

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

*The Parish is Served by Missionaries of St. Paul – Ambassadors for Christ*



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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - b

We welcome all Parishioners, Friends and Visitors to today's Mass, we are happy to have you with us.

### Mass Times & Intentions this Week

<b>SUN 22/08/2021 MASS: 9am:</b> Rosaleen & Kevin Mcniece RIP, Michael Sheehy RIP, Tara & Terence Headley, <b>11.00am:</b> Frank & Jenny Joyce RIP, Remigio Pereira RIP, Margaret & Emmanuel Shyngle, Thkgvg/Grtude to St. Joseph, <b>6.30pm:</b> Jeronimo R Gomes RIP, Joalan Gomez Bthdy & thkgvg.	
<b>MON. MASS - 9.30 am</b> Rose McErlean,	<b>TUES.</b> No Mass ( <i>Office Hours – Church is open</i> ).
<b>WED. MASS - 9.30 am</b> Pearl Heldi -RIP, Mrs Josephine Madden	<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 Nugent M	<b>SAT.</b> No Mass
<b>SUN 29/08/2021 MASS:</b> 9am, Bridget Graham – RIP, Frank & Philomena Fernandes (RIP) 11.00 am and 6.30pm:	

*God bless and reward all.*

#### MINISTRIES:

##### Readers for today

9 am Mass : R Gale  
 11amMass: : G Koenig, A Ismail  
 6.30 pm: Simon M, Grace O

##### Next Sunday

9am Mass: G Dias  
 11amMass: R Mushore, J Idigo  
 6.30pmMass: Sr, Susan, Olivia G

##### Eucharistic Ministers today

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

##### Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers

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

##### Collection Last Week:

Loose cash £772.50,  
 Env: £186.00

Thank you for your generous giving.  
*We thank those supporting the Church by Standing Order or paying directly to:*

**R.C.D.N St. Ethelbert Catholic Church Slough A/C 46714642 Sc 600611.**

### 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

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

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

**CONFIRMATION 2021:** Registration is on – Forms are available in the Church.

**RCIA - SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION:** Forms are available in the Church.

**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.

**REPOSITORY/PIETY/BOOKSHOP:** Sunday after Mass (for religious items – back of 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.

## 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: Jesus, to whom can we go?,  
Response (All): **You have the words of eternal life**

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

## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

### Responsorial Psalm – 33(34):2-3 Taste and see that the Lord is good. Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church. **The Word of the Lord.**

Mission Sunday and returning to full Church. Please attend, thank you. **Funeral:** Marie

Judith Calisse (RIP) on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 12.00, at St Ethelbert's.

### **Gospel: John 6:60-69**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

### **Sunday Gospel and Life: You have the words of eternal life**

In today's gospel, people found Jesus' teaching about Himself as the bread of life too hard and too demanding. Many left Him. Jesus, however, did not soften his demands to please everybody. Jesus presented himself as the fulfilment of the plan of God for the salvation of all, and he demanded belief in himself and that the people should identify themselves with Him in the sacramental sign of eating Him **as eucharistic bread**. There is a choice to make: to have or not to have faith in Jesus the Bread of Life. His teaching can be accepted or rejected, no modification to make it acceptable or palatable. Christ is asking us today: Do you want to go away too? Peter responded to the question: **Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.**

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

### **Church Notices:**

**Sacraments:** Children Baptism will take place on 4/09/21 at 2.30pm.

Forms are still available in the Church for those who would like to register for baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA.

Do well to register by returning your forms.

**Meeting:** The Parish Priest and Pastoral Council will meet with the Liturgical Groups in the Church or their representatives: Readers, Communion Ministers, Choirs, Altar Servers, flowers decoration team, Ushers/Cleaning team, etc (in the 9am, 11.am and 6.30pm Masses) - on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2021, at 7.30 pm.

Venue: Church. Purpose: to plan Home