



**OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH,
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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

SUN: 3/5/2026 MASS: 9:00am Matthew Fernandes Birthday Thanksgiving, Kathleen Shaw Birthday Thanksgiving, Lorenca Colaso Birthday Thanksgiving, Maria & Francis Xavier Gonsalves RIP

MASS: 11.00am: 6.30pm Mass

MON: 9.30am: Morning Prayer 10.15am A. Macdonald RIP,

TUES: 9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Fr. Andrew Kay RIP

WED: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 4pm – 6.30pm

MASS 6.30pm Foundress (Destailleurs) RIP

THURS: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am Gray RIP

Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10.30am – 12.00pm

FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10am – 12.30pm

MASS: 12:30pm A. Macdonald RIP,

SATURDAY: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am

SUN: 10/5/2026 MASS: 9:00am MASS: 11.00am: Deborah Kubaripo 40th Birthday Thanksgiving

MASS: 6.30pm

CONFESSIONS: Available this week on, Wednesday, Thursday 7th & 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 NO OFFICE HOURS

MINISTRIES:

Readers for this Sunday, 3rd May

9am Mass: Kathleen S, Precious Q, Canelli F.

11am Mass: Kloenda C, Okuse A, Holy Communion Group

6.30pm Mass:

Readers for Next Sunday, 10th May

9am Mass: Sr. Caroline, Aleina, Sweenal F.

11am Mass: Rosemary M, Sandra M, Brendan

6.30pm Mass:

Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 3rd May

9am Mass: Alice S, Agness N, John McN.

11am Mass: John I, Cecilia JP, Rosemary M.

6.30pm Mass: Jean Pierre C, John McN, Seby

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 3rd May

9am Mass: Evelyn P, Jim B, Natalina S.

11am Mass: Jessicah M, John I, Dorothy M.

6.30pm Mass: Cyrus, Lucas, Seby

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

This Sunday:

9am: Evelyn Payne, Lorenzo Colaso

11am: Holy Communion Group

Next Sunday:

9am: Evelyn Payne

11am: Deborah & Adebola Kubaripo

Our Readings:

First Reading :Acts 6:1-7

They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.

Psalms: Ps 22(32):1-2. 4-5.18-19.R22

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood

Gospel: John 14:1-12

I am the way, and the truth, and the life

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

St Ethelbert's Bank Details for Bank Transfers:

**R.C.D.N. ST. ETHELBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH
SLOUGH**

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NOTICES:

Thank you & Welcome Back: We would like to say a big thank you to Fr. Joseph and Fr. Kevin for saying mass during the week and Sunday. We are very grateful.

We also welcome back Fr. Pius on Sunday and hope he had a good break and has had some well-earned rest.

Youth Meeting & Confirmation Group: The next youth and confirmation group meeting will take place on Saturday, 2nd May at 12pm.

First Holy Communion Group: The First Holy Communion Group will meet this Saturday, 2nd May at 11am with a themed mass on Sunday, 3rd May at 11am. The following meeting will take place on Saturday 9th May at 12pm.

Changes to services this Week: Please note that on Thursday, 7th May, Adoration will end at 12pm as Fr. Pius has a meeting in Northampton. In view of this he will not have his office hours this week on Thursday.

Offertory Envelopes: The new offertory envelopes (pink boxes) are available at the back of the church. Would those of you have registered please pick your box up as soon as possible. If you would like to receive an offertory box of envelopes, please see details below that also tie up with this scheme.

Gift Aid: If you are a UK tax payer, please consider completing a gift aid declaration. Gift aid is a UK government scheme that allows us to reclaim basic-rate tax (20%) on donations from taxpayers, boosting the gift's value by 25% at no extra cost to the donor (i.e. you). For every £1 donated, we are able to claim an extra 25p.

Key Details of Gift Aid:

- **Value Boost:** A £10 donation is worth £12.50 to us.
- **Eligibility:** You must have paid enough UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax to cover the amount we will reclaim in the tax year.
- **How to Apply:** You must make a "Gift Aid declaration" to us, usually by signing a form..
- **What Qualifies:** Cash donations, including through standing order or regular payments into our bank account or one-off gifts, for St Ethelbert's church.

If you regularly transfer your offertory money into our bank account, please consider completing a gift aid declaration.

A list has been provided at the back of the church for your contact details if you would like to boost your donations. We can then get in touch with you and answer any further queries you might have.

Month of May - May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God, this month is a time for special devotion and prayer to Mary. Our Lady statue is available for a couple of days to take home for personal and family prayer. If you would like to do this, please put your name, address and contact number down against the dates (1st – 31st May) you want to take Our Lady's statue home. We have two lists as there are two statues available.

First Aiders at Mass: We would like to put together a list of first aiders/those with medical training who attend masses at St Ethelbert's and who could assist should a parishioner feel unwell while attending a service. If you feel you could help please put your name down on the list at the back of the church indicating which mass you come along to during the week and on Sundays.

A FURTHER IMPORTANT Car Park Notice: We have been advised by the car park company that they will no longer support us with additional camera blackout during our services. Effectively immediately, it is therefore particularly important that you register your vehicle in the tablet at the back of the church near the piety shop each time you attend a service at St Ethelbert's. **PLEASE PUT YOUR CAR REGISTRATION INTO THE TABLET AT EACH VISIT BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH CAR PARK TO AVOID RECEIVING A PARKING TICKET.** Given where we are, we suggest that even those of you who have a car park permit do this as a matter of routine in case your permit has expired and you have not renewed on time. As you also already know, we (St Ethelbert's) can no longer appeal on your behalf should you receive a ticket. It is therefore your responsibility to ensure that you have registered your vehicle and have followed the guidelines. Thank you for your understanding.

Late comers to mass: If you arrive late to mass and the readings have begun, please wait at the doorway until the Gospel has been read before you find a seat. **Switch Mobile Phones Off:** We continue to have mobile phones go off during mass and at other services. It is important that you **switch you phones off when you enter the church.**

Called & Equipped 2026-27: Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? Our year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community. This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry. Find out more here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/> or sign up to one of our introductory webinars on <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese>