

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON**  
**OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH, SLOUGH, SL1 1XU**

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## TWENTY-FOURTH 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

<b>SUN 12/09/2021 MASS: 9am</b> , Francis Richardson –Healing, Sr Pauline & DMMM Srs Thkgvg 32 yrs Religious Anniv. <b>11.00 am:</b> Michael Joyce (RIP), Rev Fr Emile Sambou (RIP), John & Simona Siqueira – Thkgvg and <b>6.30pm:-</b> Jose O D Chubum (RIP). Aunty Jeanette (RIP).	
<b>MON. MASS - 9.30 am</b> Rose McErlene- thkgvg , Judy Fernandes , Manoelina Gomes RIP	<b>TUES.</b> No Mass ( <i>Office Hours – Church is open</i> ).
<b>WED. MASS - 9.30 am</b> Sandra Fernandes, Irene D'Sousa Bthday	<b>THURS.</b> No Mass ( <i>Office Hours – Church is open</i> )
<b>FRI. Adoration</b> at 12.00 & <b>MASS</b> at 12.30pm Teresa Fernandes – Intentions , Rev Fr Emile Sambou (RIP), Petar Pesun & family, Rev Fr Emile Sambou (RIP)	<b>SAT.</b> No Mass
<b>SUN 19/09/2021 MASS: 9am, 11.00 am</b> People of the Parish and 6.30pm:- Philip Bosah- Healing ,	

### 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 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 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.

**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.

#### MINISTRIES:

##### Readers for today

9 am Mass : J McNiece  
 11amMass: K Adoh, L Wedji  
 6.30 pm: Olivia G, Sr.Susan

##### Next Sunday

9am Mass: M Almeida  
 11amMass: E Ketter, P Iwu  
 6.30pmMass: Grace O, Simon M

##### Eucharistic Ministers today

9am Mass:, A Sheehy, M Almeida  
 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 Sunday:** Loose cash  
 £661.50  
 Env: £383.00

*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  
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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 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: Lord Jesus, remember me.  
Response (All): **You have come into your kingdom**

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

Those who died recently and all the departed parishioners - RIP.

## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

### Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 114(116):1-6,8-9

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

### Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

### Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him, 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

### **SUNDAY GOSPEL AND LIFE: WHO IS JESUS FOR YOU?**

Do we have a meaningful relationship with Jesus? Can we tell somebody who Jesus is for us and what Jesus means to us? Are we conscious of the holiness of His Name and Presence in the Church, in the world? Taking up the cross with Jesus means living a converted life, dedicated to Christian values and the gospel.

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

### CHURCH NOTICES

**Next Sunday we will celebrate Home Mission, and** welcome all parishioners back to Mass. Please join us at Mass and let's make it a family celebration: Parish council & finance Council members attending 9am Mass please assist with organising Tea & Coffee/biscuits/snacks after Mass. All attending 11am Mass please bring and share **food & drinks**, and kindly donate gifts/items (not clothing) for **Lucky Dip to be done after Mass. The Choirs will give us live music & entertainment.**

- **There are some Quiz Questions for young people who may wish to participate and win prizes on the day. Collect the questions from Fr Francis after Mass today and come with your answers on Sunday or send answers to Father before next Sunday.**

**Preparation for Confirmation and RCIA:** Will begin this month. Candidates, Parents and Teachers will meet in the Church on Saturday 25th September 2021 at 10.30am Please attend. **Holy Communion registration** will end on **30 of September.** **New and Continuing Readers & Communion Ministers** remember your zoom training this month, please register in advance to secure a place: See the Notice board. **Mass Counts from next Sunday,** Parish Council please ensure we have people to do it. **Happy Birthday September Celebrants!** Blessing on last Sunday of the month. **Appreciation:** Thank you parishioners for your donations, gifts & skills to the Parish.