

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

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THE EXAULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (C)

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

SUN 14/9/2025 MASS: 9:00am Liam Paes – Begins Studying at University and for all other students,

Teodolina & Antoneta Fernandes Good Health. Sr. Pauline Thanksgiving for 36 Year Anniverary

MASS: 11am: Joan Ojo Birthday Thanksgiving, Hanshal For the New Academic Year & 11 + Prep, Clara Jnr Fist Day at New School

Mass: 6:30pm Deegan RIP

MON: 9.30am: Morning Prayer MASS: 10.00am A. Macdonald RIP,

TUES: 9.30am: Morning Prayer MASS: 10.00am Harnett RIP

WED: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 4pm – 6.30pm MASS: 6.30pm Joliver Gomes RIP, Michael Joyce RIP

THURSDAY: 9.30am: Morning Prayer MASS: 10.00am Crane RIP

Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10.30am – 1pm

FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10am – 12.30pm

MASS: 12.30pm A. Macdonald RIP,

SATURDAY 9.30am: Morning Prayer MASS: 10.00am C. Cordell RIP

SUN 21/9/2025 MASS: 9:00am Purity Lobo Thanksgiving

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 <u>during</u> 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, 14th Sept

9am Mass: Sr. Pauline, Canelli F, Angel **11am Mass:** Vicky J, Constance, Rose L.

6.30pm Mass:

Readers for Next Sunday, 21st Sept

9am Mass: Sr. Caroline, Rocky D, Kathleen S.

11am Mass: Cecilia JP, Ellen K, Patrick I.

6.30pm Mass:

Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 14th Sept

9am Mass: Sr. Caroline, Jim B, Chris L.11am Mass: Jan M, Clara C, Joseph

6.30pm Mass:

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 21st Sept

9am Mass: Sr. Pauline, Chris L, Agness S. 11am Mass: Joseph, Jessicah M, Jan M.

6.30pm Mass:

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

This Sunday: 9am: Socorro & Robin

11am Veronica Ojo & Francis

Next Sunday:

11am: Dorothy & Reena

Our Readings:

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b - 9

If anyone were bitten by a serpent, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps78(77):1-2. 34-35. 36-37.38 R. cf.7b.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.

Gospel: John 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

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

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<u>NOTICES:</u> **2**nd **Collection:** We are due to have a second collection this Sunday, 14th September for Catholic Education but this will postpone to later this year. Next Sunday, 21st Sunday there will be a second collection at all masses for Bishop's Conference.

Confirmation Catechists: We request those of you who have expressed an interest in becoming a Confirmation Catechist and Fr. Pius has spoken too, to please attend a meeting after mass this coming Wednesday 17th September at 7.10pm.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Those who are travelling to the Holy Land on pilgrimage are requested to meet on Saturday 20th September after the 10am mass (10.30am) for an important update on the trip.

Annual Mass Count: Over the next 4 Sundays beginning Sunday 21st September we will have a parish count at all masses. Those doing the count should please put their figures on the form in the sacristy.

St Vincent and Padre Pio Deliverance and Healing Convention: A coach is being organised for the St Vincent and Padre Pio Deliverance and Healing Convention at Pantasaph, Wales, to be held on Sunday, the 21st of September 2025. It will leave from St Ethelbert's Church at 5am and leave Pantasaph at 5pm after a short visit to St Winefred's relic and Well (where she was beheaded and raised back to life miraculously). If you are interested, please give your name and coach charge of £45 (lunch will be provided) to Clara/Natty on 07878414389/07397149269. Please note that there is no parking available at St Ethelberts on this day if you are taking the coach. The public car parks should be used for the day.

RCIA 2026 Applications: Do you know someone who would like to become a catholic? Please ask them to put their names down on the list at the back of the church for the course that begins in the Autumn of this year. We will then be in touch.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2026: Forms are now available at the back of the church in the spiral unit to begin the process of applying for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please fill the form in and return it to us by 30th September 2025.

Young Adults Group: We are looking to set up a group for young adults. If you are 18 - 35 and would like to join, please put your name and contact details down on the form at the back of the church.

ETHICS UNPLUGGED – A Catholic Response to Key Issues

A four-part online Zoom series exploring contemporary ethical challenges through a Catholic lens:

- · 2 Oct Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery (Miriam Cakebread)
- · 16 Oct Gender Identification (Bishop David Oakley)
- · 30 Oct Artificial Intelligence (Aidan Cottrell-Boyce)
- · 13 Nov Ageing, Life & Death (Dr David Jones)

Thursdays, 7.30-9.00pm

Hosted by Caritas, Mission Northampton & Northampton Cathedral.

Free to attend; donations welcome. Zoom link sent before the first session.

 $\frac{Register\ Here}{16th\text{-}oct\text{-}30th\text{-}oct\text{-}13th\text{-}nov\text{-}2025/}$

Catholic Schools In the Area: We have received a newsletter celebrating the Catholic Life of the 17 schools in our Saint Thomas Catholic Academies Trust over the last academic year. This is available on our website and to those of you who receive the newsletter by email.

Marriage support - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues?

Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: +44 7887 296 983

Radio Maria – Youth Competitions

Radio Maria is launching two exciting competitions for young people:

- 1. **Young Presenter Competition** schools and students can apply to host a monthly show on Radio Maria England.
- 2. **Poetry / Song / Spoken Word Competition** theme: "A Prayer for Christian Unity" (John 17:1–26). Winners will perform at a live showcase and receive the *Young Herald's Trophy*.

Deadline: 30th September (Feast of St Jerome).

Entry is free.

More information: https://radiomariaengland.uk/competitions-for-young-people/