

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

Mass Times & Intentions this Week

Table with 2 columns: Day and Mass Times/Intentions. Rows include SUN 03/10/2021 MASS, MON. MASS, WED. MASS, FRI. Adoration, SUN 10/10/2021 MASS, TUES. No Mass, THURS. No Mass, and SAT. No Mass.

MINISTRIES:

Readers for today

9 am Mass: R. Gale
11am Mass: L Adoh, R Mushore
6.30 pm:

Next Sunday

9am Mass: M. Almeida, D. Monserrate
11am Mass: K Adoh, E Jeo
6.30pm Mass: Simon G, Grace O

Eucharistic Ministers today

9am Mass: A Sheehy, Sr. Nicholas
11am Mass: J Idigo, J Mbulo
6.30pm Mass:

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers

9am Mass: A Sheehy, J Byrne
11am Mass: J Idigo, J Mbulo
6.30pm Mass:

Collection last week: 26/09/2021

Loose cash: £619.50
Env: £196.50

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

Thanks to parishioners paying into the
parish a/c by Standing Order or DD:
R.C.D.N St. Ethelbert Catholic Church
Slough A/C 46714642 Sc 600611.

Thank you, Gambia Christian Family,
for your kind donation of £330.00

CAFOD collection today. Please
remember 3rd Parish Mass count today.

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.
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, pls 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: To resume in September.

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

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body!

Responsorial Psalm – Ps. 127(128) May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second Reading: Hebrew 2 9:11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind... **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing. ***The Gospel of the Lord.***

Sunday Gospel and Life: Christian Marriage & Relationship

In our celebration today, God's Word brings to us the true meaning of Christian Marriage and relationship. There is great disappointment and confusion about marriage, so many marriages end in divorce. It is worth listening to God's plan for men and women who have accepted to marry. Jesus says: 'What God has united ...' It means Christian marriage is made by God and it is a visible sign of the presence and power of God's love in relationship of two people.

Wishing all Parishioners and Friends Happy Sunday! – Fr Francis

Church Notices:

Sacraments: Holy Communion meeting with parents and teachers on 12th Oct. 21 at 7.30pm in the Church. Confirmation & RCIA on 9/10/21 at 10.30am.

Appreciation: Thank you members of the Facility Team for the installation of TV screens, work is in progress. God bless you and all donors supporting the project.

Car Parking: St. Ethelbert's car park is a private car park, and its purpose is to accommodate the cars of those attending Mass each day or those engaged in support activities of the parish. **Please Note:**

Permits are not required for Sunday Mass from 8.00am to 8.00pm.

Weekday Mass: Electronic Permits will be issued for vehicles of those attending Mass each day. **Please remember to register your vehicle every time you visit by writing your Vehicle Registration Number (VRN) on the sheets provided at the back of the Church as soon as you arrive for Mass and double check it is done before you leave the Church premises.**

For the use of the Car Park outside Mass times: Collect forms for new electronic permits which will be issued to parishioners for short stay of not more than two (2) hours within the period specified. **Please fill & return your forms to Fr Francis latest by Thursday 14th October 2021.** To help with the costs of maintaining the car park and the parish, donations would be gratefully received. Thank you.

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 is love,**
Response (All): **and love is always patient and kind**

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