



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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

Mass Times & Mass Intentions this Week

SUNDAY 21/2/2021: 9.00am - Mr & Mrs Jonah Anyaegbu (RIP Anniv.). Malachy and Ellen O'Farrell (RIP) 11.00am, Janet Anigbo (RIP) 6.30 pm: People of the Parish	
MON. 9.30 am: Mass: Special intention	TUES. No Mass
WED. 9.30 am: Mass - Vimbai naishe Fortunate Gahadzikw	THURS. No Mass
FRI. Stations of the Cross 12:00 & Mass 12.30pm	SAT. Confession/Counseling 10 - 11am & 5 – 6.30pm
SUN 28/2/2021 MASS: 9am - 11.00 am Joe Fernandes	6.30pm: People of the Parish

Readers for today

9 am Mass: J Mcniece
 11am Mass: J Idigo
 6.30pm Mass: A Fernandes

Next Sunday

9am Mass: K Shaw
 11am Mass: R Mshore, P Iwu
 6.30pm Mass: N Onyewuchi

Eucharistic Ministers today

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

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers

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

Family Offertory Procession

On hold

Last Sunday's Collection.

Envelopes: £301.00
 Loose cash: £415.50

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

You can also support the Parish by Standing Order or Pay to: R.C.D.N St. Ethelbert Catholic Church Slough A/C 46714642, SC 600611. Remain blessed.

BIDDING PRAYERS

Reader: Lead us not into temptation,
Response: But deliver us from evil.

CHURCH NOTICES

We welcome our parishioners and friends to the Season of Lent. Thank you for supporting the Parish, let's continue to unite in prayer and stay safe.

- **Weekdays:** Mass on Mon, Wed and Friday.
- **No Mass** on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday.
- **Adoration** on Wed. 9am & Mass 9.30, Stations of the Cross on Fri. 12.00.
- **Reconciliation/Counseling:** Sat: 10 - 11am & 5 - 6.30pm.
- **Parish Council Zoom Meeting:** Tuesday 23/2/21 at 7pm
- **First Holy Communion 2021:** Forms are available for children in Year 3 and who are 7 years old and above and who must be committed parishioners See Sr. Nicholas or Alice Sheehy for forms after 9am Mass. See Ellen after 11am Mass. Please attach your child's Baptism certificate to the form when submitting it.
- **We thank** our Parish Cleaning Team & Volunteers, and all who made the Sunday Mass a wonderful celebration. God bless all.

OUR SUNDAY GOSPEL AND LIFE – MARK 1: 12 -15

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel tells us that *"the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days and was tempted by Satan. ...the Angels looked after him."* We are reminded that the tempter - Satan/evil is still in the world today but God has provided the final and lasting solution to the problem of evil. Evil cannot be overcome without sacrifice or self-denial and the power of God.

The Gospel confirms that victory over sin and evil started with Jesus who defeated evil by his suffering, death and resurrection. By following Jesus, we can defeat the forces of evil and sin in our world today. How do we follow Jesus during Lent? We must repent and believe in Jesus Christ. To believe is to take Jesus at his word and accept that God sent Him to free us from evil, bondage to sin and harmful desires. We must discipline ourselves like Jesus through **Prayer, Fasting/Abstinence and Almsgiving - Sharing** our time, goods, money, food, etc, and doing good (Acts 10:38).

Wishing all Happy Sunday and fruitful Lenten Season! – Fr Francis