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

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

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

SUN 23/3/2025 MASS: 9:00am Francisco D'Cruz RIP, Maria Fernandes Thanksgiving, Kitty & John Connolly RIP,	
E. Fernandes RIP MASS: 11am: Leo, Olga & Pio Mascarenhas RIP, Zaram Iwuoha Birthday Thanksgiving	
MASS: 6.30pm Paolo & Grazia Crucitti RIP	
MON:9.30am: Morning Prayer	
MASS: 10.00am A. Macdonald RIP, Jose Rodrigues RIP, Keren Demelo Birthday Thanksgiving	
<b>TUES: 9.30am</b> : Morning Prayer <b>MASS: 10.00amMASS: 6.30pm</b>	
WED: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 4pm – 6.30pm	
MASS: 6.30pm	
THURSDAY: 9.30am: Morning Prayer MASS: 10.00am	
Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10.30am - 1pm	
FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10am - 11.30am11.30am - 12.30pm Stations of the Cross	
MASS: 12:30pm A. Macdonald RIP, Teresa Fernandes Private Int. Praise & Worship 7pm – 9pm	
SATURDAY: 9.30am: Morning Prayer MASS: 10.00am	
SUN 30/3/2025 MASS: 9:00am MASS: 11am: Koyenum Adoh Birthday Thanksgiving MASS: 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:	Our Readings for the Day
Readers for this Sunday, 23rd March	First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
9am Mass: Aleina, Rocky D, Kathleen S.	"I AM" has sent me to you.
11am Mass: Rose L, Cecilia JP, Jessica O.	
6.30pm Mass:	<b>Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103(102): 1-2. 3-4.6-7. 8, 11.R.8a</b> The LORD is compassionate and gracious
Readers for Next Sunday, 30th March	
9am Mass: John McN, Precious Q, Anissa	Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12
<b>11am Mass:</b> Ellen K, Patrick I, Holy Communion Group	The way of life of the people with Moses in the desert was
6.30pm Mass:	written down for our instruction.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 23rd March</b>	Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9
9am Mass Sr. Pauline, Chris L, John McN.	Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish
11am Mass: Rosemary M, Jessicah M, Clara C.	omess you repent, you will all like wise perisi
6.30pm Mass:	
Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 30th March	
9am Mass Natalina S, Millie A, Jim B.	Thank you for your generous giving, May God bless
<b>11am Mass:</b> Mathew T, Clara C, Jan M.	you.
6.30pm Mass:	
OFFERTORY PROCESSION	St Ethelbert's Bank Details for Bank Transfers:
This Sunday:	<b>R.C.D.N. ST. ETHELBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>
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<u>Next Sunday:</u>	A/C 46714642
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**Notices: Second Collection Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** There will be a Jubilee Year Collection for the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham at all masses this Sunday.

**Feast of the Annunciation:** Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. We will have two masses that day, 10am and 6.30pm.

First Holy Communion Group: The First Holy Communion Group will next meet on Saturday 29th March at 11am.

**Confirmation Group:** The confirmation group will meet again next Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm. Parents, please ensure that your child attends.

RCIA: The RCIA group will meet this Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm. Please note the new date.

**Altar Servers Retreat:** Bishop David Oakley warmly invites all Altar Servers and their families to the annual Northampton Diocese Altar Servers Mass. This special celebration will take place at the Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury in Northampton on Saturday, 28th June 2025, at 11:00 am. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you are able to attend. We look forward to celebrating this joyous occasion with you. Poster of the event is on the notice board.

**Praise & Worship:** Our monthly Praise and Worship which will take place on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm – 9pm. All are welcome to this very special service.

**CAFOD:** Koyenum thanks all parishioners for their prayers and donations on behalf of CAFOD for the Family Fast Day. Without your support, CAFOD wouldn't be able to do the very essential work they do. Thank you for being **tangible signs of hope** this Jubilee year to communities in need. Please consider giving regularly by going online to cafod.org.uk/envelope.

**Important Car Park Notice:** An important reminder for those of you who drive to church when attending services, please note that cars should **not** be parked on the pavement outside the church. There is ample parking on church grounds in the front and side car park if we all park considerately. On days we have services that are well attended, if the car park is full, please use the multi storey car park in the Queensmere Shopping Centre which is just a few minutes' walk to the church. In addition, as an additional safety precaution, we ask that anyone who is driving in and out of our car park do this slowly and take care to ensure there are no cyclists or pedestrians crossing the pavement entrances to the church.

**Important Note – Confessions**: Following a Diocesan Formation meeting we have been advised that if mobile phones are left on and are with you during your confession, Google can record parts of it. Therefore, to protect the sanctity of confession we therefore request that going forward <u>all mobile phones</u> are either not taken into the confessional with you or are <u>completely</u> switched off to protect what is said during confession and to avoid breaking the seal.

**Special Mass for Married Couples:** We invite all married couples to a special mass on **Saturday**, **26**<sup>th</sup> **April** at 12pm. **Please note the change of date.** For those of you who are celebrating their **significant** wedding anniversaries e.g. 10, 15, 25, 30 years of marriage this year we will produce a special certificate. If this applies to you, please put your details down on the list at the back of the church. You will be able to receive this during the service on the day.

## **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

This year our diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 14 June. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at the Basilica in the Catholic Shrine at midday followed by lunch and at 3pm pilgrims process from the Shrine, on the holy mile to the Abbey Grounds for the final service. There is a form at the back of the church to sign up if you are interested. If there are sufficient numbers, we will look into booking a coach. Parish groups are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring parish banners with them for the procession. All are welcome.

**Life In The Spirit Seminars 2025:** We are pleased to announce the commencement of the Life in the Spirit Seminars for 2025. These seminars offer participants an opportunity to deepen their faith and experience the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

## Seminar Structure:

- Duration: Five weekday evenings complemented by a day retreat.
- Content: Each session includes talks and discussions, supported by short daily reflections.

These seminars are part of the diocese's mission to foster a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit, recognizing its vital role in evangelisation and personal spiritual growth.

For more details, please visit https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2025/