. You will need to commit to coming to all the rehearsals.

SVP Slough (St Vincent de Paul Society) works to support individuals and families facing hardship by offering friendship, food support, and practical assistance. We'd be delighted to welcome new members and anyone interested in learning more about our work. Our next monthly meeting will take place on 10th March 2026 at 7:30 pm at Holy Redeemer Church, Wexham Road, Slough SL2 5QR. For more information, contact Cedrica [07767477402](tel:07767477402) OR Angela [07889931818](tel:07889931818).

Visiting Priests' Protocol: We are approaching the time of year when many priests wish to visit our parishes because they have connections with someone involved in a First Holy Communion Mass, a wedding etc. Please remember that no priest is allowed to minister in our diocese, even for a "one-off" concelebration, without the appropriate permissions.

We have very clear, simple procedures about the paperwork required for a short-term visit. They are all outlined in the document entitled "New Priests Arrival Process". A distinction arises between those priests who are visiting from abroad (including Ireland and even Scotland), and those who are from England and Wales. A further distinction arises between those priests who will be supervised or unsupervised during the liturgy. Visiting priests are asked to supply the appropriate documentation which must be sent well in advance to the Vicar General.

IMPORTANT Car Park Notice: We have been advised by the Car Park Company that we (St Ethelbert's) can no longer appeal on your behalf should you receive a car parking ticket. It is therefore very important that you ensure that you have a valid car park permit or if you visit the church, you enter your car registration number into the tablet at the back of the church. If you are using the car park for your private use i.e outside liturgical services it is your responsibility to ensure that you have registered your car. Thank you for your understanding.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to offer mass for an intention and by way of a gentle reminder, please ensure that your mass offering envelope is returned to us in advance i.e **7 working days** so that we are able to allocate the day requested. Any delay in timing can result in the mass being postponed for an alternate day.

Diocesan Vacancies: We are currently recruiting three Property Area Coordinators, each responsible for the maintenance, compliance, and performance of a defined portfolio of properties within an allocated geographic area of the Diocese. The role ensures that buildings are safe, legally compliant, well maintained, and fit for mission and ministry, while providing support to parishes, clergy, and diocesan stakeholders. This is a full-time, 12-month fixed-term contract, with the possibility of extension or becoming permanent.

As each role covers a different part of the Diocese, three area-specific Job Descriptions are available, and candidates should review the one relevant to their preferred location. The closing date for applications is Friday 7 March 2026. Interview dates will be confirmed in due course; however, we reserve the right to close the advert early should we receive a sufficient number of applications.

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>
All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org