



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)

Saturday 21st January 2016 to Sunday 29th January 2017

Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 21st January		<i>Mem of St Agnes, V, M</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
Sunday 22nd January		<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	The Billington Family, Kidlington	
11.00 am	Alec McDonald - Special Intention	
<i>Please note changes of Mass times for Mon/Wed/Thu</i>		
Monday 23rd January		<i>Feria</i>
No Mass		
7.15pm	Youth Group	
Tuesday 24th January		<i>M of St Francis d Sales, B Dr</i>
9.30 am (Sch)	Bernie Stewart (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 25th January		<i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul</i>
7.00 pm (Chu)	Molly Edgar (sick)	
Thursday 26th January		<i>M of Ss Timothy and Titus, B</i>
7.00 pm	Pamela Hambridge (sick)	
Friday 27th January		<i>Feria</i>
12 noon	Patricia Konan (RIP)	
Saturday 28th January		<i>M of St Thomas Aquinas, P Dr</i>
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Service of the Word with Communion	
12 noon	Confirmation Retreat	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
Sunday 29th January		<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	Celebrant's Intentions	
11.00 am	Alfred Smith, Hurst & Standbridge Families (RIP)	

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'

3rd Sunday in ordinary Time

First Reading (Isaiah 8:23-9:3).

The prophet predicts future glory for an oppressed people: light will replace darkness; joy will replace sorrow; and freedom will replace oppression.



Second Reading (1 Cor 1: 10-13.17) This shows that even among the first Christians there were divisions. But Paul urges unity in Christ.

Gospel (Matthew 4: 12-23) That wonderful prophecy of Isaiah is seen as being fulfilled in Christ. St Matthew describes Christ's mission like this: 'The people who lived in darkness have seen a great light'. We too live in a world darkened by violence, injustice, hatred, war, and death. We desperately need the light of Christ, both in our individual lives and in the world as a whole.

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Sacramental Programme

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.

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.

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 Archdiocese of Birmingham Year book 2017 now available £5. Confirmation items also on sale.

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 and event an 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.

COFFEE MORNING last week raised £146. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event. Next one will be held on Friday 10th February.

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 this weekend from the piety shop. Bring ticket along for free entry into a raffle. Bar, hot food, tuck shop.

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

Monthly Lunch Thank you to all the Lunch Ladies, new volunteers ,supporters, for a successful first lunch of 2107! £401.52 was raised for parish funds.

DIARY DATES

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 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 : 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 Feb,** 10th March, 7th April, 12th April, 9th June, 14th July, 11th Aug, 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec .

SYMPATHY We extend our very deepest sympathy and assurance our of prayers to the family and friends of **Frank Harland** who died on Friday 16th January aged 93 yrs. A Funeral Mass for Frank will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 8th February at 11am.**, followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

CANDLES AND NEWSPAPERS - we respectfully request that you pay for these items. Candles money into the candle stand money boxes, newspapers - parish office. Thank you.

APF/MISSION BOX Please could all Red Mission Box holders empty and/or return the contents of their boxes to the parish office or welcomers. Please remember to include your name when delivering your donation. Empty boxes are available at the back of church.

Next week is the week of prayer for Christian Unity. This is a time when we pray that all Christians may be one as God intended. There is a United Service for Christian Unity at Bicester Methodist Church at 7pm on Sunday 29th January. Please do come.

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 Stidson, 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, C B Corpus, M Dekos Sainios, 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, P O' Brian, M Edgar, Pamela Hambridge. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.**

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

Collections

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

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PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA £305.50
1st Loose £345.30
Total £650.80

Aid to the Church in Need

2nd Loose £922.58
In thanksgiving to God and for the work of His Church.

22nd January	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
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
29th January								
Saturday 6pm	M Mellet	M Mellett	M Kelly	H Johnson	A Nelson	H Lawlor	Thompson	family
Sunday 9am	N Conway	E Conway	S Doherty	M Doherty	L Weaver	J Coffey	Mark	Arienne
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	N St John	M Lynch	S Yick	E Green	volunteer	volunteer

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 101, Sunday 9.00 am: 131 , 11.00 am: 143 Total: 375