

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



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## SIXTEENTH 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 18/07/2021 MASS: 9.00am</b> , Elaine Shaw Thkgvg, Isabella D D'souza RIP, Alice Sheehy, Ginger Bthday & Hugh Fernandes Thkgvg. <b>11.00 am</b> Mrs Socorina Rodriques Thkgvg, Samilton Mark Fernandes Bthday, Walter Bento Fernandes RIP, Munashe, Yvone and Evangelista Murize. <b>6.30pm</b> : People of the parish.	
<b>MON. MASS - 9.30 am</b>	<b>TUES.</b> No Mass ( <i>Office Hours – Church is open</i> ).
<b>WED. MASS - 9.30 am</b> Malachy + Ellen O'FarrelRIP	<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 Brito & Jina Fernandes Thkgvg	<b>SAT.</b> No Mass
<b>SUN 25/07/2021 MASS: 9am</b> , Marguerite Byrne RIP & Jim 11.00 am and 6.30pm: People of the Parish	

#### MINISTRIES:

##### Readers for today

9 am Mass: G Dias  
 11am Mass: : E Jeo, V Jarra  
 6.30 pm: Grace O.

##### Next Sunday

9am Mass: K Shaw  
 11am Mass: J Idigo, S Mairromba  
 6.30pm Mass: Olivia G.

##### Eucharistic Ministers today

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

##### Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers

9am Mass: N Sequeira, J Mcniece  
 11am Mass: J Idigo, J Mbulo  
 6.30pm Mass:

##### **Collection last week:**

Loose cash £ 579.00  
 Envelopes. £.216.00

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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  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION:** Friday 12.00 – 12.30pm  
**BAPTISM OF CHILDREN:** First Saturday of the Month **2.00pm** (*forms are available*).  
**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. All are welcome!

# SUNDAY READINGS

## 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: *The Lord is my Shepherd*,  
Response (All): **there is nothing I shall want.**

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

## FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'" **The Word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm 22(23)

***The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.***

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father. **The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel – MARK 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So, as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

## Sunday Gospel and Life: Service and Care of People

In our celebration today we see Jesus giving us example of good leadership. He did not even have time to eat. He was always ready to serve his people as the good shepherd and the leader of the people who came to him. Jesus still cares about us today and ready to meet our needs. Let us imitate Him.

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

## Church Notices

**Day for Grandparents and Older People – 2021** will be celebrated Next Sunday as declared by the Pope. The theme is: "I am with you always." Let us come together to offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for our grandparents and older people.

**Meetings:** Finance and Parish Committees 30<sup>th</sup> July in the Church at 7.30pm. Zimbabwe Community Representatives - 24<sup>th</sup> July in the Church at 7.00pm. Leaders and representatives of Communities & Groups, the Readers, Communion ministers, Choirs, flowers decorators, etc, will have meeting with the Parish Priest in September. Please contact Fr Francis to arrange suitable dates for your groups.

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** We thank those who have applied to join different ministries in the Parish, especially Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Training courses for new readers and lay eucharistic ministers will be offered by Zoom in early autumn [September/October]. They will also be useful for those who are already serving in these ministries as a refresher course. Please see accompanying flyer. A similar session will be offered soon for those who lead Children's Liturgy of the Word. New ministers will be call to service after the training, please join this training and if you need further information contact the parish priest.