



**OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH,
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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

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

Mass, Intentions and Other Services this Week

SUN 17/3/2024 MASS: 9:00am Ruben Patrick Cardoso Birthday Thanksgiving 11am: Lavinia Fernandes RIP, Martha Mascarenhas RIP, Josephine Madden 25 th Wedding Anniv Int. 6:30pm:	
MON: MASS: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Ernie O'Malley Mass: 10.00am	
TUES: MASS: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass 10.00am:	
WED MASS : Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 4pm – 6.30pm 6:30pm MASS:	
THURSDAY: 9:30am Morning Prayer Mass 10.00am: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10.30am - 1 pm	
FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10 am - 11.30pm 11.30am – 12.30pm Stations of the Cross	
MASS: 12:30 pm Maria A. Rodrigues RIP 6.30pm: Stations of the Cross 7pm – 9pm Lenten Retreat	
SATURDAY: Morning Prayer: 9:30am Mass: 10:00 am 3pm: Stations of the Cross in Konkani	
SUN 24/3/2024 MASS: 9:00am Keren Demelo Thanksgiving, Jose Rodrigues RIP, Lambert Pereira Birthday Thanksgiving 11am: 6:30pm:	
CONFESSIONS: Available on, Wednesday, Thursday and 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</u> if he is not already in the confessional.	
OFFICE HOURS: THURSDAY 1pm until 7pm – Please come to the Presbytery with your enquiries.	
<p><u>MINISTRIES:</u></p> <p><u>Readers for today</u> 9am Mass: Clare R, Angel D, Anissa 11am Mass: Marij K, Leanne K, Bidding Prayers: Holy Communion Group 6.30pm Mass Olvia G, Amber N.</p> <p><u>Readers for Next Sunday</u> 9am Mass: Aleina, Kezia, Jim B. Narrator: Sr. Pauline Other Voices: Anissa 11am Mass: M. Cheturai, Rosemary M, A. Ismail Narrator: Ellen K. Other Voices: Lawrence A. 6.30pm Mass Simon M, Sr. Susan Narrator: Maria M. Other Voices: Clement A.</p> <p><u>Eucharistic Ministers today</u> 9am Mass: Sr. Pauline & Alice S. 11am Mass: Jessicah M, Agness N. 6.30pm Mass:</p> <p><u>Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers</u> 9am Mass: Millie A, Natalina S. 11am Mass: Mathew T, Sr. Therese O. 6.30pm Mass:</p> <p><u>OFFERTORY PROCESSION</u> <u>Sunday:</u> 9am Bertie & Charles <u>Next Sunday:</u> 11am Gambian Community</p>	<p><u>Our Readings for the Day</u></p> <p>First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 I will write my Law in their hearts</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15 A pure heart create for me, O God.</p> <p>Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9 He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation</p> <p>Gospel: John 12:20-33 If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest</p> <p>Thank you for your generous giving, May God bless you.</p> <p><u>St Ethelbert's Bank Details for Bank Transfers:</u> R.C.D.N. ST. ETHELBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH SLOUGH A/C 46714642 NatWest SORT CODE : 60 06 11</p>

Notices:

Second Collection: There will be a second collection at all masses on Sunday, 24th March for Easter Flowers and a new Altar Cloth for Easter.

Easter Offerings: As is customary, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday collections will be taken for our Parish Priest, Fr. Pius and for Fr. Biju. Envelopes for your Easter Offerings are now available at the back of the church which you can kindly return through the collections on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday Services.

Holy Week Services: Information about services taking place during Holy Week is now available on the parish website and church notice board.

Car Park: We continue to have problems with the car park as people are not parking considerately. We have had a number of instances where cars have been parked in a way that does not allow part of the car park to be utilised and cars that have blocked someone in but the owner does not move the car promptly after the service. Please think about how you are parking so that cars can exit the car park quickly and safely, particularly in an emergency.

Volunteers for Washing of the Feet: We need 12 volunteers to take part in the washing of the feet during Holy Thursday's Mass at 7pm. If you would like to do this please put your name down on the list at the back of the church.

First Holy Communion Group:

A themed mass for the First Holy Communion group is taking place this Sunday, 17th March. After a short break the next meeting for the First Holy Communion group will take place on Saturday, 4th May at 10.30am.

Lenten Recollection: We are to have a Lenten Recollection on Friday, 22nd March from 7pm – 9pm led by Brother Vincent from Goa. All are welcome to this very special service.

Bishop David's Lenten Gospel Reflections: Bishop David has written and recorded a Gospel reflection for the fifth week of Lent. A video of Bishop David's reflection can be viewed here:

<https://youtu.be/kD-VtUQFAio?si=hBjTiAzBAE41nbYy>

You can listen to Bishop David's reflection here: <https://on.soundcloud.com/XGrxN>

Pope's Prayer Intention March 2024: For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. You can watch the video here

https://youtu.be/ov49RPt2ii8?si=xvGOX_3pkEayZdhg

Feast of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (19th March)

Mass will be celebrated at Northampton Cathedral at 11.00am on this day. In our diocese it is a double celebration as it is also the 4th anniversary of Bishop David's Episcopal Ordination. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. It would be lovely to see as many of you and your parishioners as possible.

Chrism Mass: As usual our Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Northampton Cathedral on Maundy Thursday, 28th March at 11.00am. You are all encouraged to attend. This is a good opportunity for our diocesan family to be together. Refreshments will be available following Mass in the St Thomas Centre. All are welcome.

Zoom Presentations in Preparation for Holy Week: In past years Holy Family has offered some Zoom reflections on the "Stations of the Cross". This year they are doing something a little different and presenting five reflections on "Saints who witnessed the Crucifixion", all in preparation for Holy Week. They will be broadcast (again on Zoom) on five consecutive nights: Monday, 18th March to Friday, 21st March at 7pm.

Please use the link below that has been provided if you would like to participate:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86082330846?pwd=V2NmMnBaQm9PWWE5hVmVkJnNlVSlkZlZz09>

Teaching Undergraduate Internship: Have any of your family members or friends, who are currently studying for a degree, expressed an interest in teaching in either a primary or secondary setting? Our local STCAT family of schools is delighted to be offering the opportunity to undergraduates interested in teaching for a 3-week, school-based Internship placement between June 24th and July 12th 2024. For more information and application details, please go to our webpage - [STCAT Summer Internships 2024](#).