



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

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

SUN: 8/3/2026 MASS: 9:00am Ryan Lourenco Birthday Thanksgiving
MASS: 11.00am: Filomena Rodrigues Birthday Thanksgiving MASS: 6:30pm Fr. Andrew Kay RIP
MON: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am A. Macdonald RIP
TUES: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am Harnett Family RIP
WED: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 4pm – 6.00pm 6pm Lenten Talk
MASS: 6.30pm: C. Cordell RIP
THURS: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am H. Cordell 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, 6.15pm Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY: MON: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am M Nugent RIP
SUN: 15/3/2026 MASS: 9:00am
MASS: 11.00am: Maria Josepha Pereira For Good Health 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 <u>during</u> 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, 8th March

9am Mass: Millie A, Steve S, Oscar
11am Mass: Kodjo K, Sandra M, Lawrence A.
6.30pm Mass: Ednaida F, Sr. Susan

Readers for Next Sunday, 15th March

9am Mass: Sr. Pauline, Canelli F, Angel
11am Mass: John I, Dorothy, Valentine
6.30pm Mass: Damien, Aleluia D.

Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 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.

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 15th March

9am Mass: Sr. Caroline, Millie A, Chris L.
11am Mass: Cecilia JP, Jessicah M, Clara C.
6.30pm Mass: Cyrus, Lucas, Seb

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

This Sunday:

9am: Lucio Dery, Evelyn
11am: Natty R.

Next Sunday:

Our Readings:

First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7

Give us water to drink

Psalms: Ps 95(94):1-2, 6-7b 7c-9.R.7c, 8a

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit who has been given to us

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

A spring of water welling up to eternal life

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

St Ethelbert's Bank Details for Bank Transfers:

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NOTICES:

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.

Second Collections: We will have a second collection to support 'LIFE' (Unborn Child) on Sunday 22nd March and Flowers for the altar for the Easter season on Sunday 29th March.

Little Friends of Jesus Little Friends of Jesus (LFJ) will meet for Eucharistic Adoration on 14th March at 11am. All children aged 1-12, as well as families, are welcome.

First Holy Communion Group Important Note: The next First Holy Communion Group session **will now be on Saturday 14th March at 12pm** when the children will make their First Reconciliation. **Parents, please note this new date and time.**

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

Lenten Talk: On Wednesdays 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. We will also have an evening session of Stations of the Cross at 6.15pm.

On Good Friday at 10am we will have stations of the cross whilst moving through the High Street. We require 14 individuals to read, one at each station. If you would like to do so, please put your name down on the list at the back of the church.

Holy Thursday – Washing of Feet: We need 12 volunteers for the washing of feet on Holy Thursday. If you would like to take part, please put your name down on the list at the back of the church.

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.

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.

Pope Leo XIV – Message for Lent 2026: In his Message for Lent 2026, Pope Leo XIV presents Lent as a renewed time of conversion centred on listening and fasting. He calls the Church to deeper attentiveness to the Word of God and to the cry of the poor, reminding us that true listening forms compassionate and discerning hearts. Fasting, he teaches, orders our desires and must be lived with humility and rooted in the Word, not as mere external discipline. Of particular pastoral relevance is his invitation to fast from words that wound, urging us to "disarm our language" and foster speech that builds communion. Lent, the Holy Father concludes, is a shared ecclesial journey in which renewed listening and fasting can transform our relationships and communities as we move towards Easter. Read the message here:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/02/13/260213d.html>