

OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH, WELLINGTON STREET SLOUGH, SL1 1XU - REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 234091

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Second Sunday of Advent (A)

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

SUN: 7/12/2025 MASS: 9:00am Brionj Fernandes Birthday Good Health Blessings, Andrew Pembroke Intention &

Elsie Teofilo Intention MASS: 11.00am: Jane & Jason Ojo Birthdays MASS: 6:30pm

MON: No Morning Prayer Mass: 12.00pm A. Macdonald RIP,
TUES: No Morning Prayer Mass: 12.00pm John Connolly RIP

WED: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Mass: 12.00pm Yvonne Skillen RIP, Ernest Knowler RIP, Ian Knowler RIP

THURSDAY: No Morning Prayer

Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10.00am – 12.00pm Mass: 12.00pm

FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10 am – 12.00 pm

MASS: 12:00pm A. Macdonald RIP

SATURDAY: No Morning Prayer Mass: 12.00pm

SUN: 14/12/2025 MASS: 9:00am Michael Hayes RIP MASS: 11.00am: MASS: 6:30pm

CONFESSIONS: NO CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK. Next Service See below

Monday 22nd December 6.30pm Reconciliation Service with individual Confession

NO OFFICE HOURS: THURSDAY

MINISTRIES:

Readers for this Sunday, 7th Dec

9am Mass: Canelli F, Oscar, Sweenal F.

11am Mass: Fozia K, Koyenum A, First Communion Group

6.30pm Mass:

Readers for Next Sunday, 14th Dec

9am Mass: Jim B, Angel, Anissa

11am Mass: Abeshey I, Rose L, Kloenda C.

6.30pm Mass:

Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 7th Dec

9am Mass: Agness, Sr. Caroline, John McN. 11am Mass: Jessicah M, Jan M, Clara C.

6.30pm Mass:

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 14th Dec

9am Mass: John McN, Sr. Pauline, Chris L. 11am Mass: Rosemary M, Jessicah M, Jan M.

6.30pm Mass:

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

This Sunday:

11am: Holy Communion Group

Next Sunday:

11am:

Our Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

With righteousness he shall judge the poor

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 72(71): 1-2, 7-8. 12-13. 17.R.cf.7 In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Christ saves humanity.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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

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<u>NOTICES:</u> A 2nd Collection will take place at all masses this Sunday, 7th December for our Religious Sisters in this parish.

First Holy Communion Group: The First Holy Communion Group will meet this Saturday 6th December at 10.30am with a themed mass on Sunday 7th December. Parents, please ensure that your child arrives promptly.

Services Next Week From Monday 8thDecember – Saturday 13th December: There will be a change in services next week while Fr. Pius is away as follows: there will be no morning prayer during the week. Monday mass will be at 12pm, Tuesday mass at 12pm, Wednesday adoration 10am – 12pm with mass at 12pm, Thursday adoration 10am – 12pm followed by mass at 12pm, Friday Adoration 10am – 12pm followed by mass at 12pm and Saturday mass at 12pm.

Youth & Confirmation Meeting and Youth Mass: The next youth meeting & **confirmation group** meeting will take place this Saturday, 6th December at 12.00pm with a youth mass on Sunday 7th December at 11am.

Little Friends of Jesus: Little Friends of Jesus (LFJ) will meet for Eucharistic Adoration on 13th December at 10.30am. All children aged 1-12, as well as families, are welcome.

Giving Tree Appeal: This year our giving tree appeal is in support of those in need who call in at our church. Please take a label (or more) from the giving tree, buy the gift/food (non-perishable with long expire dates). These items should be placed in a carrier bag with the label attached and brought to the church and placed under the tree during the Christmas Season. Last day for placement is Sunday, 11th January 2026.

Funeral: The funeral of the late Wellington Jose Francis Quadros will be held on Monday, 15th December at 12.00 pm at Holy Family Church, Langley and then at Slough cemetery at 1.45pm. May his soul rest in peace.

Missio Boxes: Thank you to all those who returned their red mission boxes. These have been emptied and are now available for collection at the back of the church. Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

SVP Message: There will be an outreach project by the SVP taking place on Saturday, 20th December from 2 to 4 pm at St Ethelbert Church. They will be putting up a shelter with some food and hot drinks. This would be for all passing by the church, which would be open for anyone to light a candle or to come in and pray. They have invited other ministries like Music, evangelisation groups and prayer groups to join them.

The SVP members will be going out on Slough High Street informing people of the event and also giving out hampers to the homeless and an invitation to drop by the church.

If anyone would like to assist, they are most welcome. They are also collecting used/ new scarf, caps, gloves and socks for the winter, this will go into the hampers. Please contact Cedrica Lobo on 07767477402 if you would like to participate.

Online Advent Retreat: Monday 8th December, 7.30pm

Disrupted by Grace, week 3, Dr Avril Baigent will be joined by Fr Matt Blake who will continue exploring Jesus' more disreputable ancestors. Fr Matt Blake, a Discalced Carmelite priest, will be unpacking the story of Ruth for us whilst exploring the presence of grace in our lives. Find out more information and register here: https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/

Teacher Training: Are you interested in becoming a Teacher and educated to degree level? St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust offer placements within our schools for you to fulfil your dream and train to teach. To find out more and book a space at one of our open mornings go to https://www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher/open-events/