

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

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

Mass Times & Intentions this Week

SUN SUN 23/01/2022 MASS: 9.00am , Mrs Mary Bothello RIP, Elias Omale, Elias JR, Samson Omale - Birthday Blessing, Peter Gutteridge 90th birthday Blessing 11.00 am : Marie and Patrick Kakhu (int & healing). People of the Parish. 6.30pm : Mrs. Aurola Fernandes Monteiro, Mariano & Manuel Monteiro RIP, Domingas Da Conceicao Marques, Laurengo & Rosa Thanksgiving Jesus & Mary.	
MON. MASS 9.30am Holy Souls: Laurence, Lovey, Ires, Finton Rodrigues, Mongal Games (+ int)	TUES. No Mass (<i>Office Hours – Church is open</i>).
WED. MASS: 9.30am H S: Janvario & Leopoldina Colaco, Apolinho Colaco, Marcelina & Clement	THURS. No Mass (<i>Office Hours – Church is open</i>)
FRI. Adoration at 12.00 & MASS at 12.30pm H S Doyle Byrne & Hatney families	SAT. No Mass (Sacraments Preparation)
SUN 30/01/2022 MASS: 9.00am, Sabina Pires RIP, 11.00am 6.30pm: People of the parish	

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.30pm
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 9.30am. FRIDAY 12.30pm
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION: Friday 12.00 – 12.30pm
BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: First Saturday of the Month 2.30pm
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022: Preparation is ongoing, pray for the young ones.
CONFIRMATION 2022: Preparation is ongoing, please pray for the Candidates.
RCIA SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2022: Please pray for the Catechumens & Candidates.
WEDDING: By appointment with the Parish Priest (Six months' notice is required).
FUNERAL: By arrangement with the Parish Priest (call 01753523147).
RECONCILIATION/COUNSELING: First & last Sat. of the month 11.00am -12.30pm
VISITATION TO THE SICK: by arrangement with the Priest during Office Hours.
MASS REQUEST/BOOKING: Envelopes are available in the Church (*write your intention, and please hand to the Priest or place in presbytery letterbox*).
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY: Welcoming New Parishioners/Visitors: During Sunday Mass.
SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS/DOCUMENTS: Contact the Priest on Office Days.
CHURCH CLEANING AND UPKEEP: Monday after Mass, & Saturday, please help.
PIETY/BOOKSHOP: Sunday after Mass (Back of the Church).
CHURCH MEETINGS: As announced in the Newsletter, contact the Parish Priest
BLESSINGS:
FOR THE WORKING WEEK – MONDAY (after 9.30 Mass).
FOR THE WEEKEND – FRIDAY (at the end of Mass)
FOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS: First & Last Sunday of the Month.
HOLY WATER, RELIGIOUS ITEMS, VEHICLES, ETC.: Contact the Priest after Mass.
CHILD DEDEICATION & BLESSING AFTER BAPTISM: First Sunday of the Month.
THANKSGIVING MASS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS: Contact the Parish Priest for booking.
FAMILY OFFERTORY PROCESSION: in progress, kindly register your family.
PRIEST'S DAY OFF: MONDAY.
PRIEST'S OFFICE DAYS/HOURS - TUES. AND THUR. 11am – 12.30 & 5.30- 6.30pm
 The Priest is available to meet parishioners during office hours. All are welcome!
Please wear a face mask in Church and office, except if you are exempt.

MINISTRIES:

Readers for today

9am Mass: Kathleen S & Alina R.
11am Mass: Rosemary M. & Jessica M.
6.30pm Mass: Lucas and Olivia G.

Next Sunday

9am Mass: John McN, Daryl M.
11am Mass: Lindsey W, Eileen K
6.30pm Mass: Sophia B, Simon M.

Eucharistic Ministers today

9am Mass: Sr. Caroline, Alice S.
11am Mass:
6.30pm Mass:

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers

9am Mass: Millie A, Sr. Caroline
11am Mass:
6.30pm Mass:

Collection last week:

Loose cash £ 666.50
Envelope: £ 235.00

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

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GLORIA: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE NICENE CREED: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BIDDING PRAYERS:

Reader: Lord by your cross and resurrection you have set us free

Response (All): You are the Saviour of the World.

Please Pray for:

the Sick and Housebound Parishioners. Those who died recently: Ann P. Sullivan, Noreen O'Keefe and all departed parishioners - RIP.

First Reading: NEHEMIAH 8:2 - 6 8 -10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold. 'The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: 18(19):8-10,15 *Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you', nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.' What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them? **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4,14-21 Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' Priest:

Church Notices: APPRECIATION - BISHOP DAVID OAKLEY sent his thanks and appreciation to the Parish Priest and all Parishioners for the warm welcome he received last Sunday. The Bishop is thankful for the lovely gifts presented to him by the parish, He is happy with the lively worship, active faith, service and commitment in the Parish.

Parish Council Meeting:26/01/22 in the Church at 7.30pm, please attend.