



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

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Pius Amoako

Safeguarding officer: Ellen Ketter 07342341099

Parish Email: [parish.stethelbert@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.stethelbert@northamptondiocese.org) Telephone: (01753) 523147 - Website: [www.st-ethelberts.co.uk](http://www.st-ethelberts.co.uk)

## First Sunday of Lent (A)

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

<b>SUN: 22/2/2026 MASS: 9:00am</b> Ashley Thanksgiving	
<b>MASS: 11.00am:</b> Rose Birthday Thanksgiving, Augustine Lyatonga RIP <b>MASS: 6:30pm</b> Ann & John Keogh RIP,	
<b>MON: 9.30am: Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Mass: 10.00am</b> A. Macdonald RIP, Camille & Herbert Clark RIP
<b>TUES: 9.30am: Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Mass: 10.00am</b> Barry, Bill & Edna Johnstone RIP
<b>WED: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 4pm – 6.30pm</b>	
<b>MASS: 6.30pm:</b> Francis & Remedian Coutinho RIP, Carlos Pereira RIP, Aaron & Family Thanksgiving	
<b>THURS: 9.30am: Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Mass: 10.00am</b> David Payne RIP
<b>Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10am – 1.00pm</b>	
<b>FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10am – 11.30am</b> <b>11.30am – 12.30pm Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>MASS: 12:30pm</b> A. Macdonald RIP, Joseph Fernandes RIP	
<b>6pm Stations of the Cross</b> <b>7pm – 9pm Praise &amp; Worship</b>	
<b>SATURDAY: 9.30am: Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Mass: 10.00am</b> Margaret, Tom & Michael Connolly RIP
<b>SUN: 1/3/2026 MASS: 9:00am</b>	
<b>MASS: 11.00am:</b> Joseph Fernandes RIP, Joaquim Rodrigues RIP, Mrs Bola Kubaripo Birthday & Thanksgiving	
<b>MASS: 6:30pm</b> Teresa McGuire RIP	
<b>CONFESSIONS: 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</u> this period if he is not already in the confessional.</b>	
<b>OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: THURSDAY 1pm until 7pm – Please come to the Presbytery with your enquiries.</b>	

**MINISTRIES:**

**Readers for this Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

**9am Mass:** Reece G, Perase T, Precious Q.

**11am Mass:** Okuse A, Tara I, Fozia K.

**6.30pm Mass:** Edward A, Maria M.

**Readers for Next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**9am Mass:** Reece G, Aleina, John Jude

**11am Mass:** Vicky J, Constance, Rose L.

**6.30pm Mass:**

**Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

**9am Mass:** John McN, Chris L, Alice S.

**11am Mass:** John I, Dorothy, Clara C.

**6.30pm Mass:** John, Clement, Cyrus

**Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**9am Mass:** Alice S, John McN, Evelyn P.

**11am Mass** Rosemary M, Cecilia JP, Dorothy

**6.30pm Mass:** Lucas Seb, Sr. Susan

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

**This Sunday:**

**11am:** Paschalia

**Next Sunday:**

**11am:** Adebola Kubaripo & Deborah Kubaripo

**Our Readings:**

**First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7**

The creation and sin of our first parents.

**Psalms: Ps 51-(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17. R. cf.3a**

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.

**Gospel: Matthew 3:1-11**

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted

**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 Collections: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb for the Children's Choir who visited us last week. Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March CAFOD Fast Day collection.**

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection:** This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood -resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope from the back of the church to bless others with your support.

**Restoration Work:** The first phase of works i.e the roof repair is being carried out at the moment and should be completed by next week. The second phase of the work i.e internal decoration will begin at some point this year subject to diocese approval.

**Confirmation Group Meeting:** The confirmation group meeting will take place on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> February at 3pm.

**Stations of the Cross:** During lent we will have stations of the cross each Friday at 11.30am (before mass). There is a list at the back of the church should you wish to read at stations at one of these sessions, please put your names down against the chosen date. We are looking for four individuals for each Friday. Please note, this coming Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, there will also be Stations of the Cross at 6pm before the Praise & Worship

**Praise & Worship:** Our monthly Praise and Worship which will take place on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm – 9pm. All are welcome to this very special service.

**Choir Tridium Services:** We are putting together a choir for the Tridium Services in April, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Please put your name down on the list at the back of the church if you would like to be part of this group. You will need to commit to coming to all the rehearsals.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2026 - For children with incurable diseases**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**SVP Slough (St Vincent de Paul Society) works to support individuals and families facing hardship by offering friendship, food support, and practical assistance.** We'd be delighted to welcome new members and anyone interested in learning more about our work. Our next monthly meeting will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7:30 pm at Holy Redeemer Church, Wexham Road, Slough SL2 5QR.

For more information, contact Cedrica [07767477402](tel:07767477402) OR Angela [07889931818](tel:07889931818).

**Parish Mission:** This week (23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Feb), the Parish of Holy Family, Langley (SL3 7UD)

are hosting a Parish Mission preached by the Redemptorist Fathers. Each night the Mission Service starts at 7pm. They'll look at different aspects of our Catholic Faith (respectively Prayer, Our Lady, Death & Eternal Life, The Eucharist, Gifts & Service), and it lasts for an hour. Confessions available afterwards.

**The Synod and Women: Which way to the future?**

Speaker: Phyllis Zagano 26<sup>th</sup> February 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Join us for an update on the Synod on Synodality's considerations on women in the life of the church, in conversation with Dr Phyllis Zagano, world expert on the question of women deacons and a member of Pope France's initial commission on the topic. Dr Zagano is the author or editor of twenty seven books, hundreds of academic and general articles, whose monthly column 'Just Catholic' is syndicated by the Religion News Service. <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/nationalboardofcatholicwomen/2022253>

**Diocesan Vacancies:** We are currently recruiting three Property Area Coordinators, each responsible for the maintenance, compliance, and performance of a defined portfolio of properties within an allocated geographic area of the Diocese. The role ensures that buildings are safe, legally compliant, well maintained, and fit for mission and ministry, while providing support to parishes, clergy, and diocesan stakeholders. This is a full-time, 12-month fixed-term contract, with the possibility of extension or becoming permanent. As each role covers a different part of the Diocese, three area-specific Job Descriptions are available, and candidates should review the one relevant to their preferred location. The closing date for applications is Friday 7 March 2026. Interview dates will be confirmed in due course; however, we reserve the right to close the advert early should we receive a sufficient number of applications.

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

We also have a vacancy for a Parish Secretary to provide administration support to the parish of St Anthony's Slough. The role will be for 12 hours per week, worked Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 1pm. This is office based. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org) The closing date for applications is Friday 27 February with a start date as soon as possible.