



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

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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (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 21/4/2024 MASS: 9:00am Gloria Oforika Birthday Thanksgiving, Ellen – Patricia Hills RIP	
11am:	6:30pm:
MON: MASS: 9.30am: Morning Prayer	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: Tianna Meghan Fernandes 3 rd Birthday	
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 - 12.30pm	MASS: 12:30pm
Praise & Worship 7pm – 9pm	
SATURDAY: Morning Prayer: 9:30am	Mass: 10:00 am
SUN 28/4/2024 MASS: 9:00am Loretta Lourdes Pereira, Milena Dias & Tianna Fernandes Birthdays	
11am:	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 Next Sunday, 21st April
9am Mass: John McN, Canelli F, Aleluia D.
11am Mass: Sr. Therese O, Sandra M, Sr. Chibuakum
6.30pm Mass: John Jude, Maria M.

Readers for Next Sunday, 28th April
9am Mass: Anabel M, Kathleen S, Sr. Caroline
11am Mass: Tara I, M Cheturai, Constance N.
6.30pm Mass: Olivia G, Amber N.

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 21st April
9am Mass: Sr. Caroline, Alice S, Natalina S.
11am Mass: Rosemary M, Jessicah M, Mathew T.
6.30pm Mass:

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 28th April
9am Mass: Chris L, Jim B, Alice S.
11am Mass: Mathew T, Clara C, Cecilia JP.
6.30pm Mass:

Our Readings for the Day

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12
The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved

Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29
The Stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2
We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is

Gospel: John 10:11-18
The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep

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

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Sunday: 9am: Bertie
11am: Paschalia & Iwu Family
Next Sunday:

St Ethelbert's Bank Details for Bank Transfers:
R.C.D.N. ST. ETHELBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH
SLOUGH
A/C 46714642
NatWest SORT CODE : 60 06 11

Notices:



Parish Registration:

We are now using a new computer system to help us manage our parish better. It starts with us making sure that we have up to date contact information for all of our parishioners and so we would be grateful if you could complete the registration form by clicking on this QR code or by typing the link into your browser.

www.caspar.church/me?ID=56086



During the registration you will also have the opportunity to sign up for the parish newsletter to keep up-to-date with the latest parish news. Please do sign up for this.

If you don't have an email address, please speak to the parish who can complete the form on your behalf or you can visit the Presbytery this Wednesday 24th April, between 11am and 12pm when we can help you get set up.

61st World Day of Prayer For Vocations: This Sunday, 21st April, is the fourth Sunday of Easter which the Church calls Good Shepherd Sunday. Over this weekend a second collection is taken to support the work in three key areas of priestly life: 1. Ongoing formation 2. Seminary training 3. Priestly vocations promotion

A video from the National Office of Vocations can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/q9DhyTHbGX8?si=onuFZAxE4ib4EBM9>

Praise & Worship: Our monthly Praise and Worship which will take place on Friday, 26th April at 7pm – 9pm. All are welcome to this very special service.

Pope's Prayer Intention For April: For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

You can view the video here <https://thepopevideo.org/april-for-the-role-of-women-2/>

More resources can be found here <https://www.popesprayer.va/2024-4-tpv-press-release-for-the-role-of-women/>

Women in Ministry – The Gathering 3: Did you know that the Northampton Diocese has a Women in Ministry group? We have our own web page <https://northamptondiocese.org/women-in-ministry/> and we made a key contribution to the recent Diocesan assembly. We have been active for a number of years and want to invite the women of our Diocese to our next Gathering on **June 8th at St Mary's Woburn Sands, 10am until 4pm**. This is an opportunity to reflect on women in the catholic church, their calling and vocation, their gifts and ministries, their voice in the synod and a chance to listen, pray, share, and reflect. For more information, please email helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org. All are welcome!

Pilgrims of Hope: Next year, 2025 has been designated a Jubilee year by Pope Francis with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. As we prepare for this year, Bishop David is visiting the Slough area to spend an evening in prayer and dialogue. You are invited to join Bishop David on Thursday 25th April at 7PM at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Burnham. During the evening Bishop David will answer questions from those present and has proved in other areas that he honestly responds to any question! Th

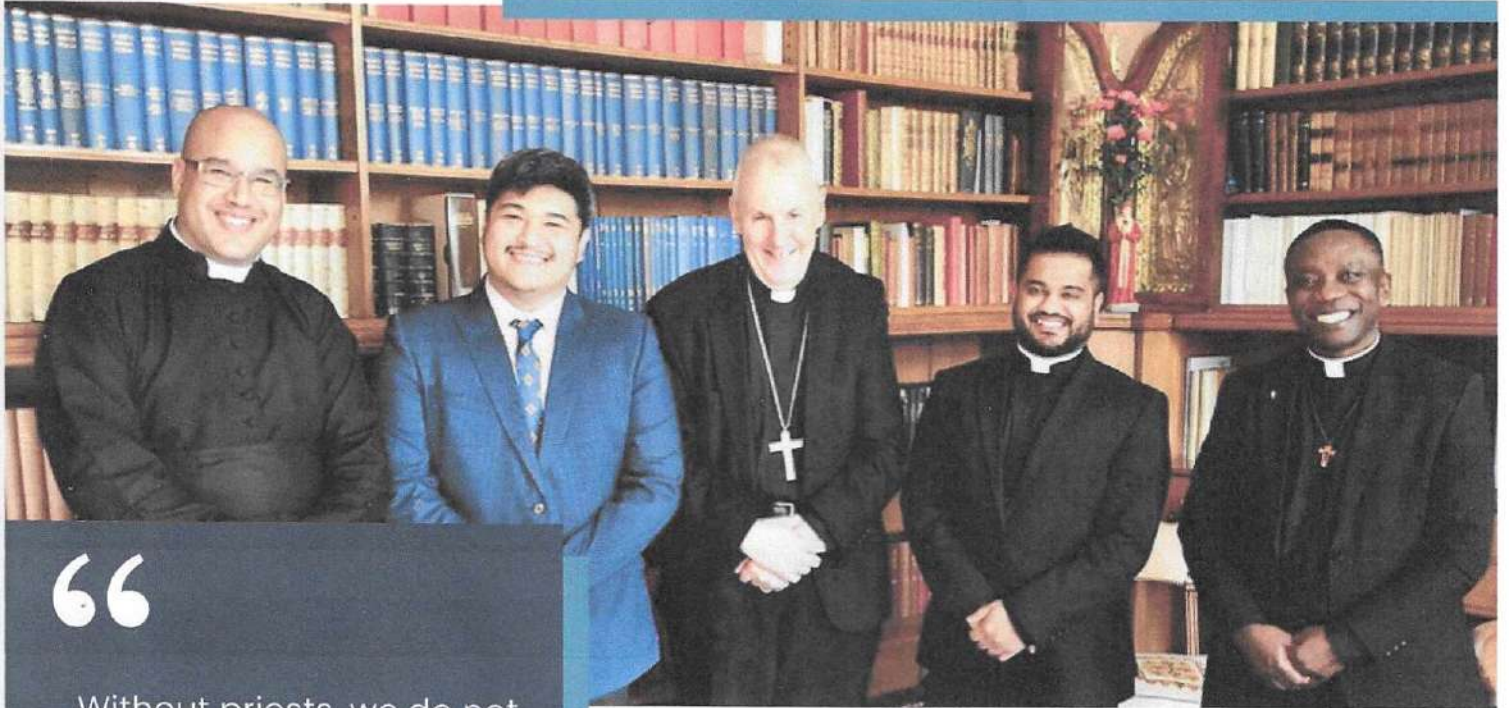
Rome Pilgrimage October 2024: Those of you who are joining the pilgrimage to Rome and are not UK or EU passport holders will need a visa. Please ensure you start your application by the end of May 24 to avoid disappointment. Deposits for the trip should now have been paid.

Red Missio Boxes: For those of you who kindly dropped in your red Missio boxes a little while ago, these can now be collected from the bench at the back of the church.

We have also received a thank you from Missio for the £210.80 that was raised through the red box donations in 2023. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr. Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



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Without priests, we do not have a Church. What makes the Church is the Eucharist and priests are those who celebrate the Mass with us and for us.

Bishop David Oakley



CHAIN OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

A San Damiano cross, blessed by Bishop David has become a symbol of prayer for priestly vocations across our diocese. The cross is journeying to each parish to encourage prayers for vocations in family homes.



VOCATIONS DIRECTOR

In June 2023, Bishop David appointed Fr Pius Amoako as our diocesan Director of Vocations. Please pray for the ministry of Fr Pius as he journeys with young men discerning a call to priesthood.



scan the code with your phone camera and click the link to find out more about our priest appeal

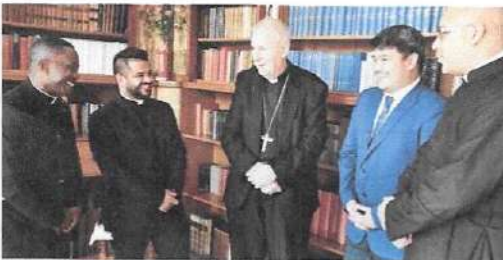
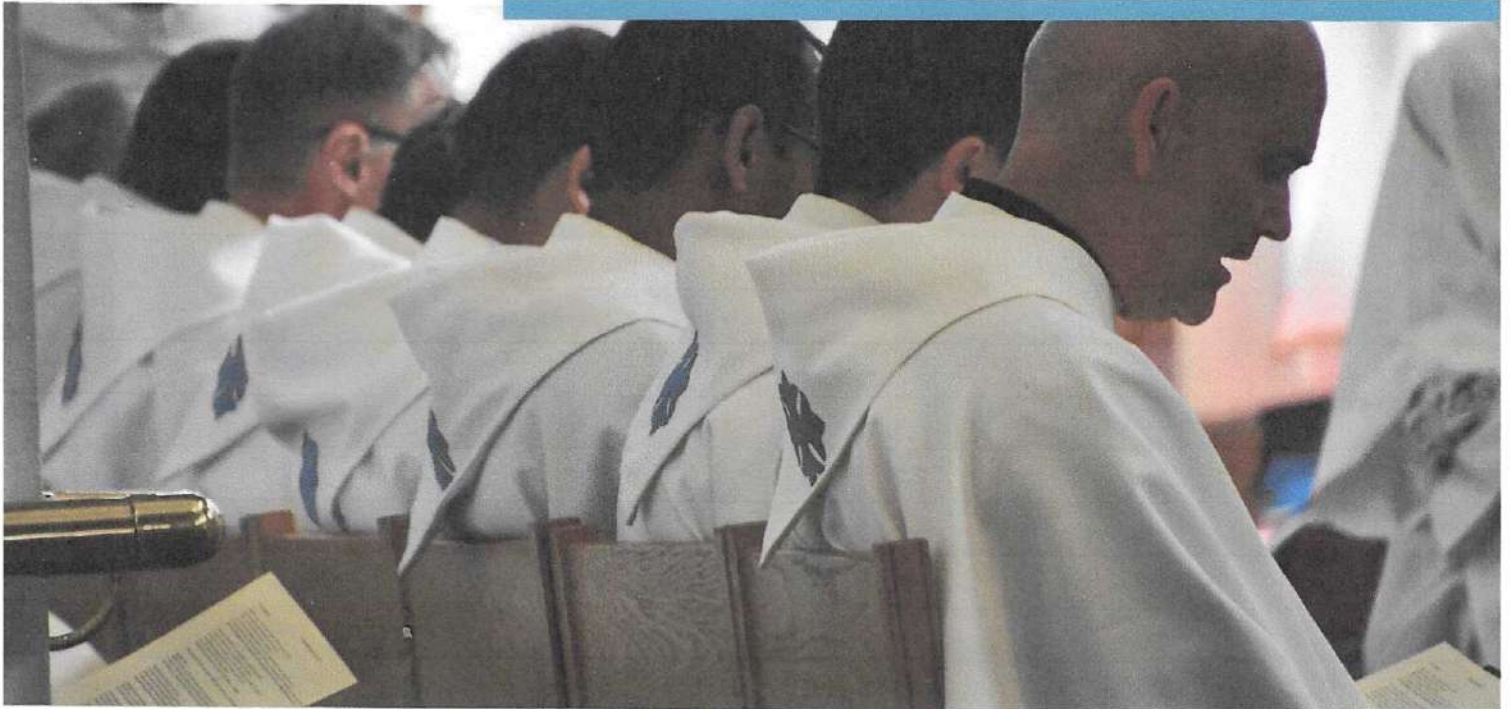
Ongoing Clergy Formation

As with all of us, the ongoing development of priests never ends. Formation for clergy in our diocese is led by Mgr Kevin McGinnell. Formation is focused on the four areas of spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human development.

In 2024 and 2025 a full programme of clergy formation has been designed. The programme is a mixture of scriptural, theological and canonical studies, homiletics, prayer and retreats.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Men preparing for the priesthood through discernment activities and studies usually spend 6-7 years in seminary.

Our diocese is blessed with three men in seminary at present. Our seminarians have shown prayerful dedication to being witnesses of the Gospel through the sacrifice of giving their lives to God.

It costs approximately £30,000 each year for a man to attend seminary.

Please continue to prayerfully support these young men and to the courageous witness of all our priests.



PRIEST CALENDAR

Thank you for purchasing a copy of the priest calendar 2024. Over 700 copies were purchased and a profit of almost £3000 was made. These funds will be spent on Promotions for priestly vocations. Keep your eyes open in your parish for the Priests calendar 2025!



Under 10's Formation and Training

Priests who have been ordained less than ten years meet regularly for formation, training and fellowship. The gatherings mirror the four strands of seminary training; academic, spiritual, pastoral and human formation.

Prayer For Vocations

Heavenly Father,
inspire the hearts of your people to answer your call to the priesthood
Bless our families with a spirit of generosity and may those you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith.
Enlighten their minds to show them your desire for them;
fill their hearts with the determination to answer your call in faith, hope and love.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen