



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)

Saturday 11 th February 2017 to Sunday 19th February 2017

### Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
<b>Saturday 11th February</b>		<i>Feria</i>
6.00 pm	James Maughan (RIP)	
7.15 pm	Parish Family Disco	
<b>Sunday 12th February</b>		<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Peter O'Brien (RIP)	
6.00 pm	Reception of Body - Molly Edgar (RIP)	
<b>Monday 13th February</b>		<i>Feria</i>
9.30am	Requiem Mass - Molly Edgar (RIP)	
7.15pm	Youth Group meeting—JPII Centre	
7.30pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	
<b>Tuesday 14th February</b>		<i>Feast of St Cyril, M &amp; St Methodius, B</i>
8.30 am	Michael Holly (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Wednesday 15th February</b>		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Celebrant's Intentions	
<b>Thursday 16th February</b>		<i>Feria</i>
9.30am	Michael O'Brien (RIP)	
<b>Friday 17th February</b>		<i>Feria</i>
12 noon	Molly Edgar (RIP)	
<b>Saturday 18th February</b>		<i>Feria</i>
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Celebrant's Intentions	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday 19th February</b>		<i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	Thomas Laurie (RIP) 3rd Anniversary	
11.00 am	Billy Cook (RIP)	

**Confession:** Saturdays: 10.45am –11.30 am & 5.00 pm - 5.30pm  
& other times by appointment.

**Prison Chaplaincy Duty:** Weekly on Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

**Refreshments** served in John Paul II Centre after 9.00 am & 11 am  
Masses. All Welcome!

**Sunday Masses** can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg\\_yS\\_grbqgtfzjg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgtfzjg/live)

### Reflections in brief on this weekend's

#### 'Word of God'

**First Reading** (Eccles 15: 15-20) God wants us to do good, not evil. Nevertheless, he leaves us free to choose one or the other. With the help of his grace, however, we can choose the good.

**Second Reading** (1 Cor 2:6-10) Paul says a beautiful thing which should fill us with joyful hope. He says: 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard all that God has prepared for those who love him.'

**Gospel** (Matthew 5: 17-37) The Scribes and Pharisees were con-sidered to be models of virtue. Yet Christ said: 'Unless your virtue goes deeper than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will not see the Kingdom of Heaven.'

Many people who confess their sins, confess only the things they have done wrong. But Christ tells us that we can sin even if we never commit the external act. We can sin in our thoughts, desires, motives, and attitudes. Sin comes from within, and it has deep roots in each of us.

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Parish Priest

**RCIA** ~ No meeting this week, half term. Next meeting 21st February. The subject will be Ss Peter and Paul and the foundation of the early church. All welcome, come along to the St John Paul II Centre at 8-00pm on Tuesday evening.

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## WINNERS 100 CLUB FOR JANUARY 2017:

Drawn on Sun 29 Jan 2017. £100 No 56 Nicky Lane, £50 No 16 Eileen Penhallow, £25 No 92 Mary Lynch.

**CAMEO** The next meeting of CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) the new ladies social group will be on Thursday 16th Feb in the JP II centre at 1:30 pm come along and join us for a coffee and a chat.

**WALL OF BRICKS - JOHN PAUL II CENTRE** If you would like to purchase a brick in memory of a loved one or as a gift for someone please contact Trudi at the parish office or complete a form (these can be found at the back of church) and deliver to the parish office. Bricks cost £250. Payments can be made in £50 instalments.

**PIETY SHOP** Confirmation and First Holy communion items on sale now. A small selection of St Patricks and Mothers Day gifts and cards will be available from end of February.

**NEW! READ OF THE MONTH** A 'Read of the Month' CTS booklet will be promoted monthly at a special price of £1. For the month of February we have 'The Message of Bernadette.' On Saturday 11th February the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the 25th World day for the sick. Pope Francis this year has invited us to take Bernadette who turned 'her frailty into support for others' as our model. In this classic text discover what Bernadette has to teach us about suffering and love. Now available from the piety shop.

**PARISH FINANCE MEETING** : I would like to invite Committee members to attend our first meeting of the year on Monday 20th February at 7.15pm in the St. John Paul II Centre.

**PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE:** Will be held on Monday 13th Feb at 7.30pm in the St. John Paul II Centre. All members are invited.

**PARISH OPEN MEETING:** On Tuesday 7th March in the St. John Paul II Centre at 7.00pm. I would like to invite all parishioners to this open meeting, where I would like to share future plans about the parish with you, as well as giving you the opportunity to ask me, or share with me any suggestions and/or questions.

**INSPIRING HOPE:** Bishop Kenney shares his experience of Iraq and South Sudan. Thursday 23 February, 7.30-9pm (teas and coffees served from 7.15pm). St John the Evangelist parish, 25 South Bar Street, Banbury, OX16 9AF. Join us to hear Bishop Kenney as he shares his experience of Iraq and South Sudan, and CAFOD's work there.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** On Saturday 4th March our young parishioners who are studying at St. Mary's and other Schools will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm. I would like to remind you that all sponsors must be above 16 years of age and should be practising Catholics. Please, candidates and sponsors, try to go for confession before that day.

**Confession:** Saturdays: 10.45am - 11.30 am & 5.00 pm - 5.30pm

Teams for Sunday the:	12/2	19/2	26/2	5/3	12/3	19/3
Counting (8) No 7	6	1	2	3	4	5
Cleaning (7) no 5	4	6	7	1	2	3
Children lit. (5)	4	5	1	2	3	4
Coffee 9am (14)	11	12	2	14	1	13
Coffee 11am (8)	8	1	2	3	4	5
Flowers	Lucia	Lucia	Sandy	Lent	Lent	Lent
Tradecraft		Open				open

12th February	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	D Zanre	M Thompson	I Foley	J Vaughan	P Sims	Lazarus	family
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	C Hartley	K Gore	Lily	Cousins	family
Sunday 11am	R Lee-Heung	D Johnson	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	S Grose	I Ziegart	Jonathan	
19th February								
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	J Latham	L Hook	M Kelly	C Hall	A Hall	Teni	Fred
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	C St John	M Daniel	R Weaver	A Mutton	Conway family	Donna
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	N St John	M Lynch	E King	J Hanna	M Lynch	

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 103, Sunday 9.00 am: 229, 11.00 am: 208 Total: 540

## DIARY DATES 2017

**Cake and Produce Sale** -Team having a well deserved break for now!

**TRADECRAFT** Stall open every 3rd weekend of the month.

**YOUTH GROUP** 2nd,3rd,4th, Mondays of the month. 7.15 pm-8.30 pm Term time only.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** Sunday at 9.00 am Mass.

**PRESENTATION ASSOC.** Monthly meetings first Wednesday of month.

**100 CLUB DRAW** After 9.00am Mass last Sunday of the month.

**4th March** : Confirmation Mass at 6pm.

**7th March:** Parish Open meeting at 7.00 pm

**19th March:** Sacrament of Reconciliation Enrolment Mass at 9am - Y 2

**30th March:** Closing celebrations of Deanery Parish Visitations at 7pm.

**7th May:** First Holy Communions at 11 am Mass

**18th June:** Corpus Christi - Procession to Garth Park

**21st June:** First Confessions at 6.30 pm in Church

**2nd July:** Family Festival & Presentation of Certificates after 11 am Mass

**Monthly Lunches** : Tuesdays 12 noon: **21st Feb;** 28th March; 25th April; 23rd May;

27th June; 25th July; 22nd Aug; 26th Sept; 24th Oct; 28th Nov.

**Monthly Coffee:** Fridays 10am-11.45am: **10th March,** 7th April, 12th April, 9th

June, 14th July, 11th Aug, 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec .

**SYMPATHY John Connelly (RIP)** A Funeral Service will be held for John on Tuesday 21st Feb at 1.30 pm. Followed by Cremation at Oxford Crematorium. *May he rest in peace.*

**COFFEE MORNING** Thank you to all who attended the coffee morning on Friday, £184.85 was raised towards parish funds.

## PARISH FAMILY DISCO AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 11th February at the John Paul II Centre.

Come along! Free Entry! All welcome!!

## BATTHULA CARE TRUST

Would you like to support a family suffering with leprosy?

Your help can really can make a difference. Please support if you can.

Barclays Bank: Sort Code: 200898 Account No: 23669386.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** M Smyth, T Kirby, B Hunt, C Whitehead, B Shepard, Sr Alma, P Harris, J Chapman, G Newton, C Busby, E Browne, E Cotter, N Cahill, F Ostrowski, S Clarke, J Fowler, J James, P Mears, B & D Weaver, S Stidston, N Southey, E Stonell, J Calver, J James, J O'Rourke, M Lewandowski, M May, A Davies, Mrs Curzon, M Kilby, C Brown, M Stanett, K Cashman, J Hurst, M Last, P Dean, L Lambert, R Admans, St. Mary Humbert, CB Corpus, M Delos Santos, W Babington, J Wickens, A Doniselli Morgan, W Stonell, I Cook, M Smith, T Kirby, D Dee'le, M Wallace, J Busby, J Knox, PO' Brian, Pamela Hambridge. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.**

## Collections

The 2nd collections this weekend will be for the **Parish Maintenance.**

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## PARISH OFFERINGS

1<sup>st</sup> GA £ 429.30

1<sup>st</sup> Loose £ 315.89

2<sup>nd</sup> GA £ 173.62

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**Total £ 1098.74**

*In thanksgiving to God and for the work of His Church.*