



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

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

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

SUN 22/12/2024 MASS: 9:00am Janita Hidalgo, Luisa Rugma, Mirasol Teofilo, Juan, Crena, Rupena RIP MASS: 11am: Mass: 6.30pm
MON:9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am A. Macdonald RIP, Epifanio & Agnes 1 st Wedding Anniv, Lyra Fernandes Birthday
TUES: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am Christmas Eve: 6pm Children's Mass & Nativity Play, Vigil Mass: 11pm A. Macdonald RIP
WED: Christmas Day MASS: 9:00am A. Macdonald RIP MASS: 11am: Bozena & Andrzej 45 th Wedding Anniv.
THURSDAY: St Stephen's Day MASS: 12.00pm NO ADORATION
FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10am – 12.30pm MASS: 12:30pm A. Macdonald RIP, Fr. Brian Godden RIP
SATURDAY: 9.30am: Morning Prayer Mass: 10.00am
SUN 29/12/2024 MASS: 9:00am MASS: 11am: Mass: 6.30pm
CONFESSIONS: NO CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK
OFFICE HOURS: NONE THIS WEEK

MINISTRIES:
Readers for this Sunday, 22nd December
9am Mass: Precious Q, Jim B, John McN.
11am Mass: A. Ismail, Koyenum A, Okuse A.
6.30pm Mass:

Readers for Next Sunday, 29th December
9am Mass: Aleina, Kezia, Aleluia
11am Mass: Cecilia JP, Jessicah M, TBC
6.30pm Mass:

Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 22nd December
9am Mass: Alice S, Sr. Caroline, Millie A.
11am Mass: Cecilia JP, John I, Clara C.
6.30pm Mass:

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 29th December
9am Mass: Chris L, Natalina S, Sr. Pauline
11am Mass: Jan M, Rosemary M, Agness N.
6.30pm Mass:

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
This Sunday:
Next Sunday:

Our Readings for the Day
First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a
 From you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80(79):2ac. 3b. 15-16. 18-19.
R. 4
 Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
 Behold I have come to do your will

Gospel : Luke 1:39-45
 Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

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

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: Second Collection: We will have a 2nd collection for Christmas Flowers and a Christmas Altar Cloth this Sunday 22nd December at all masses.

RCIA Group: The next session for the RCIA group will meet in the Church on Saturday, 11th January at 12pm.

(LFJ) Little Friends of Jesus: The LFJ group will meet on Saturday, 21st December at 11am for the Nativity practice followed by the normal session which at 12.10pm. Children aged one to 10 years are most welcome.

Advent Giving Tree Appeal: Thank you so much to all of you who have taken a giving tree label and returned the gift to church. The last day for all gifts to be returned is Wednesday 25th December.

Christmas Offering Collections: As is customary, our Christmas Offerings on 24th December (vigil masses) and Christmas Day, 25th 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.

<i>Christmas Services This Week</i>	
<u>Monday 23rd December</u>	<u>St Stephen's Thursday 26th December</u>
Normal Morning Services	12pm Mass All Altar Servers should attend
<u>Tuesday 24th December</u>	<u>Friday 27th December</u>
Normal Morning Services	Normal Mass & Adoration Service
Christmas Eve Services	
6pm Children's Mass & Nativity Play	<u>Saturday 28th December</u>
11pm Vigil Mass	Normal Mass Service
<u>Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December</u>	
9.00am Mass	
11am Mass	

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 .

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.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land October 2025: We have another pilgrimage taking place this time to the Holy Land from 23rd October – 30th 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.

Message from Fr. Pius

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

This Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, let us rejoice in the boundless love and hope He brings into our lives. In the simplicity of the manger, we are reminded of God's infinite mercy and His call to live with faith, joy, and compassion.

Thank you for being a vital part of our parish community. Your faith, generosity, and dedication make our church a place of warmth, prayer, and love. You are the heart of our parish, and we are truly blessed by your presence , generosity, love and support.

May the peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes this Christmas and always. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and blessed Christmas season!

**With every blessings and prayers,
Fr Pius**