



**OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH,
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Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

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

SUN: 21/12/2025 MASS: 9:00am Sr. Caroline Thanksgiving for 38 Years in the Lord's Vineyard
MASS: 11.00am: Alejandro Menese RIP, Alma Manese Jaurigue RIP, Raj Sharan Birthday MASS: 6:30pm
MON: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am A. Macdonald RIP, Wellington Quadros RIP
6.30pm: Reconciliation Service & Confessions
TUES: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am
WED CHRISTMAS EVE: 6pm Children's Mass & Nativity Play 11pm Vigil Mass A. Macdonald RIP
THURS CHRISTMAS DAY: MASS: 9.00am A. Macdonald RIP MASS: 11.00am:
FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10 am – 12.30 pm
MASS: 12:30pm A. Macdonald RIP
SATURDAY: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am Fr. Brian Godden RIP
SUN: 28/12/2025 MASS: 9:00am Dylan & Hazel Wedding Anniversary
MASS: 11.00am: MASS: 6:30pm
CONFESSIONS: Monday 22nd December 6.30pm Reconciliation Service with individual Confession
NO OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

MINISTRIES:

Readers for this Sunday, 21st Dec

9am Mass: Jemima, Sr. Caroline, Sr. Pauline

11am Mass: Patrick I, Ellen K, Rosemary M

6.30pm Mass:

Readers for Next Sunday, 28th Dec

9am Mass: John Jude, Rainda, Salome F.

11am Mass: Jolisha S, Okuse A, Leanne K.

6.30pm Mass:

Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 21st Dec

9am Mass: Chris L, Jim B, Agness S.

11am Mass: Dorothy, Clara C, Cecilia JP .

6.30pm Mass:

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 28th Dec

9am Mass: Alice S, Natalina S, Millie A.

11am Mass: Dorothy, Cecilia JP, Rosemary M.

6.30pm Mass:

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

This Sunday:

11am: Dorothy & Eniola

Next Sunday:

Our Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10 -14

Behold, the virgin shall conceive.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24(23): 1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R. cf.7c 10b

Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, descended from David, Son of God.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David

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

St Ethelbert's Bank Details for Bank Transfers:

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NOTICES: **2nd Collection:** This Sunday 21st December there will be a second collection at all masses for flowers and other items required for the Christmas Season.

Thank you & Welcome Back: A big thank you to Fr. Anthony, Fr. Amal, Fr. Rob and Fr. Joe for celebrating mass and looking after us while Fr. Pius has been away, we are very grateful. We welcome back Fr. Pius and hope he had a happy restful break.

Carol Service: This Saturday, 20th December at 6.30pm. We will have mince pies and mulled wine after this service. Please bring mince pies and the mulled wine to share.

Giving Tree Appeal: This year our giving tree appeal is in support of those in need who call in at our church. Please take a label (or more) from the giving tree, buy the gift/food (non-perishable with long expire dates). These items should be placed in a carrier bag with the label attached and brought to the church and placed under the tree during the Christmas Season. Last day for placement is Sunday, 11th January 2026.

Christmas Offering Collections: As is customary, our Christmas Offerings on 24th December (vigil masses) and Christmas Day, 25th December will be for our parish priest, Fr. Pius. We thank him for looking after us all through - out 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.

<i><u>Christmas Services This Coming Week</u></i>	
<u>Monday 22nd December</u>	<u>St Stephen's Friday 26th December</u>
9.30am Morning Prayer & 10am Mass 6.30pm Reconciliation Service with individual Confession	10am Adoration 12.30pm Mass All Altar Servers should attend
	<u>Saturday 27th December</u>
<u>Tuesday 23rd December</u>	9.30am Morning Prayer & 10am Mass
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	<u>Sunday 28th December</u>
<u>Wednesday 24th December</u>	9.00am Mass, 11.00am Mass & 6.30pm Mass
Christmas Eve Services 6pm Children's Mass & Nativity Play 11pm Vigil Mass	
<u>Thursday 25th December</u>	
9am & 11am Mass, No Evening Mass	

Mission Boxes: Thank you to all those who returned their red mission boxes. These have been emptied and are now available for collection at the back of the church. Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships.

Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Message From Fr. Pius:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we gather in joy to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, we are once again drawn to the quiet wonder of Bethlehem. In the stillness of that holy night, God chose not power or splendour, but humility, closeness, and love. The Light of the world entered history as a child, born among the poor, welcomed by simple hearts, and offered to all.

At Christmas, we are reminded that God has not remained distant from our struggles, fears, or uncertainties. In Jesus, Emmanuel, God is with us. He walks with us in our homes and families, in our parish life, in our joys and in our sorrows. No darkness is so deep that His light cannot reach it.

Here at Our Lady and St Ethelbert, we are blessed to be a community rooted in faith, prayer, and service. Like Our Lady, who trusted God's promise with an open heart, and like St Ethelbert, who bore witness with courage and fidelity, we are called to carry Christ into our world—through kindness, forgiveness, compassion, and hope.

This Christmas, may we allow the peace of Christ to dwell richly among us. May the newborn King renew our faith, strengthen our love for one another, and rekindle hope in every heart—especially for those who feel lonely, burdened, or forgotten.

As we look to the year ahead, let us walk together as a parish family, trusting that the God who came to us in a manger continues to guide us with tenderness and mercy. May our homes be filled with joy, our parish with unity, and our lives with the quiet confidence that God is always at work, making all things new.

Wishing you and your loved ones a holy and blessed Christmas, and a New Year filled with God's grace.

Christ is born. Let us glorify

Fr Pius