

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - FEAST

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

Mass Times & Intentions this Week

Table with mass times and intentions for the week of 09/01/2022 and 16/01/2022.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.30pm
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 9.30am. FRIDAY 12.30pm
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION: Friday 11.30 – 12.30pm
BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: First Saturday of the Month 2.30pm
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022: Preparation is ongoing, pray for the young ones.
CONFIRMATION 2022: Preparation is ongoing, please pray for the Candidates.
RCIA SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2022: Please pray for the Catechumens & Candidates.
WEDDING: By appointment with the Parish Priest (Six months' notice is required).
FUNERAL: By arrangement with the Parish Priest (call 01753523147).
RECONCILIATION/COUNSELING: First & last Sat. of the month 11.00am -12.30pm
VISITATION TO THE SICK: by arrangement with the Priest during Office Hours.
MASS REQUEST/BOOKING: Envelopes are available in the Church (write your intention, and please hand to the Priest or place in presbytery letterbox).
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY: Welcoming New Parishioners/Visitors: During Sunday Mass.
SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS/DOCUMENTS: Contact the Priest on Office Days.
CHURCH CLEANING AND UPKEEP: Monday after Mass, & Saturday, please help.
PIETY/BOOKSHOP: Sunday after Mass (Back of the Church).
CHURCH MEETINGS: As announced in the Newsletter, contact the Parish Priest
BLESSINGS:
FOR THE WORKING WEEK – MONDAY (after 9.30 Mass).
FOR THE WEEKEND – FRIDAY (at the end of Mass)
FOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS: First & Last Sunday of the Month.
HOLY WATER, RELIGIOUS ITEMS, VEHICLES, ETC.: Contact the Priest after Mass.
CHILD DEDICATION & BLESSING AFTER BAPTISM: First Sunday of the Month.
THANKSGIVING MASS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS: Contact the Parish Priest for booking.
FAMILY OFFERTORY PROCESSION: in progress, kindly register your family.
PRIEST'S DAY OFF: MONDAY.
PRIEST'S OFFICE DAYS/HOURS - TUES. AND THUR. 11am – 12.30 & 5.30- 6.30pm
The Priest is available to meet parishioners during office hours. All are welcome!
Please wear a face mask in Church and office, except if you are exempt.

MINISTRIES:

Readers for today

9am Mass: Rocky D., Angel D
11am Mass:
6.30pm Mass: Sophia B & Lucas P

Next Sunday

9am Mass: Reece g, Sheryl F
11am Mass: Sheila M & Ruby J
6.30pm Mass:

Eucharistic Ministers today

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

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers

9am Mass: Alice S, Nataline S .
11am Mass:
6.30pm Mass:

Collection last week:

Loose cash £646.50
Envelope: £222.00
Crib offering: £104.00

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

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## 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: You are my Son, the Beloved;  
Response (All): **my favour rests on you.**'

### Please Pray for:

the Sick and Housebound Parishioners. Those who died recently and all departed parishioners - RIP.

## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.' **The Word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30 Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are**

### Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to *set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own* and would have no ambition except to do good. But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life. **The Word of the Lord.**

### Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

### SUNDAY GOSPEL AND LIFE: JESUS CHRIST BRINGS TO US GOD'S FAVOUR

Jesus Baptism is the beginning of a new creation. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew and refashion us in his likeness through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit. The Father loves Jesus and we enjoy God's favour through Jesus Christ. Heaven will open for all who follow Jesus in faith and humility..

**Wishing all Parishioners and Friends Happy Sunday! – Fr Francis**

### Church Notices:

**Sacraments:** Holy Communion 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, Confirmation & RCIA lessons in progress, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 10.30am, All Candidates should kindly attend.

**Synod:** Thank you to all who have attended the Parish Synod Forum last Saturday and thanks to those who worked so hard to ensure it was successful.

**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.  
**16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C – MASS 9AM, 11.AM AND 6.30PM - WITH BISHOP DAVID OAKLEY.** Please join in welcoming the Bishop to our Parish.