



**OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH,  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

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

**Mass Times & Intentions this Week**

<b>SUN 27/03/2022 MASS:</b> 9.00am, 11.00 am Koyenum Adoh- Bthdy Thkgvg , Teresa Fernandes & Fly Thkgvg , Treasa Fernandes & fly Int 6.30pm:People of the Parish, Ist Anniv Bernado Fernandes	
<b>MON. MASS - 9.30 am</b>	<b>TUES. No Mass</b>
<b>WED. MASS - No Mass</b>	<b>THURS. No Mass</b>
<b>FRI. Adoration at 12.00 &amp; MASS at 12.30pm</b>	<b>SAT. No Mass</b>
<b>SUN 03/04/2022 MASS:</b> 9.00am, 11.00 am , 6.30pm:People of the Parish,	

**MINISTRIES:**

**Readers for today**

9am Mass: Reece G, Sheryl F  
11am Mass: Cecilia JP, Lawrence A.  
6.30pm Mass: Lucas P, Olivia G

**Next Sunday**

9am Mass: Kathleen S, Alina R  
11am Mass: Jessica M, Rosemary M  
6.30pm Mass:

**Eucharistic Ministers today**

9am Mass: Sr. Caroline, Millie A  
11am Mass: Irene, Agnes  
6.30pm Mass: Jean Pierre

**Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers**

9am Mass: John McN, Alice S .  
11am Mass: Cecilia , John I  
6.30pm Mass: Jean Pierre

**Collection :**

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**Walk with Me**

Lord God, our light and our salvation,  
We praise you for your gifts of life and faith.  
We thank you for the desire  
that you have planned in our hearts,  
Our yearning to see your face.  
Help us to meet you in prayer,  
to walk in your ways,  
And to speak to others of our joy and  
consolation in your presence.  
Give us faithfulness in this present life  
so that we may come to know  
and praise your beauty,  
with all our brothers and sisters,  
in the life to come.  
We make this prayer through  
Christ our Lord. Amen

**Message:** Fr. Francis has left the parish with grateful thanks to all parishioners, friends and supporters who joined him last Sunday in the 1year Memorial thanksgiving of his mother and the farewell Mass. He appreciates all the love and gifts received and assured us of his prayers. God bless all in St. Ethelbert's parish. The Bishop will appoint a new parish priest and he will arrive a little after Easter. In the meantime, Fr. Francis has moved to London and will keep in touch. We like to thank Fr. Anthony Zebbey for his support & celebrating our Sunday Mass for the parishioners and local priests will cover Monday and Friday Masses. It is hoped that telephone calls can be re-directed to Holy Family Church (01753-543770) in case funerals etc. need to be arranged.

Thank you to everyone who will be working in the background to make sure that everything goes well over the next few weeks.

**From: Fr, Kevin O'Driscoll, Dean**

**First Holy Communion Session:** Parents, please note that there will be stations of the cross for the First Holy Communion group on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 10am in the Church.

**Important Note For RCIA (Children Only) who are receiving Baptism and Communion:** Parents please note, the children who were in Fr. Francis' group will now be looked after by Sr.Caroline, Ellen Ketter and Alice Sheehy and must continue to attend their sessions each Saturday at 10.30am until the programme ends. It is important that you come along to the next session on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April in the church. Please be on time.

## The 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 Jesus, reconcile us

Response: **to one another and to the Father.**

**Please Pray for:** the Sick and Housebound Parishioners.

Those who died recently and all departed parishioners - RIP.

## **SUNDAY READINGS**

### **First Reading Joshua 5:9-12 The Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the Promised Land**

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded

**The word of the Lord**

### **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 33(34):2-7 “Taste and see that the Lord is good.”**

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 God reconciled himself to us through Christ**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God...

**The word of the Lord**

### **Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32 The prodigal son**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life: he was lost and is found." **The Gospel of the Lord.**