



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

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Pius Amoako

Safeguarding officer: Ellen Ketter 07342341099

Parish Email: parish.stethelbert@northamptondiocese.org Telephone: (01753) 523147 - Website: www.st-ethelberts.co.uk

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

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

SUN: 8/2/2026 MASS: 9:00am Mr George Samraj RIP
MASS: 11.00am: Betteridge RIP MASS: 6:30pm
MON: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am A. Macdonald RIP
TUES: No Morning Prayer No Mass
WED: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 4pm – 6.30pm
MASS: 6.30pm: Lensch RIP
THURS: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am Deegan RIP
Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10am – 1.00pm
FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10am – 12.30 pm
MASS: 12:30pm A. Macdonald RIP,
SATURDAY: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am Fr. Andrew Kay RIP
SUN: 15/2/2026 MASS: 9:00am Salvodor & Micael Albuquerque RIP, Kevin & Rosaleen McNiece 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 <u>during</u> 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, 8th Feb

9am Mass: Jemima, John McN, Jim B.
11am Mass: Lawrence A, Abeshey I, FHC Group
6.30pm Mass:

Readers for Next Sunday, 15th Feb

9am Mass: Rocky D, Kathleen S, Aleina
11am Mass: Jessicah, Alegrina, Constance
6.30pm Mass:

Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 8th Feb

9am Mass: Alice S, Evelyn P, Sr. Pauline
11am Mass: Jessicah M, Cecilia JP, Rosemary M.
6.30pm Mass: Clement, Cyrus, Lucas P.

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 15th Feb

9am Mass: Sr. Caroline, Jim B, Agness
11am Mass: Rosemary M, John I, Cecilia P.
6.30pm Mass: Seb, Sr. Susan, Jean Pierre C.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

This Sunday:

11am: First Holy Communion Group

Next Sunday:

11am: Dorothy & Eniola

Our Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 58:6-10

Your light shall break forth like the dawn

Responsorial Psalm: 112(113): 4-5. 6-7. 8a, 9.R. 4a

A light rises in the darkness for the upright

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I proclaimed to you the mystery of Christ crucified

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world

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
SLOUGH**

A/C 46714642

NatWest SORT CODE: 60 06 11

NOTICES: First Holy Communion Group: The First Holy Communion Group will meet on Saturday 7th February at 11am with a themed mass on Sunday 8th Feb at 11am.

Adoration with Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: On Friday, 6th February, we will have a Holy Hour at 7pm with sung Adoration. All are welcome.

Youth & Confirmation Group Meeting: The next youth meeting & **Confirmation Group** meeting will take place on Saturday, 7th February at 12.00pm.

Change to Services This Week: Please note that there will no morning prayer or mass on Tuesday, 9th February as Fr. Pius is away.

Little Friends of Jesus Little Friends of Jesus (LFJ) will meet for Eucharistic Adoration on 14th February at 11am. All children aged 1-12, as well as families, are welcome.

Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2026

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Old Palms: In preparation for Ash Wednesday, please bring your old palms that you might have at home and put them in the box at the back of the church. These will be burnt and the ashes distributed on Ash Wednesday.

IMPORTANT Car Park Notice: We have been advised by the Car Park Company that we (St Ethelbert's) can no longer appeal on your behalf should you receive a car parking ticket. It is therefore very important that you ensure that you have a valid car park permit or if you visit the church, you enter your car registration number into the tablet at the back of the church. If you are using the car park for your private use i.e outside liturgical services it is your responsibility to ensure that you have registered your car. Thank you for your understanding.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to offer mass for an intention and by way of a gentle reminder, please ensure that your mass offering envelope is returned to us in advance i.e **7 working days** so that we are able to allocate the day requested. Any delay in timing can result in the mass being postponed for an alternate day.

Journey with Jesus through Lent: During Lent, the Pastoral Development Vicariate is offering you the opportunity for weekly online small-group sessions (various days & times are available) to help individuals deepen their relationship with Jesus through Scripture. Using St Beuno's Outreach Prego resources, each 45 minute session invites you to pray and reflect on Scripture for the coming Sunday. The programme runs once a week for six weeks, starting the week of 16 February.

Sign up at <https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>

Come and See – Discernment Day for Men: Are you a man who is wondering whether God may be calling you to the priesthood? The Diocese warmly invites you to “Come and See” — a day of prayer, reflection, and questions for men who are thinking about or discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

Date: Saturday 28th March, 2026 **Programme:** A day including prayer, reflection, input on priestly vocation, and an open Q&A

Who is it for? Men who are exploring, questioning, or discerning a call to the priesthood.

Where? Our Lady of Christian and St Lawrence, Olney.

This day offers a relaxed and supportive opportunity to reflect on God's call, to learn more about priestly life, and to ask honest questions in a prayerful setting.

To register your interest or for more information, please contact: Fr Pius

Email: vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org **Tel:** 01753 523147

Diocesan Vacancies: We are currently recruiting three Property Area Coordinators, each responsible for the maintenance, compliance, and performance of a defined portfolio of properties within an allocated geographic area of the Diocese. The role ensures that buildings are safe, legally compliant, well maintained, and fit for mission and ministry, while providing support to parishes, clergy, and diocesan stakeholders. This is a full-time, 12-month fixed-term contract, with the possibility of extension or becoming permanent.

As each role covers a different part of the Diocese, three area-specific Job Descriptions are available, and candidates should review the one relevant to their preferred location. The closing date for applications is Friday 7 March 2026. Interview dates will be confirmed in due course; however, we reserve the right to close the advert early should we receive a sufficient number of applications.

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/>

All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

We also have a vacancy for a Parish Secretary to provide administration support to the parish of St Anthony's Slough.

The role will be for 12 hours per week, worked Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 1pm. This is office based.

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/>

All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

The closing date for applications is Friday 27 February with a start date as soon as possible.