

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

# OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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

### Mass Times & Intentions this Week

<b>SUN 02/01/2022 MASS:</b> 9am-Bridie O'Dwyer & family int, Maureen Holland & family, Chris and Paul Turner RIP, 11.00 am- Magdalene Esangbedo RIP, 6.30pm: Domingas Da Conceicao Marques, People of the Parish	
<b>MON. MASS - 9.30 am</b> O'Reardon Family (int), Christy D'Souza	<b>TUES.</b> No Mass ( <i>Office Hours – Church is open</i> ).
<b>WED. MASS - 9.30 am</b> Donoghue Family (int) Fr Emilo Lobo RIP	<b>THURS.</b> No Mass ( <i>Office Hours – Church is open</i> )
<b>FRI. Adoration</b> at 12.00 & <b>MASS</b> at 12.30pm John Turek (holy soul int), Juan Pereira, Eodcian Braganza (+holy souls int)	<b>SAT.</b> No Mass
<b>SUN 09/01/2022 MASS:</b> 9.00am, The Gbbons family 11.00 am , 6.30pm:People of the Parish	

#### MINISTRIES:

##### Readers for today

9am Mass: St. Pauline, A Monserrate  
11am Mass: Constance N, Rosemary M  
6.30pm Mass: Simon M, Maria M

##### Next Sunday

9am Mass: Rocky D., Angel D.  
11am Mass: Lawrence &  
6.30pm Mass:

##### Eucharistic Ministers today

9am Mass: Natalina, Jim B, Cini  
11am Mass: J Idigo, J Mbulo  
6.30pm Mass:

##### Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers

9am Mass: Sr. Pauline, John McN.  
11am Mass:  
6.30pm Mass:

##### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK:

CHRISTMAS OFFERING £2,017.00  
CRIB OFFERING £196.00  
HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY £778.00

Thank you for your generous giving,  
May God bless all. Kindly support us:  
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### PARISH ACTIVITIES

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2022 **Sunday MASS:** 9.00AM, 11.00AM & 6.30PM

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022 Monday: MASS 9.30AM

5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 Wednesday: MASS 9.30AM

6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 Thursday **MASS OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**9.30AM** (All are Welcome to attend).

7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 Friday: **Adoration 12.00, MASS 12.30PM,**

**8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 Saturday SYNOD MEETING** in the Church: 11AM -12.PM.  
(Parishioners, Parish Council/PFC members please attend. Submit your Synod Feedback before 8<sup>th</sup> Jan, thank you).

**9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 SUNDAY – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
(END OF CHRISTMAS SEASON): MASS 9AM, 11.AM AND 6.30PM.

**16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C – MASS**  
**9AM, 11.AM AND 6.30PM - WITH BISHOP DAVID OAKLEY.**

*WISHING ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR 2022!*

## GLORIA

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**THE NICENE CREED:** I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **BIDDING PRAYERS:**

Reader: The Word was made flesh  
Response (All): **and dwelt amongst us.**

**Please Pray for:**  
the Sick and Housebound Parishioners.  
Those who died recently and all departed parishioners - RIP.

## SUNDAY READING

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8- 12

From eternity, in the beginning, God created wisdom, Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One; 'Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent. He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain. I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion. In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority. I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

**How lovely is your dwelling-place, Lord, God of hosts.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ. Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

**The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel: John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

## Church Notices:

**Sacraments:** Holy Communion on 6/01/22, Confirmation & RCIA 8/01/22 10.30am lessons will resume.

**Appreciation:** The Parish Priest is grateful to all parishioners and friends for your kindness, gifts, cards and prayers. your generosity and love have been tremendous throughout the year. May the Lord bless and reward your generosity.

**Thank you to all who have worked so hard to make Christmas 2021 both prayerful and beautiful at St. St Ethelbert's,** we thank the parish pastoral and finance Councils, the Liturgical groups, various communities and all those who help to clean and decorate the Church and those who donated money, food, drinks and gifts to support people in need. May God bless you all.

**Church Car Park** the Cameras will be live again from next Tuesday 11/01/22, Parishioners who are yet to register their vehicles should ensure they fill and submit the parking forms to the Parish Priest. Please do not park if your vehicle is not registered to avoid Penalty Charge. Thank you.