



**OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH,  
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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

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

**SUN 12/1/2025 MASS: 9:00am** Katie Doody RIP, Fr. Pius Birthday **MASS: 11am:** Fr. Pius Birthday  
**MASS: 6.30pm** Fr. Pius Birthday

**MON:9.30am:** Morning Prayer **MASS: 10.00am** A. Macdonald 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: 10am – 12.30pm**

**MASS: 12:30pm** A. Macdonald RIP,

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

**SUN 19/1/2025 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, 12<sup>th</sup> January

**9am Mass:** Perase T, Clare R, John McN.

**11am Mass:** Vicky J, Constance, Rose L.

**6.30pm Mass:**

#### Readers for Next Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January

**9am Mass:** Jim B, Sr. Caroline, Precious Q.

**11am Mass:** Cecilia JP, Jessica O, Ellen K.

**6.30pm Mass:**

#### Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January

**9am Mass:** Jim B, Sr. Caroline

**11am Mass:** Sr. Theresa O, Cecilia JP

**6.30pm Mass**

#### Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 19<sup>th</sup> January

**9am Mass:** Sr. Pauline, John McN

**11am Mass:** John I, Jan M

**6.30pm Mass:**

### OFFERTORY PROCESSION

This Sunday: 11am Natty

Next Sunday: 11am Clara

### **Our Readings for the Day**

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

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104 (103):1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28.29-30.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great you are!

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

He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

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

When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.

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

**St Ethelbert's Bank Details for Bank Transfers:  
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## Notices:

**Happy Birthday:** Tuesday was Fr. Pius' birthday and we hope he had a special day. We also pray that the good Lord will continue to bless him and keep him in good health. Please keep him in your prayers. Fr. Pius would like to thank you for your good wishes and lovely birthday cake and treats.

**RCIA Group:** The next session for the RCIA group will meet in the Church on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January at 12pm.

**Confirmation Group:** The confirmation group will meet this Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 3pm in the Church. Parents, please ensure that your child attends.

**First Holy Communion Group:** The First Holy Communion Group will resume the classes on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 11am.

**Little Friends of Jesus:** The LFJ group will meet on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January at 12.00pm. Children aged one to 10 years are most welcome.

**Couples Marrying 2025/2026:** Couples who intend to marry this year, 2025 or 2026 should get in touch with Fr. Pius asap. This applies if you intended to marry at St Ethelbert's, in another parish or overseas. There are various timescales to allow these to happen and we will be unable to complete courses/paperwork etc. if you inform us at the last minute. Therefore, to avoid disappointment given the importance of the occasion we would encourage you to get in touch as soon as you know your wedding date.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land October 2025:** We have another pilgrimage taking place this time to the Holy Land from 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

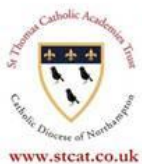
**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse?

Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom ...27 February to 2 March 2025 .

Email: [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk)

Call or text 0788 7296983 [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**'A Journey of Hope' Lenten Accompaniment Prayer:** For the Jubilee Year this Lent, there is an opportunity of a retreat in daily life, on Mondays from 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. You will receive weekly one-to-one support from an experienced prayer guide on zoom. To find out more, sign up to our introductory webinar on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.30-8.30pm: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1506153>



### LOOKING FOR A GREAT SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD? LOOKING FOR A GREAT JOB FOR YOUR FUTURE?

The St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust serves 17 schools across the south of the diocese of Northampton. Our mission is to ensure our schools are places where children flourish - places of excellence where they are truly loved. If you are looking for a place for your child next year or you are new to the area, your local family of Catholic schools is the only choice! Follow the Our Schools QR code to find out about the schools in your area and take time to pay them a visit.



Our Schools

The best schools in the country have deep roots to their community. We would love to see people from your parish join our team and you can see our live vacancies on our Trust website at any time. We will be advertising five posts with great opportunity in the near future:

- 2 x Area Estates Managers - based in Slough and Luton
- 2 x School Account Managers - based in Buckinghamshire and Luton
- 1 x Trust Finance Manager - based in Luton



Trust vacancies

We would love you to contact us for a chat about these roles, call 01582 361600 or email [admin@stcat.co.uk](mailto:admin@stcat.co.uk).

By joining us you will further play your part in spreading the good news of Jesus to a new generation.

### Pray for us

Our schools will be strengthened through your prayers. It takes a village to raise a child and our village is defined by Parish - Home - School. May our patron, St Thomas of Canterbury, watch over us and inspire us. St Thomas, PRAY FOR US!