



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)

Saturday 19 th February 2017 to Sunday 26th February 2017

### Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18th February</b>	<i>Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19 th February</b>	<i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	Thomas Laurie (RIP) 3rd Anniversary	
11.00 am	Billy Cook (RIP)	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20th February</b>	<i>Feria</i>
9.30am	Michael McCarthy (RIP)	
7.15pm	Youth Group meeting—JPII Centre	
7.15pm	Parish Finance Meeting	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21st February</b>	<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Molly Edgar (RIP)	
12 noon	February Monthly Lunch at the John Paul II Centre	
1.30 pm	Funeral Service - John Connelly (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
8.00pm	RCIA meeting at the John Paul II Centre	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22nd February</b>	<i>Feast of the Chari of St Peter, A</i>
12 noon	Requiem Mass - John Calnan (RIP)	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23rd February</b>	<i>Mem of St Polycarp, B, M</i>
9.30am	Emma Gnamien (RIP) 1st Anniversary	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24th February</b>	<i>Feria</i>
12 noon	Molly Edgar (RIP)	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25th February</b>	<i>Feria</i>
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Agnes Nelson (RIP) followed by interment of ashes into the Foynes Memorial Garden	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Molly Edgar (RIP)	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26 th February</b>	<i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Mercy Bottino (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!

### Reflections in brief on this weekend's

#### 'Word of God'

**First Reading** (Leviticus 19: 1-2.17-18) Moses is ordered by God to tell the people they must be holy. What does this imply? It means they are not to hate anyone or bear a grudge against anyone.

**Second Reading** (1 Cor 3: 16-23) Paul reminds the Corinthians that the Holy Spirit dwells among them. They are the temple of God and, therefore, should be holy.

**Gospel** (Matthew 5:38-48) This contains one of the most revolutionary things ever said. All revolutionaries have said that enemies must be destroyed. But Christ said: You must not destroy your enemies, you must love them.

In today's Gospel Christ says to us: 'Love your enemies.' We tend to take these words with a pinch of salt, as if they were meant for the saints, not for us. But they are meant for us. We all have some enemies. Let us think about how we treat them.

God bless you

Fr John Y Batthula

Parish Priest

**Walk with Me - A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2017**

Booklets are now available from the back of church.

£1 donations greatly appreciated.

Ash Wednesday - 1st March 2017

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

**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.' 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 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

**PARISH FAMILY DISCO** Grateful thanks to the organisers and to everyone who supported this event. Enough money was raised to cover costs. The main purpose was for everyone to enjoy themselves - which they did!

**NICK ST JOHN** Nick will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon on Saturday 8th July 2017 at 12 noon by His Grace, The Most Rev. Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham. Let us pray for Nick as he prepares for his ordination as a Permanent Deacon. Let us also keep his family in our prayers.

**UNWANTED GIFTS** Thank you to all gifts donated so far. Please keep this in mind as prizes are always needed. Thank you

## 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

**20th May:** Indian Cuisine Evening

**7th May:** First Holy Communion 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.

*Pick up a **SOCIAL EVENTS 2017** leaflet from the back of church.*

## Monthly Lunch

This coming Tuesday, 21st February  
at 12 noon at the St John Paul II Centre.

2 course lunch with a hot drink only £4.50!

No need to book just come along!



## 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:** 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 Stidson, N Southey, M Smyth, T Kirby, B Hunt, E Stonell, J Calver, J James, J O'Rourke, M Lewandowski, M May, A Davies, Mrs Curzon, M Kilby, C Brown, M Starett, K Cashman, J Hurst, M Last, P Dean, L Lambert, R Admans, Sr. Mary Humbert, C B 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, P O' Brian, Pamela Hambridge. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.**

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

## Collections

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

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## PARISH OFFERINGS

1<sup>st</sup> GA £ 284.35

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2<sup>nd</sup> GA £ 97.36

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**Total £ 773.94**

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

19th February	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
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	P Cousins	M Brown	Conway family	Donna
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	N St John	M Lynch	E King	J Hanna	M Lynch	
26th February								
Saturday 6pm	M Mellett	M Mellett	M Kelly	B Thompson	L Hook	J Latham	Janet	Louise
Sunday 9am	A Mutton	B Cook	J Mutton	J Flynn	M Daniel	E Mander	C Moyse	M Daniel
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	E King	H King	H King	M Lawrence	Kokore	Family

**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 102, Sunday 9.00 am: 151, 11.00 am: 189 Total: 442**