



**OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST. ETHELBERT'S PARISH,
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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

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

OFFICE HOURS: THURSDAY 1pm until 7pm – Please come to the Presbytery with your enquiries.

SUN 12/05/2024 MASS: 8.30am: Rosary MASS: 9:00am 10.30am: Rosary MASS: 11am T. A Joseph & Sushila Ohol RIP 6.00pm Rosary MASS: 6:30pm:
MON: MASS: 9.15am: Morning Prayer 9.30am: Rosary Mass: 10.00am Mr & Mrs J P Mendonca & Fly RIP
TUES: MASS: 9.15am: Morning Prayer 9.30am: Rosary Mass 10.00am: Augustian Kunnathoor RIP 7pm – 9pm Praise and Worship
WED MASS: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament, Rosary: 4pm – 6.30pm 6:30pm MASS:
THURSDAY: 9:15am Morning Prayer 9.30am: Rosary Mass 10.00am: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament: 10.30am - 1 pm
FRIDAY: Exposition of the Holy Sacrament, Rosary: 10 am - 12.30pm MASS: 12:30pm
SATURDAY: 9.15am: Morning Prayer 9.30am: Rosary Mass 10.00am:
SUN 19/05/2024 8.30am: Rosary MASS: 9:00am Rita Antao RIP 10.30am: Rosary MASS: 11am: For the Children who are sexually abused 6.00pm Rosary MASS: 6:30pm:
CONFESSIONS: Available this week on, Wednesday, Thursday & 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 this period if he is not already in the confessional.</u>
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MINISTRIES:

Readers for Sunday, 12th May

9am Mass: Sheryl F, Anissa, Clare R.
11am Mass: Sr. Chibuakum, Lilian I,
Holy Communion Group
6.30pm Mass: Amber N, Maria M.

Readers for Next Sunday, 19th May

9am Mass: Kathleen S, Sr. Pauline, Daryl M.
11am Mass: Alegrina F, Cecilia JP, A. Ismail
6.30pm Mass: Olivia G, Edward Agbaje

Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 12th May

9am Mass: Alices S, Sr. Pauline
11am Mass: Clara C, Agness N.
6.30pm Mass:

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers, 19th May

9am Mass: Sr. Caroline, Jim B.
11am Mass: Rosemary M, Agness N.
6.30pm Mass:

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Sunday: 9am: Bertie
11am: Holy Communion Group
Next Sunday: 11am: Clara C.

Welcome Back:

We welcome back Fr. Pius and hope he had an enjoyable and restful break.

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

St Ethelbert's Bank Details for Bank Transfers:

R.C.D.N. ST. ETHELBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH
SLOUGH
A/C 46714642
NatWest SORT CODE : 60 06 11

Notices:

Second Collection this Sunday 12th May: For the Catholic Communications Network.

Praise & Worship: We will have praise & worship service this coming Tuesday from 7pm – 9pm, all are welcome.

Parish Registration: We continue to encourage those of you who have not already done so to register as a parishioner of our parish. This can now be done online by typing the link into your browser. 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 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.

Daily Rosary in May: May is the Month Mary and to honour her we will say the Rosary half an hour before each mass. If you would like to lead the Rosary on any particular day, please put your name down on the list at the back of the church. During the week and on Saturday, the morning prayer will take place 15 mins earlier than scheduled. Please refer to the newsletter for the adjusted times on various days.

Holy Communion Group: The First Holy Communion Group themed mass will be held this Sunday 12th May at 11am.

Missio & Mill Hill Missionaries Red Box Thank You: Father Noah Monday Mbabazi MHM wishes to thank the parish for the welcome and generous response to the Red Box appeal last weekend. If you did not get a chance to collect a Red Box or Direct Debit form, please speak to your Missio Volunteer or Fr. Pius. You can also find more information at: www.missio.org.uk

RETURN TO THE UPPER ROOM: Alex Heath from Mission Northampton invites you to gather online to prepare for Pentecost. The gathering will include testimony, prayer, and practical resources. All are welcome to attend free of charge. Visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/return-to-the-upper-room-preparing-for-pentecost-2024-may-2024/>

Summer Outreach BBQ: We are looking for volunteers to help organise and run this year's summer outreach BBQ. If you are able to help and would like to join in, please put your name and contact details down on the list at the back of the church.

Called & Equipped: What is God calling you to do next? Our year-long formation course isn't for everyone but covering the foundations of Catholic teaching alongside developing a personal spirituality, it might just be for you. Find out more here <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/> and at our introductory webinar on 23rd May, 7.30pm.

Diocesan Vacancies: The Diocese is currently recruiting for a Financial Accountant and an Accounts Assistant to join their central team based in Northampton. Full information for both positions, including how to apply, can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/>. The closing date for applications is Friday 17th May 2024, however we reserve the right to close the vacancy earlier if a sufficient number of applications have been received. Interviews dates to be confirmed. All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form & email hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org, together with a covering letter detailing their qualifications, experience, and why they are interested in the position.

Pope Prayer Intention for May: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel:

Message of the Holy Father: Every vocation is a "diamond in the rough" that needs to be polished, worked, and shaped on every side. A good priest, sister or nun, must above all else be a man, a woman who is formed, shaped by the Lord's grace, people who are aware of their own limitations, and willing to lead a life of prayer, of dedicated witness to the Gospel. Beginning in the seminary and the novitiate, their preparation must be developed integrally, in direct contact with the lives of other people. This is essential. Formation does not end at a certain moment, but continues throughout life, integrating the person intellectually, humanly, effectively, spiritually.

There's also preparation to live in community - life in community is so enriching, even though it can be difficult at times.

Living together is not the same as living in community.

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Pilgrimage to Northern France: You are invited to join Bishop David and Canon John Udris on pilgrimage to Northern France from 15-22 October 2024. The pilgrimage will begin with three nights in Lisieux, the home of St Terese, before we travel to Chartres to the beautiful Cathedral for one night. Leaving Chartres we travel to Paris via Rouen. We travel home following three nights in the French capital. For more details visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/france/>

Faith Schools: Bishop Marcus Stock, chair of the Bishop's Conference department for education has welcomed the governments decision to lift the admissions cap on faith-based schools. Our Diocesan Education Service would like to encourage as many school and parish communities to respond to a consultation on this announcement before the deadline of 20th June. More information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-lift-cap-on-faith-school-places>

Consultation: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/faith-schools-policy-team/faith-school-designation-reforms/>

Statement from Bishop Marcus Stock: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-stock-welcomes-government-decision-to-lift-cap-on-faith-school-places/>