



**OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH,  
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## 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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

<b>SUN 9/06/2024</b> MASS: 9:00am Zenaida Anna D'Costa Birthday, Emeliana Fernandes RIP MASS: 11am: MASS: 6:30pm: Clement & Jessie God's Blessing, Alex Pradan RIP
<b>MON: MASS: No Morning Prayer or Morning Mass</b> Mass: 6.30pm John Coffee RIP
<b>TUES: MASS: 9.30am:</b> Morning Prayer <b>Mass: 10.00am</b> Mary Deren & Family Int, John & Jane Deren Family Int.
<b>WED MASS: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 4pm – 6.30pm</b> 6:30pm MASS: Norberto Coutinho RIP
<b>THURSDAY: 9.30am:</b> Morning Prayer <b>Mass: 10.00am</b> John & Ann Keogh RIP, Filomena Fernandes Thanksgiving <b>Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10.30am - 1 pm</b>
<b>FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10 am - 12.30pm</b> MASS: 12:30pm Martin & Christopher Keogh RIP
<b>SATURDAY: 9.30am:</b> Morning Prayer <b>Mass: 10.00am</b> John & Bridget Keogh RIP
<b>SUN 16/06/2024</b> MASS: 9:00am Luban Pereira Birthday Blessings MASS: 11am: MASS: 6:30pm: James & Paddy Keogh RIP
<b>CONFESSIONS: Available this week on, Wednesday, Thursday &amp; Friday during the Exposition of the Holy Sacrament. Please contact Father at the Presbytery if you would like him to hear your confession <u>during</u> this period if he is not already in the confessional.</b>
<b>OFFICE HOURS: THURSDAY 1pm until 7pm – Please come to the Presbytery with your enquiries.</b>

**MINISTRIES:**

**Readers for this Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**9am Mass:** Alina R, Aleluia D, Aleina  
**11am Mass:** Jessica O, Vicky J, Rose L.  
**6.30pm Mass:** John Jude, Olivia G.

**Readers for Next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**9am Mass:** Kathleen S, Jim B, Anissa  
**11am Mass:** Fozia K, Ellen K, Alegrina F.  
**6.30pm Mass:** Edward A, Simon M.

**Eucharistic Ministers for this Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**9am Mass:** Chris L, John McN, Millie A.  
**11am Mass:** Cecilia JP, Jan M, John I.  
**6.30pm Mass:**

**Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**9am Mass:** Chris L, Natalina S  
**11am Mass:** Rosemary M, Jessicah M.  
**6.30pm Mass:**

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

**Sunday: 9am:** Bertie & John McNiece

**Next Sunday:**

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

**St Ethelbert's Bank Details for Bank Transfers:**

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**Notices: Second Collection:** There will be a second collection at all masses next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June for the Day for Life.

**Monday Mass Time Change:** On Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June there will be a change to services as Fr. Pius and Fr. Biju need to attend a course. Therefore, there will be no Morning Prayer or Morning Mass but we will instead have mass at 6.30pm.

**First Holy Communion Group:** The First Holy Communion Group will meet on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am for a practice session.

**Little Friends of Jesus:** The LFJ group will meet this coming Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm. Children aged one to 10 years are welcome.

**Parish Registration:** We continue to encourage those by typing the link into your browser. [www.caspar.church/me?ID=56086](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56086) and completing the registration form. During the registration you will also have the opportunity to sign up for the parish newsletter to keep up-to-date with the latest parish news. Please of you who have not already done so to register as a parishioner of our parish. This can now be done online do sign up for this. If you don't have an email address, please speak to the parish who can complete the form on your behalf.

**Piety Shop:** First Holy Communion & Confirmation gifts are now available in the piety shop along with many other items. Please stop by and have a look.

**Summer Outreach BBQ Meeting:** Thank you to all those who put their names down to help at the summer Outreach BBQ. It is not too late to join in, there will be a short meeting this Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am for those who have volunteered and those who you who did not have a chance to enlist to go over next steps. All are welcome. Due to a clash of programmes, we have had to move the BBQ date to 3<sup>rd</sup> August, please note the new date in your diaries.

**D-Summer (residential in Brentwood):** NYMO are partnering with the Sion Community this year to run a weekend residential at their house in Brentwood, Essex from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> July. It's going to be a great weekend, starting on the Friday night and finishing on the Sunday at lunch time, exploring what it means to be 'Called.' It's £80 for the weekend, and we have limited places, so we'd encourage everyone to book sooner rather than later so they don't miss out! <https://nymo.org/d-summer/>

**Bishop David's Visit:** Bishop David will be attending our praise and worship this month which we will have on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 6.30pm – 9pm. We would encourage you all to attend to what will be a very special service.

**Fr. Kevin O'Driscoll, parish priest of Holy Family parish in Langley writes:** I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Northampton by Bishop Charles Grant on July 5<sup>th</sup> 1974. The ceremony took place in Our Lady of Peace church in Burnham, which was my home parish. I will be celebrating my Golden Jubilee with a Mass at Our Lady of Peace church on the actual day of the anniversary (Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024) at 7pm. I am honoured that the priests and deacons of the Pastoral Area will be concelebrating the Mass, as will Bishop David, who was ordained on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1980. Please know that there is an open invitation to the Mass. Everybody would be most welcome. It would be a particular delight for me to see people there who actually attended the Ordination those years ago. If you have any questions about the event, you can contact me on 01753-543770 or at [parish.holyfamily@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.holyfamily@northamptondiocese.org)

**General Election 2024:** As you will be aware, the Prime Minister, has called a general election for 4<sup>th</sup> July. This means that parliament has been dissolved and all parliamentary business suspended. The criminal justice bill including the amendments on abortion will not proceed through the commons at this time. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have provided some useful information regarding the election here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/> Other Catholic organisations have produced resources and information as follows:

**SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election:** As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter) for more information.

**Right To Life:** Visit a webpage which details where an MP stands on key life issues. Visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/votes>

**Pope Prayer Intention for June:** Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention this June is for "those fleeing their own countries." We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

**Eucharistic Congress:** We have a date for the Eucharistic Congress in Birmingham that Fr. Pius has recently mentioned, it is Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September at St Mary's College Oscott. Further details will be available at a later date. If you are interested in attending, please put your name and contact details down on the list at the back of the church so we can gauge interest and consider a coach hire if there are sufficient numbers.



Bishop's House  
Marriott Street  
Northampton

8 June 2024

### **To my dear sisters and brothers in Christ,**

Thomas Becket laid down his life with courage and faith in defence of our Church and the Pope. When the four knights entered Canterbury Cathedral on the evening of the 29th December 1170, Thomas did not attempt to hide from them, assured in his knowledge that upholding his faith would lead him to the Kingdom of God.

Thomas Becket's connection to Northampton town is notably marked by a significant episode in his tumultuous relationship with King Henry II. In October 1164, Becket was summoned to Northampton Castle to answer charges of contempt of royal authority and malfeasance in his role as Archbishop of Canterbury. The trial, which took place over several days, was a critical moment in the escalating conflict between Becket and the king. Becket's refusal to submit to the king's authority and his dramatic exit from the trial, during which he sought sanctuary, highlighted his steadfast commitment to the autonomy of the Church. This event in Northampton was pivotal, leading to Becket's subsequent flight into exile in France, where he remained for six years before returning to England, ultimately leading to his martyrdom in 1170. The trial at Northampton thus stands as a significant episode in the broader narrative of Becket's struggle for ecclesiastical independence.

Saint Thomas Becket's Feast Day is celebrated on 29th December each year. This date is not the best time, sitting between Christmas and New Year, for people wishing travel to our Cathedral to celebrate. However, I know that an important figure and co-patron of our diocese deserves a time when we come together as a diocese to celebrate and venerate the relics of the martyr.

Soon after Becket was martyred in Canterbury Cathedral people from England, France and further afield began to come to the Cathedral on a pilgrimage to the place where Becket lay. The first miracle attributed to Saint Thomas was recorded on the night of his murder. As the miracles multiplied, the hesitant monks charged with overseeing the crypt of the Cathedral, reluctantly opened the crypt to the pilgrims. Over the next decade over 700 miracles were attributed to Becket and by 1200 the cult and ampoules of the martyr's blood had spread all over Europe.

As the cult grew plans were drawn up to move the shrine of Becket to a bigger and more accessible place in the Cathedral. By happy coincidence, a fire meant that a reconstruction of the entire east end of the Cathedral created a spectacular new shrine. Eventually, on 7 July 1220, Thomas Becket's remains were translated from the crypt.

We celebrate, then, the Feast of the Translation of the Relics of Saint Thomas Becket on 7 July. The Becket Festival begins with a solemn Mass of the Feast at 11 am on Saturday 6 July in our Cathedral in the presence of the relics of Saint Thomas. The relic is a piece of the cranium given to the Cathedral by a secretary of Pope Pius IX in 1852. Throughout the weekend there will be an opportunity for veneration of the relic and to participate in many times of prayers and other activities.

The Becket lecture will take place at 3 pm on Sunday 7 July. This year the lecture will be given by Fr Gerard Skinner. Fr Gerard is a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster and an author of many books including an excellent biography of the Venerable Ignatius Spencer. Fr Ignatius is another holy man with links to Northampton. A relative of Princess Diana and Winston Churchill, he was bought up at Althorp House on the edge of Northampton. The lecture will conclude with Solemn Vespers of St Thomas and Benediction at 4 pm.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Cathedral for the Festival of St Thomas Becket over the weekend of the 6-7th July.

Sincerely,

**Bishop David Oakley**

Bishop of Northampton