



**OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH,  
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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

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

<p><b>SUN 15/12/2024 MASS: 9:00am</b> Katie Doody Special Intention  <b>MASS: 11am:</b> Sr. Cecilia Mutswati Birthday, Munashe &amp; Abraham Chipuriro Birthdays, Sr. Suganthi RIP, Emily, Viswa-Nathan RIP, Clara Thanksgiving, Rosifer Thanksgiving, Sanju Thanksgiving <b>Mass: 6.30pm</b></p>	
<p><b>MON:9.30am:</b> Morning Prayer <b>Mass: 10.00am</b> A. Macdonald RIP,</p>	
<p><b>TUES: 9.30am:</b> Morning Prayer <b>Mass: 10.00am</b></p>	
<p><b>WED: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 4pm – 6.30pm 6.30pm MASS:</b> Aleyamma Thoppil RIP</p>	
<p><b>THURSDAY: 9.30am:</b> Morning Prayer <b>MASS: 10.00am</b>  <b>Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10.30am - 1 pm</b></p>	
<p><b>FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10am – 12.30pm</b>  <b>MASS: 12:30pm</b> A. Macdonald RIP, Thomas Almeida Thanksgiving  <b>6.30pm Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions</b></p>	
<p><b>SATURDAY: 9.30am:</b> Morning Prayer <b>Mass: 10.00am</b> <b>Carol Service: 6.30pm</b></p>	
<p><b>SUN 22/12/2024 MASS: 9:00am</b> Janita Hidalgo, Luisa Rugma, Mirasol Teofilo, Juan, Crena, Rupena RIP  <b>MASS: 11am: Mass: 6.30pm</b></p>	
<p><b>CONFESSIONS:</b> Available this week on, Wednesday, Thursday &amp; 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 this period if he is not already in the confessional.</u></p>	
<p><b>OFFICE HOURS: THURSDAY 1pm until 7pm – Please come to the Presbytery with your enquiries.</b></p>	
<p><b><u>MINISTRIES:</u></b>  <b><u>Readers for this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December</u></b>  <b>9am Mass:</b> Clare R, Kezia, Millie A.  <b>11am Mass:</b> Ellen K, John I, Holy Communion Group  <b>6.30pm Mass:</b></p> <p><b><u>Readers for Next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December</u></b>  <b>9am Mass:</b> Sanju, Jim B, John McN.  <b>11am Mass:</b> A. Ismail, Koyenum A, Okuse A.  <b>6.30pm Mass:</b></p> <p><b><u>Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December</u></b>  <b>9am Mass:</b> John McN, Sr. Pauline, Natalina S.  <b>11am Mass:</b> Agness N, Sr. Therese O, Mathew T.  <b>6.30pm Mass:</b></p> <p><b><u>Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 22<sup>nd</sup> December</u></b>  <b>9am Mass:</b> Alice S, Sr. Caroline, Millie A.  <b>11am Mass:</b> Cecilia JP, John I, Clara C.  <b>6.30pm Mass:</b></p> <p><b><u>OFFERTORY PROCESSION</u></b>  <b><u>This Sunday:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Next Sunday:</u></b></p>	<p><b>Our Readings for the Day</b>  <b>First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14 – 18a</b>  The Lord will exult over you with loud singing</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-3. 4b-d 5-6. R.6</b>  Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel</p> <p><b>Second Reading: Philippians 4:4 – 7</b>  The Lord is at hand</p> <p><b>Gospel :Luke 3:10 - 18</b>  And we, what shall we do?</p> <p><b>Thank you for your generous giving, May God bless you.</b></p> <p><b>St Ethelbert's Bank Details for Bank Transfers:</b>  <b>R.C.D.N. ST. ETHELBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>  <b>SLOUGH</b>  <b>A/C 46714642</b>  <b>NatWest SORT CODE: 60 06 11</b></p>

**Notices:**

**Second Collection:** We will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Christmas Flowers and a Christmas Altar Cloth on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**Thank you:** Many thanks to all of you who attended our Parish Feast Day on Monday and those who supported and helped make it a special day. A big thank you to Domingoes who organised the evening fun events, we are very grateful.

**Confirmation Group:** The confirmation group will meet this Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm in the Church. Parents, please ensure that your child attends and also please note this is the last session before Christmas. The group will resume classes on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 3pm.

**First Holy Communion Group:** The next session for the First Holy Communion Group will take place on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December from 11am – 12pm with a themed mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Following these the next time the group will meet will be on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 11am.

**RCAI Group:** The RCAI group will meet on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm in the Church. If there is anyone who wishes to become a Catholic, please join them at the first session.

**(LFJ) Little Friends of Jesus:** The LFJ group will meet on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 11am -1pm. Children aged one to 10 years are most welcome.

**Advent Giving Tree Appeal:** This year we are supporting SHOC (Slough Homeless Our Concern) and we hope that you will once again be as generous as you have been in previous years. Please take a label from the giving tree by the font, buy a new gift, wrap it, put the label on it and bring it in and place it by the giving tree by Christmas day.

**Christmas Offering Collections:** As is customary, our Christmas Offerings on 24<sup>th</sup> December (vigil masses) and Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December will be for our priests, Fr. Pius and Fr. Jude. We thank them for looking after us all through the year. Envelopes for your Christmas Offerings are now available at the back of the church which you can kindly return through the offertory collections.

**Christmas Services This Week:**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**6.30pm** Reconciliation Service with individual Confession

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Normal Morning Services

**6.30pm** Carol Service including carols in local languages

If any group would like to participate, please put your names down on the list at the back of the church and confirm the song, all groups are welcome. After the carol service mulled wine and mince pies will be available. We would be very grateful for donations of these items for this special evening. Please bring them to the Presbytery in advance.

**Non-Perishable Food For Those In Need:** We would like to run once again the appeal for non -perishable food that can be given to support those who are in need. There is a list of items required at the back of the church, please do bring your donations in and put it in the box at the back of the church. Thank you to those of you who have very kindly donated .

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage Booking Forms:** We require all completed booking forms for those who are travelling to Medjugorje returned directly to the Fr. Pius or dropped into the Presbytery by **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**.

**Piety Shop:** Christmas Cards and gifts are now available from the Piety Shop at the back of the church. Please drop by to have a look at their new stock.

**Missio Red Boxes:** Thank you to those of you who brought their Missio Red Boxes in, these have now been emptied and are at the back of the church for you to collect and take home. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

**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.

**Teacher Training:** Are you interested in training to become a teacher? Would you like to find out more about what is involved and how you can apply? St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are hosting a series of open mornings in December and January, where you can find out all about our Train to Teach programme starting in September 2025. To find out more and to book a place at an open morning, visit [www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher](http://www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher)