



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

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

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

MASS: 11.00am: Okuse Adoh Birthday Thanksgiving, Maria Aurora Rodrigues RIP, Vilcy Rodrigues prayers to return to the Catholic Church, Evera & Kevin D'Souza Wedding Anniv, & Family's Int, Mr & Mrs Richard Wedding Anniv. **MASS: 6:30pm**

MON: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am A. Macdonald RIP,

**TUES: 9.30am: Morning Prayer
Mass: 10.00am**

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

Mary O'Connell Int & Thomas Browne Int.

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 7pm – 9pm Praise & Worship**

SATURDAY: NO MORNING PRAYER OR MASS

SUN: 29/3/2026 MASS: 9:00am Tom Hogan RIP

MASS: 11.00am: 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, 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.

Readers for Next Sunday, 29th March

9am Mass: John McN, Sweenal F, Sr. Caroline

Narrator: Rainda **Other Voices:** Anissa

11am Mass: Koyenum A, Leonda C, Leanne K.

Narrator: Lawrence Adoh **Other Voices:** Rose L.

6.30pm Mass: Brian, Edward A.

Narrator: Anabel **Other Voices:** Maria

Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 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.

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 29th March

9am Mass: Natalina S, Alice S, Jim B.

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

6.30pm Mass: Clement A, Cyrus G, Lucas P.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

This Sunday:

11am: Holy Communion Group

Next Sunday: 11am: Clara x2

Our Readings:

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.

Psalm: 130(129): 1-2, 3-4. 5-6b.6c-8.R. 7bc

With the LORD there is mercy in him is plentiful redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 8-11

The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.

Gospel: John 11: 1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

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

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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 for Flowers for the altar for the Easter season on Sunday 29th March.

First Holy Communion Group Important Note: The First Holy Communion Group will meet at 11am this Saturday, 21st March with a themed mass on Sunday 22nd March at 11am.

Confirmation Group Meeting: This will take place on Saturday, 21st March at 3pm.

Changes this week to services: This Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and we should all try to attend mass which will begin at 6pm. Please also note that on Saturday 28th March there will be no morning prayer or mass as Fr. Pius is away at a vocations event. He is having a private mass at 7am and if you are able to make that he would be happy for you to join him.

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.

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

Praise & Worship: Our monthly Praise and Worship which will take place on Friday, 27th March at 7pm – 9pm. All are welcome to this very special service.

Easter Offerings: As is customary, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday collections will be taken for our Parish Priest, Fr. Pius. Envelopes for your Easter Offerings are now available at the back of the church which you can kindly return through the collections on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday Services, alternatively you can also use the electronic giving plate near the piety shop, choosing the option 'Easter Offering'.

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Rome, Assisi & Padua: Details of a 10 day exciting multi stop pilgrimage is available on our notice board. This will take place 22 -31 October 2026. Cost for a shared room is £1650 and for a single room £1950 . If you are interested in going along, please put your name down on the list at the back of the church and take a booking form to fill in. Once complete please return the form to the presbytery ASAP.

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>