

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH

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FOURTH 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

Table with mass times and intentions for the week of 30/01/2022 to 6/02/2022. Includes details for Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

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 DEEDICATION & 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

MINISTRIES:

Readers for today

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

Next Sunday

9am Mass Anabel M. Millie A.
11am Mass: E Joe, Sandra M
6.30pm Mass: Olivia G, Maria M.

Eucharistic Ministers today

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

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers

9am Mass:
11am Mass:
6.30pm Mass: Jean Pierre

Collection last week:

Loose cash £ 697.50
Envelope: £ 253.00

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: There are three things that last: faith, hope and love.

Response (All): and the greatest of them is love.

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: Jeremiah 1:4-

5,17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying: 'Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you came to birth, I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. 'So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. 'I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.' **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm: 70 (71):1-6,15,17 My lips will tell of your help.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love. **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Church Notices:

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

Thank You all who attended the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on 26/01/22.

Birthday Blessing: Congratulations all January Celebrants, God bless you.

First Holy Communion Sessions: The next Holy Communion session will take place on 5th Feb at 10.30am in the church. Reconciliation for the group will take place on 12th February at 10.30am. Parents are asked to ensure that the children arrive in good time for both these sessions.

RCIA Rite of Election with Bishop David on 6th March in Northampton Cathedral.