



**OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH,
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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

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

SUN 1/12/2024 MASS: 9:00am John & Nora McAuliffe RIP **MASS: 11am:** Brikela Noka & Family Special Intentions, Valentina Caka & Family Special Intentions, Clara Chipuriro Birthday, John Jude & MeeMee Iwuoha Birthdays
Mass: 6.30pm Paolo & Anna Crucitti RIP

MON: 9.30am: Morning Prayer **MASS 10.00am** A. Macdonald RIP, Joao Coutinho RIP

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

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

THURSDAY: 9.30am: Morning Prayer **MASS: 10.00am**

Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10.30am - 1 pm

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

MASS: 12:30pm A. Macdonald RIP,

SATURDAY: 9.30am: Morning Prayer **Mass: 10.00am** Brionj Fernandes Birthday, Tora Special Intention

SUN 8/12/2024 MASS: 9:00am **MASS: 11am:**

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: THURSDAY 1pm until 7pm – Please come to the Presbytery with your enquiries.

MINISTRIES:

Readers for this Sunday, 1st December

9am Mass: Rocque D, Kathleen S, Aleina

11am Mass: Lawrence A, Rosemary M, M Cheturai

6.30pm Mass:

Readers for Next Sunday, 8th December

9am Mass: Anissa, Sr. Pauline Kezia

11am Mass: Leanne K, Fozia K, Tara I.

6.30pm Mass:

Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 1st December

9am Mass: Chris L, Natalina S, Millie A.

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

6.30pm Mass:

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 8th December

9am Mass: Sr. Caroline, Jim B, Alice S.

11am Mass: Mathew T, Clara C, Jessicah M.

6.30pm Mass:

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

This Sunday: 9am Paschalia

11am: John Jude & Chinemerem Iwuoha

Next Sunday:

Our Readings for the Day

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David

Responsorial Psalm: 25(24):4-5b. 8-9.10, 14.R 1b

To you O LORD, I lift up my soul

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord establish your hearts for the coming of Christ

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Your redemption is drawing near

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
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Notices: Second Collection: We will have a second collection for our Religious Sisters in the parish to say thank you for all that they do for us here at St Ethelberts.

Confirmation Group: The confirmation group will meet this Saturday, 30th November at 3pm in the Church. Parents, please ensure that your child attends.

First Holy Communion Group: The next session for the First Holy Communion Group will take place on Saturday, 7th December from 11am – 1pm.

Important Note - Our Parish Feast: From Saturday 30th November we will have a Novena to Our Lady for our parish feast. We will pray the rosary at the beginning of each mass concluding on Monday 9th December with the rosary at 6.30pm followed by mass (there will be no morning prayer or morning mass that day). There will be a celebration after mass part of the celebration will involve a little bit of fundraising for the church restoration. We will have two things running from this Sunday 'Guess the name of the Doll' and 'Guess the weight of the Cake'. The cost will be £1 a go. There will be someone at the back of the church to take our guesses down and your contribution. We are also appealing for raffle prizes and would be grateful to receive new items. These can be dropped into the Presbytery or Sacristy during the week. We will then begin to sell raffle tickets for these items on Sunday 8th December and Monday 9th December. Please help support us in not only making our feast day a very special and prayerful event but also the efforts to restore our lovely church.

Missio Red Boxes: Thank you to those of you who brought their Missio Red Boxes in, these have now been emptied and are at the back of the church for you to collect and take home. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Youth Meeting & Mass: The next youth meeting will take place on Saturday, 7th December at 12pm. The youth mass will take place on Sunday, 8th December at 11am. Parents, please encourage your young ones to attend.

Non-Perishable Food For Those In Need: We would like to run once again the appeal for non-perishable food that can be given to support those who are in need. There is a list of items required at the back of the church, please do bring your donations in and put it in the box at the back of the church. Thank you to those of you who have very kindly donated.

Feast of St Francis Xavier: The Goan community will celebrate the feast of St Francis Xavier on Tuesday 3 Dec 2024. There will be a Konkani mass at 6.30pm, the Celebrant is Fr Mark Furtado from the Goan Chaplaincy. All are welcome.

Carol Service: We will be holding a carol service on Saturday, 21st December at 6.30pm and would very much like to have some carols in local languages. If any group would like to participate, please put your names down on the list at the back of the church and confirm the song, all groups are welcome. After the carol service mulled wine and mince pies will be available. We would be very grateful for donations of these items for this special evening. Please bring them to the Presbytery in advance itself.

Advent Giving Tree Appeal: This year we are supporting SHOC (Slough Homeless Our Concern) and we hope that you will once again be as generous as you have been in previous years. Please take a label from the giving tree by the font, buy a new gift, wrap it, put the label on it and bring it in and place it by the giving tree by Christmas day.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje April 2025: A parish pilgrimage is being organised for 1st April – 5th April 2025. The cost per person is £549 if sharing, £625 in single room. If you are interested, please put your name down on the list at the back of the church. Further information is available on our notice board.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land October 2025: We have another pilgrimage taking place this time to the Holy Land from 23rd October – 30th October. The cost per person is £1395 sharing £1695 in single room. If you are interested, please put your name down on the list at the back of the church. Further information is also available on our notice board and is being circulated electronically with this newsletter.

Primary School Admission Policy: St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust has updated the Primary School Admission Policy (for admission in September 2026). Changes proposed effect St Anthony's and St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary Schools. The consultation period is now open until 31 December 2024. Details of the policy can be found on the Trust website (<https://www.stcat.co.uk/trust-governance/consultation/>). If you require a hard copy or have comments to make in regard to the proposed policy, please contact Maxine Gilmartin (consultation@stcat.co.uk), or by post to Maxine Gilmartin, St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, c/o St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School, Pastures Way, Luton, LU4 0PF).

Christmas Party for Senior Citizens: Year 12 students from St. Bernard's Catholic Grammar School will be organising a Christmas Party for local Senior Citizen's on Tuesday 17th December. It will take place from 12.30pm-2.30pm at the school, and will include a light lunch, as well as some festive activities! All details are shown on the poster. If interested, please RSVP via email to s-ollivan@st-bernards.slough.sch.uk and include the number of people that plan to attend. If emailing is not a possibility, please ring the school on 01752527020.

Online Advent Retreat Monday 2nd December, 7.30pm: Doorways of Grace, week 2, with Canon John Udris and Avril Baigent. In week 2 of our retreat we turn to the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, exploring the person of Peter, who, despite his moments of failure and betrayal, Jesus loved and made leader of his church. What might we learn from his life and relationship with the Lord? Find out more and register here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/doorways>.