

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING CELEBRATIONS



Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception

Social & Fundraising Events in 2017

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 2nd December 2017

The Christmas Bazaar takes place between 11am and 3pm. All the usual stalls will be there, a BBQ, Father Christmas will be there giving presents to all the children! There will be Christmas Arts and Crafts for the children to make. Please let me know if you can help on a stall, or add your names to the list at the back of church. Lots of donations for the various stalls will be needed please! The annual Christmas Raffle at £5 for 5 tickets will commence in November.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW

Sunday 24th December 2017

This is another good fundraising event, which doesn't require a lot of time but it does help to raise funds for the Parish. So Christmas Raffle tickets will be available from the month of November, the draw will take place at Coffee morning after 11am Mass on Sunday 24th December 2017. I would hope that if everyone who comes to Church buys a book, we could raise £2000 but we don't. So please can you support generously? Would you like to donate one of the Raffle prizes?

SYCAMORE PROGRAMME (RCIA)

From 10th January 2017 at 8.00pm

Would you like to know more about your faith? Would you like to become a Catholic? Just why don't you turn up one of the evenings to St. John Paul II Centre and hear for yourself. For more information, contact Parish Office or speak to Ron Weaver after Mass.

YOUTH GROUP

Every 2nd, 3rd, 4th Monday of each month

from 7.15pm to 8.30 pm

In term time only.

MONTHLY LUNCHES

From 12 Noon on the following dates (Tuesday)
17th Jan; 21st Feb; 28th Mar; 25th Apr; 23rd May; 27th June; 25th Jul; 22nd Aug; 26th Sep; 24th Oct; 28th Nov.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

Every 1st Friday of the month from 10.00 am
13th Jan; 3rd Feb; 3rd Mar; 7th Apr; 5th May; 2nd Jun; 7th Jul; 4th Aug; 1st Sep; 6th Oct; 3rd Nov; 1st Dec.

Please bring your companion or a friend for these events.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year. May this year provide us many opportunities to grow in God's love and deepen our mutual love for one another. I sincerely thank everyone who supported & involved in organising our social & fundraising events in the past year.

Archdiocesan policy expects that every parish to have Quinquennial Survey done every five years. So at the beginning of the last year I have asked Laurie Day Design Group, Architects & Design Consultants to do QUINQUENNIAL SURVEY of the Church and Presbytery. They have recommended that we should implement those recommendations as soon as possible. These works should have been done a long time back but it is never too late. I do hope that during this year we can follow those recommendations. But I would like to call all parishioners for an open meeting in the month of March 2017 to discuss.

Another exciting year ahead of us which will provide us many opportunities to come together. Let us grab these opportunities and support our Parish Social and Fundraising events.

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CHARITY BALL

Saturday 11th February 2017
7.00 pm to start at 7.30pm

It has been few years since this Parish had Ball to raise funds for the Parish. It will be an opportunity to show off your dancing skills as well as to dress up like 007. Would you like to Book a table (8 people) just for your family and friends? £50 per person (Three Course meal, a drink on arrival and entertainment) and for tickets contact Parish Office or by calling Helen Johnson on 07879 632737; Katy Gore on 07810 718989; Ellen Conway on 07869 987983 . I look forward to your support.

EASTER RAFFLE DRAW

Sunday 16th April 2017

The Easter Raffle tickets will be available from the month of February, the draw will take place at Coffee after 11am Mass on Easter Sunday. I do hope that you will support generously.

ST GEORGE'S DAY PARTY

Saturday 29th April 2017

It will be wonderful to celebrate the feast of the Patron Saint of England by coming together for an evening of good food and fun. We will have Music, Raffle, English Traditional Food, local ails and plenty of fun! Contact Barbara Nichols.

INDIAN CUISINE EVENING

Saturday 20th May 2017

Come and try traditional South Indian Cuisine cooked by myself. Indian food for that evening will include a selection of South Indian Food including Samosas, Onion Pakora, Chicken Fry, Papdums, Lamb & Chicken Curries, Vegetable Curry, Nan Bread and Rice. It has been extremely popular since I started in this parish.

SUMMER FAYRE

Friday 16th June 2017

Fayre will take place in and around school grounds. It will commence at 5.00 pm and I would like to see all children and their families participating at this Fayre to make it an enjoyable event as well as raise lots of money.

FAMILY FESTIVAL

Sunday 2nd July 2017

The Summer Festival will commence with 11 am Mass for everyone including children & their families who this year have been Confirmed, made their First Holy Communion & First Confession. Soon after Mass, a variety of foods such as BBQ, and an Indian Takeaway will be available as well as, stalls, face painting and other things you find at a festival. This event is for the whole Parish & our schools. The children will be presented with their certificates after lunch.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th
September 2017

This Year in September Jackie Flynn is going to organize Flower Festival and I would like to see that many of you will come forward to cooperate and make it a very memorable event. For more information, contact Jackie Flynn.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Sunday 24th September 2017
Food from around the Globe

Parish & School Communities will come together to celebrate different cultures in our Parish. So at 11.00am Mass, welcoming words, some parts of the Mass, Hymns and Intercessions will be in different languages. I would like to ask parishioners to come forward to bring their traditional food to share with others. Different languages but professing one Faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Redeemer.

FAMILY DISCO

Friday 3rd November 2017 from 7.00pm

I would like to invite all families in the Parish and School for a family Disco. Everyone is invited and there will be an entrance fee. Food and Drinks will be on sale. Let us come together to have some fun.