

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON**  
**OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH, SLOUGH, SL1 1XU**  
 Parish is Served by Missionaries of St. Paul – Ambassadors for Christ.



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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

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

### Mass Times & Intentions this Week

<b>SUN 01/08/2021 MASS:</b> 9am Ngozi Anyaegbu RIP 11.00am Kudzanayi Supiya, Dimiga Pierra (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv RIP), John Mendy & Francis Mendy (RIP). 6.30pm People of the Parish	
<b>MON. MASS</b> - 9.30 am	<b>TUES.</b> No Mass (Office Hours) Church is open for prayer
<b>WED. MASS - 9.30 am</b> Remeliana Mendes RIP	<b>THURS.</b> No Mass(Office Hours) Church is open for prayer
<b>FRI. Adoration</b> at 12.00 & <b>MASS</b> at 12.30pm Sue Sullivan RIP	<b>SAT.</b> No Mass
<b>SUN 8/08/2021 MASS:</b> 9am Chukwudi Anyaegbu RIP. 11.00 am and 6.30pm: People of the Parish	

#### MINISTRIES:

##### Readers for today

9 am Mass: J McNiece  
 11am Mass: J. Mbulu, P Iwu  
 6.30 pm: Olivia G

##### Next Sunday

9am Mass: M Almeida  
 11am Mass: J. Megawane, L Iwu  
 6.30pm Mass: Sr. Susan, Olivia G

##### Eucharistic Ministers today

9am Mass: A Nyanhete-S, Sr Nicholas  
 11am Mass: J Idigo, J Mbulu  
 6.30pm Mass:

##### Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers

9am Mass: M Almeida, A She  
 11am Mass: J Idigo, J Mbulu  
 6.30pm Mass:

##### Collection last Week:

Loose cash £ 517.00  
 Envelopes. £.129.00

*Thank you for your generous giving & support. May God bless all.*

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#### PARISH ACTIVITIES

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:** 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.30pm

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 9.30am. FRIDAY 12.30pm

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION:** Friday 12.00 – 12.30pm

**BAPTISM OF CHILDREN:** First Saturday of the Month 2.30pm

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021:** Registration is on, preparation from October onwards

**CONFIRMATION 2021:** Registration is on – contact the Priest after Sunday Mass.

**RCIA - SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION:** Contact the Parish Priest on office days.

**WEDDING:** By appointment with the Parish Priest (Five months' notice is required).

**FUNERAL:** By arrangement with the Parish Priest.

**RECONCILIATION/COUNSELING:** First & last Sat. of the month 11.00am -12.30pm

**VISITATION TO THE SICK:** by arrangement with the Priest during Office Hours.

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY:** Welcoming New Parishioners/Visitors: During Sunday Mass.

**SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS/DOCUMENTS:** Contact the Priest on Office Days.

##### **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 DEDICATION & BLESSING AFTER BAPTISM:** First Sunday of the Month.

**THANKSGIVING MASS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS:** Contact the Parish Priest for booking.

**FAMILY OFFERTORY PROCESSION:** To resume in September.

**MASS REQUEST/BOOKING:** Envelopes are available in the Church (*write your intention, and please hand to the Priest or place in presbytery letterbox*).

**CHURCH CLEANING AND UPKEEP:** Monday after Mass, & Saturday, pls help.

**PIETY/BOOKSHOP:** Sunday after Mass (Back of the Church).

**CHURCH MEETINGS:** As announced in the Newsletter, contact the Parish Priest.

**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 on Church/faith related matters.

*Please wear a face mask in Church and office, except if you are exempt.*

## 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 Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### BIDDING PRAYERS:

Reader: *God chose us in Christ,*  
Response (All): **before the world was made.**

**Please Pray for:** the Sick and Housebound Parishioners. Those who died recently and all departed parishioners - RIP.

## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.' **The Word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.**

### Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-10

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth. **The Word of the Lord.**

### Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' ..... **The Gospel of the Lord.**

### Sunday Gospel and Life: JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

The Gospel reading this Sunday is about the Eucharistic bread. Jesus warns today that not all bread can sustain life. Not all bread gives life. Some types of bread such as the breads of selfishness, unforgiveness, fear and resentment can weaken our spiritual life and sap our energy. The Bread that satisfies is Jesus himself. **We live differently when we eat the Bread of Jesus Christ and our lives become transformed in love and forgiveness.** May we always be close to the Eucharist and be nourished by our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the bread of life.

**Wishing all Parishioners and Friends Happy Sunday! – Fr Francis**

### Church Notices:

**Sacraments:** Forms are available in the Church for those who would like to register for baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA. Children in Year 3 and who are 7 years old and above can register for First Holy Communion; and for Confirmation -13/14 years can apply.

**Joint Parish Council & Finance Council Meeting:** Thank you members for your fruitful contributions during the meeting last Friday. The meeting has agreed that in line with the Diocesan Covid Guidance for Parishes, our parishioners are encouraged to use **Hand Sanitisers** and **Face Coverings** during Mass for now to keep everyone safe. Help make the Church safe.

**Welcome People Back to Church:** September 18/19 will be celebrated as **Home Mission Sunday**, a good opportunity to formally welcome parishioners and encourage full return to Mass and other Church activities. Tasks will be assigned to different persons/groups, and all are welcome to participate in this event. Please spread the message to members.