



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

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

SUN: 15/3/2026 MASS: 9:00am Amarisa Thanksgiving for her life.

MASS: 11.00am: Maria Josepha Pereira for Good Health, 79th Birthday Evangelista Chipuriro Mutize

MASS: 6:30pm

MON: 9.30am: Morning Prayer **Mass: 10.00am** A. Macdonald RIP, Amacio RIP, Anaya's Health

TUES: 9.30am: Morning Prayer

Mass: 10.00am Ruben Cardoso Thanksgiving, Martin Ward RIP Birthday Remembrance, Ernie O'Malley RIP, Parishioner's Private Int.

WED: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 4pm – 6.00pm

MASS 6pm followed by a Lenten Talk

Stations of the Cross in Konkani: 7.00pm

THURS: 9.30am: Morning Prayer

Mass: 10.00am Amarisa's Health

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** Leon Rodrigues Blessings

SUN: 22/3/2026 MASS: 9:00am

MASS: 11.00am: Okuse Adoh 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, 15th March

9am Mass: Sr. Pauline, Canelli F, Angel

11am Mass: John I, Dorothy, Valentine

6.30pm Mass: Damien, Aleluia D.

Readers for Next Sunday, 22nd March

9am Mass: Anissa, Rocky D, Kathleen S.

11am Mass: Cecilia JP, Ellen K, Holy Communion Group

6.30pm Mass: Olivia G, Delisha S.

Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 15th March

9am Mass: Sr. Caroline, Millie A, Chris L.

11am Mass Cecilia JP, Jessicah M, Clara C.

6.30pm Mass: Cyrus, Lucas, Seb

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 22nd March

9am Mass: Sr. Pauline, Alice S, Agness S.

11am Mass Rosemary M, Jessicah M, John I

6.30pm Mass: Sr. Susan, Jean Pierre C, John McN.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

This Sunday:

9am: Evelyn P.

11am: Dorothy & Eniola

Next Sunday: 11am: Holy Communion Group

Our Readings:

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

David is anointed king of Israel

Psalms: Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5.6. R1

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

He went and washed and received his sight

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 'PRO 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 First Holy Communion Group session **will take place this Saturday 14th March at 12pm** when the children will make their First Reconciliation. **Parents, please note this date and time.**

Confirmation Group Meeting: This will take place on Saturday, 14th March at 3pm.

Change of Wednesday Mass Time: During Lent, evening mass will begin at 6pm

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.

There will also be stations of the cross in Konkani on the next three Wednesday's of Lent after the 6pm Mass and Lenten talk (approx. 7pm), all are welcome.

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.

Confessions & Holy Week Services: Please check the notice board for details of Confessions and Holy Week Services.

Thank you from CAFOD: Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day – your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent – fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at cafod.org.uk/thankyou

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.

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>