



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)  
Saturday 14th January 2016 to Sunday 22nd January 2017

### Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
<b>Saturday 14th January</b>		<i>Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Percy (Les) Paul (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 15th January</b>		<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Moira Lawrence (RIP)	
<i>Please note changes of Mass times for Mon/Wed/Thu</i>		
<b>Monday 16th January</b>		<i>Feria</i>
12 noon	Holy Souls	
7.15pm	Youth Group	
<b>Tuesday 17th January</b>		<i>Mem of St Antony, Abbot</i>
9.30 am	James Day (RIP)	
12 noon	Monthly Lunch	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Wednesday 18th January</b>		<i>Feria</i>
12 noon (Chu)	Celebrant's Intentions	
<b>Thursday 19th January</b>		<i>Feast of St Wulstan, B</i>
9.30 am	Boleslaw Lepkowski (RIP)	
<b>Friday 20th January</b>		<i>Feria</i>
12 noon	Basilisa & Bantolome, Albert, Florante, Victor & Doris - Rivera Family	
<b>Saturday 21st January</b>		<i>Mem of St Agnes, V, M</i>
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Service of the Word with Communion	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday 22nd January</b>		<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	The Billington Family, Kidlington	
11.00 am	Alec McDonald - Special Intention	

**Confession:** Saturdays: 5.00 pm - 5.30pm & other times by appointment.

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

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

*Reflections briefly on this weekend's Word of God'*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** (Isaiah 49:3,5-6) The prophet sees himself as God's servant, chosen to bring Israel back to God, and not just Israel, but all people.

**Second Reading** (1 Cor 1: 1-3). This contains Paul's rich opening greeting to his converts at Corinth.

**Gospel** (John 1:29-34) St John the Baptist presents Jesus as God's Chosen Servant who will take away the sins of the people and renew them in the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel of today's Mass, John the Baptist points out Jesus to the people as the long-awaited Saviour. Jesus came to take away our sins. He came to heal our wounds. He came to renew us through the Holy Spirit.

Fr John Y Batthula  
Parish Priest

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Dee Thomas from Aid to the Church in Need will be speaking at all Masses this weekend. There will also be an opportunity to purchase prayer cards, children's bibles and religious artefacts.

[www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org)

Please welcome Fr Sumeth Perera, familiar to all of us now, who will celebrate Mass at 11am this weekend.

### Sacramental Programme

21st January - Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion Sessions for non St Mary's children 9-10 am in the Centre.  
28th January - Retreat for all young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation starting at 12 noon in the Centre and finishing with 6pm Mass in the church.

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

**CHURCH VOLUNTEERS** We are desperate to create a new team of church cleaners, 4+ is an idea number of people per team. Can you create a team and clean the church on a Thursday /Friday every 6/7 weeks? New rota starts in Feb. If you would like further information please contact Lucia at the Parish Office: lucia@immaculate-conception.org.uk Thank you.

**LIBRARY OF CATHOLIC BOOKS** The next meeting is on Saturday 4th February 2017 at 11.00am in St Philip's Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Hethe, OX27 8AW. Dr Anthony McCarthy will speak on *Sex and Gender. The rise of the trans gender agenda.* All most welcome.

**COLLECTORS WANTED** for one hour slots outside Tesco on Saturday 21st Jan for Christian Aid. If you can spare an hour of your time for this please contact Neil Poole:

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**UNWANTED GIFTS** if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or need to clear out those tempting chocolates or bottles for that diet, please consider donating them for our parish raffles. Please deliver to the piety shop/sacristy or parish office - thank you.

**PIETY SHOP SALE** Christmas cards and items on sale. Cts Booklets—buy 1 get one half price. Archdiocese of Birmingham Year book 2017 now available £5. Confirmation items also on sale.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION DISMANTLE** Many thanks to the great team of helpers that turned up to help. All done in a couple of hours. God Bless you all!

**SOCIAL EVENTS IN 2017 LEAFLET:** Now available at the back of church—please pop dates into your diaries.

**Charity Valentine's Ball** The ball that was to be held on Saturday February 11th 2017, will now take place in November, date TBC. The event has been swapped with the Family Disco which now will take place on 11th February. The organisers are hoping that there will be more interest and feel November will be a more attractive month to hold the event. It is a big task to organise such an event and many aspects need to be booked in advance. So please, if you are thinking of attending and/or can fill a table of 8 with family and friends, or know for sure that you would like to, please let us know. Payments will be possible in instalments, further details will be announced soon, however in the meantime, if you wish to reserve places, please deliver a deposit of £20 per person to the piety shop/welcomers.

### PARISH FAMILY DISCO

Saturday 11th February at the John Paul II Centre.

Get those dancing shoes on and come along for a superb night of disco, dance and more! Collect your **FREE ENTRY** ticket from next weekend from the piety shop. Bring ticket along for free entry into a raffle. Bar, hot food, tuck shop.



## DIARY DATES

**Cake and Produce Sale** - First Sunday of the month.

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

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

**BABY AND TODDLER** Term time Thursday 9.15-10.45am at Presentation Convent.

**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.

**11th February: Parish Family Disco**

**4th March 2017:** Confirmations

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

**Monthly Lunches 2017:** Tuesdays 12 noon: **17th Jan**; 21st Feb 28th March; 25th April; 23rd May; 27th June; 25th July; 22nd Aug; 26th Sept; 24th Oct; 28th Nov.

**CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING:** Stars: £482, Raffle: £958, Crib Money £92.83. Thank you and God Bless you all for your support.

**SYMPATHY** We have been notified that **Sr Aloysius**, the last of the cloistered nuns at Begbroke Priory and who had connections with our parish, sadly died on Saturday, aged 90. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Arthur McCambridge**, of Langford View, who died before Christmas. His funeral details will be announce in due course. May they rest in peace.

**PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS** Are you part of a band, or an entertainer? If so would you be able to provide your services at one of our parish functions? Please contact the office if you can.

**ENTERTAINERS/MUSICIANS** Can you help? If you belong to a band or are a solo artist, would you be willing to provide entertainment to some of our fundraising events this year? Contact the parish office if you can help.



### Monthly Lunch

This coming Tuesday 17th Jan

12 noon at the John Paul II Centre. £4.50 pp



If you can help at the monthly lunches please contact the parish office.

**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, J Calnan, C Brown, M Starett, K Cashman, J Hurst, P Dean, L Lambert, R Admans, Sr Mary Humbert, CB Corpus, M Delos Santos, A Blakeley, W Babington, J Wickens, A Doniselli Morgan, W Stonell, I Cook, M Smith, T Kirby, D Dee'le, M Wallace, J Busby, J Knox, M Last, PO' Brian, M Edgar. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sicklist.**

Teams for	15/1	22/1	29/1	5/2	12/2
Counting (8) No 7	2	3	4	5	6
Cleaning (7) no 5	7	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	5	1	2	3	4
Coffee 9am (14)	7	8	9	10	11
Coffee 11am (8)	4	5	6	7	8
Flowers	Carolynne	Carolynne	Kathryn	Kathryn	Lucia
Tradecraft	Open				

### Collections

The 2nd collections this weekend will be for the **Aid to the Church in Need.**

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



### PARISH OFFERINGS

1<sup>st</sup> GA £454.50  
 1<sup>st</sup> Loose £369.54  
 2<sup>nd</sup> GA £162.25  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Loose £148.58  
**Total: £1134.87**

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

15th January	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	M Kelly	M Thompson	I Foley	L Hook	J Latham	Mandy	Tish
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	C St John	M Daniel	M Brown	E Penhallow	Cath	Maureen
Sunday 11am	A Jones	B Tah	O Panejko	S Lawrence	T Lane	N Ward	Mary	
22nd January								
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	J Latham	L Hook	D Zanre	C Hall	A Hall	Sr Elizabeth	Kathy
Sunday 9am	A Mutton	J Varghese	J Mutton	J Flynn	C St John	O Coffey	Anita	Barbara
Sunday 11am	R Lee-Heung	D Johnson	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	H Hollis	J Willett	Kokore	family

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 139, Sunday 9.00 am: 112 , 11.00 am: 195 Total: 446