



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)  
 Saturday 25 th February 2017 to Sunday 5th March 2017

### Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
<b>Saturday 25th February</b>		<i>Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Molly Edgar (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 26th February</b>		<i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Mercy Bottino (RIP)	
<b>Monday 27th February</b>		<i>Feria</i>
9.30am	John O'Grady RIP	
7.15pm	Youth Group meeting—JPII Centre	
<b>Tuesday 28th February</b>		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Intentions of Pope John Paul II Centre Volunteers	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
8.00pm	RCIA meeting at the John Paul II Centre	
<b>Ash Wednesday 1st March</b>	<i>Day of fasting and abstinence</i>	
9.30 am (Chu)	Frank Harland (RIP)	
12 noon	Molly Edgar (RIP)	
7.30pm	In Thanksgiving - Molly's friends & 	
<b>Thursday 2nd March</b>	<i>Feast of St Chad, B, Patron of the Diocese</i>	
8.00 am (Sch)	Intentions of Staff & Pupils families	<i>Lenten Early Mass</i>
12 Noon	Intentions of Parish Volunteers	
<b>Friday 3rd March</b>	<i>After Ash Wednesday</i>	
12 noon	John Calnan (RIP) & Amal Blakeley followed by interment of Amal's ashes into the Foynes Memorial Garden	
7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers & Benediction	
<b>Saturday 4th March</b>	<i>After Ash Wednesday</i>	
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Father Gabriel Maguire - Get well	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Confirmation Mass - Ints of Confirmandi	
<b>Sunday 5th March</b>		<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Alfred Smith (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** (Isaiah 49: 14-15): The message of this is short and sweet. It is that, come what may, God will never forget us.

**Second Reading** (1 Cor 4: 1-5): God is the only one who can judge rightly, because he alone knows the secrets of the heart.

**Gospel** (Matthew 6:24-34): Christ urges us to avoid useless fretting and worrying about material things, and to place our lives in the hands of our heavenly Father, to whom we are important and precious.

At times we allow our problems to get us down. We fear, fret, and worry about many things, and lose sight of the one thing necessary, which is to live a life pleasing to our heavenly Father. Let us try during this Eucharist to place our lives in his hands, and to leave all other cares and worries to him.

God bless you

Fr John Y Batthula

Parish Priest

RCIA ~ Next meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. The subject will be the Mystical union of Christ and the Church and what we mean when we say the church is 'one, holy, catholic and apostolic' All welcome, come along to the St John Paul II Centre at 8.00pm.

**Walk with Me - A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2017**  
 Booklets are now available from the back of church.  
 £1 donations greatly appreciated.

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**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.'

**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.

**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

**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.

**ALL DAY OF PRAYER IN LENT:** Friday 7th April from 9.30am to 7.00pm. Please come to watch and pray with the Lord. There is a list on the notice board, so please write your name and the time you would like come.

**AREA (HOUSE) MASSES DURING LENT:**

People in the area are invited to join in **Mass at 7.00pm**

Wednesday 8th March in **Paul & Kathryn Kallay's** House

Wednesday 15th March in **Jan & Chris Hartley's** House

Wednesday 22nd March in **Elizabeth & David Green's** House

Wednesday 29th March in **Janet & Alan Marshall's** House

Wednesday 5th April in **Hilary & Bob King's** House


**PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND:** From 22nd to 29th November 2017: On this occasion we hope to travel to Mount Sinai and are awaiting for more details before the itinerary is announced. If you are interested in joining us please let me know.

**PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA SPAIN & FATIMA:** From 11th to 18th October 2017 from

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

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



1 <sup>st</sup> GA	£ 285.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Loose	£ 376.37
2 <sup>nd</sup> GA	£ 169.39
2 <sup>nd</sup> Loose	£ 145.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 975.82</b>

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

26th February	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	M Mellett	M Mellett	M Kelly	B Thompson	<b>L Hook</b>	<b>J Latham</b>	Janet	Louise
Sunday 9am	A Mutton	B Cook	J Mutton	J Flynn	<b>M Daniel</b>	<b>E Mander</b>	C Moyse	M Daniel
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	E King	H King	<b>H King</b>	<b>M Lawrence</b>	Kokore	Family
5th March								
Saturday 6pm	P Pickering	C St John	D Zanre	S Haydon	<b>Confirmandi</b>	<b>Confirmandi</b>	Confirmandi	Confirmandi
Sunday 9am	N Conway	E Conway	S Doherty	M Doherty	<b>C Moyse</b>	<b>L Cleeve</b>	M Nugent	Volunteer
Sunday 11am	A Jones	B Tah	O Panejko	S Lawrence	<b>R Evans</b>	<b>I Cook</b>	Kokore	Family

**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 145, Sunday 9.00 am: 160, 11.00 am: 141 Total: 446**

**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 Monday 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 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: **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.*

London Stansted. The price £930. For more details contact Kirsten 07525464305 or Joseph on 07748638402

**St Georges Night Celebration - Friday 28th April - more details to follow soon!**

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 27 Feb-12 March**

*Join us for a delicious Fairtrade Supper on 10th March at the Bicester Methodist Church 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £3, available from Coles Bookshop or John Hanna.*

**BATTHULA CARE TRUST**

Would you like to support a family suffering with leprosy?

Your help can really can make a difference. Can you spare £10 a month?

Please support if you can.

So please join in this noble cause. Thank you.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** M Starrett, 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, 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 Starrett, K Cashman, J Hurst, M Last, P Dean, 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, L Lambert, P O' Brian, P Hambridge, Sr Teresa SSM, Anna Kirby -Hall. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.**