



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)

Saturday 28th January 2016 to Sunday 5th February 2017

Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 28th January		
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)	
	<i>Please note changes of Mass times for Mon & Thu</i>	
Monday 30th January		<i>Feria</i>
12 noon	Edward O'Rourke (RIP)	
7.15pm	Youth Group	
Tuesday 31st January		<i>Mem of St John Bosco, P</i>
10.00 am	Funeral Mass - Amal Blakeley, followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 1st February		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am (Chu)	John Herlihey (RIP)	
Thursday 2nd February		<i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>
7.00 pm	John Doherty (RIP)	
Friday 3rd February		<i>Feria</i>
12 noon	Molly Edgar (RIP)	
Saturday 4th February		<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	
Sunday 5th February		<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	Celebrant's Intentions -Whole School Mass	
11.00 am	Peter O'Brien (RIP)	

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

Bullingdon 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 briefly on this weekend's Word of God'

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13) This talks about the life-style of those who walk in the ways of God. Even if they are few, and from a worldly point of view, poor and lowly, they are fortunate for they will enjoy the shelter of God's care.

Second Reading (1 Cor 1:26-31) This tells us that God does not pick people who are wise, powerful, or of noble birth, but rather those who are poor, weak, and lowly, so that no human being could possibly boast before him.

Gospel (Matthew 5:1-12) In this Gospel we are presented with the values Christ preached and lived, and which he wants to see in his followers. In today's liturgy we will see the values by which a Christian should live. While these present an enormous challenge, they offer great rewards in terms of peace, happiness, and integrity. Let us pause to examine the values we live by.

Fr John Y Batthula
 Parish Priest

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.

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

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 on sale from end of February.

COFFEE MORNING

Next one will be held on Friday 10th February at 10am at the John Paul II Centre. Coffee, cake, and company— all welcome!



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. Pop your name on the reverse of ticket 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.

CHURCHES IN BICESTER Invite you to an open meeting to discuss the placement of Syrian Families and how you can help. Sunday 5th of February at 4pm, at The Salvation Army, Hart Place Bicester. Please contact Janet Marshall on 07434930992 for further details.

CAMEO (the new name for the alternative Women's League group) will be meeting on Thursday 16th Feb at 1.30 pm at the John Paul II Centre. Come and meet others for a chat and coffee to see what its all about.

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.

Teams for	29/1	5/2	12/2	19/2
Sunday the:				
Counting (8) No 7	4	5	6	1
Cleaning (7) no 5	2	3	4	6
Children lit. (5)	2	3	4	5
Coffee 9am (14)	9	10	11	12
Coffee 11am (8)	6	7	8	1
Flowers	Kathryn	Kathryn	Lucia	Lucia
Tradecraft				Open

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

1st GA £329.90
1st Loose £321.35
2nd GA £141.57
2nd Loose £149.86
Total £942.68
In thanksgiving to God and for the work of His Church.

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.

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.

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

SYMPATHY We extend our very deepest sympathy and assurance our of prayers to the families and friends of **Amal Blakeley, John Calnan and Molly (Mary) Edgar.**

A Funeral Mass for Amal will be held on Tuesday, 31st January at 10am. A Funeral Mass for John will be held on Wednesday, 22nd February at 12 noon.

Details of Molly's funeral will be announced in due course. *May they rest in peace.*



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. So please join in this noble cause. Thank you.

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, P Dean, L Lambert, R Admans, Sr. Mary Humbert, C B Copus, 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, M Last, P O' Brian, Pamela Hambridge. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.**

29th January	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	M Mellet	M Mellett	M Kelly	H Johnson	A Nelson	H Lawlor	Confirmandi	Confirmandi
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
5th February								
Saturday 6pm	D Zanre	S Haydon	S Jacob	S Wilde	T Berg	F Berg	Sue	Soya
Sunday 9am	K Coffey	P Pickering	C St John	K Riley	St Marys	children	St Marys	children
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	E King	H King	T O'Callaghan	J Hurst	R Reji	S Thomas

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 131, Sunday 9.00 am: 113 , 11.00 am: 173 Total: 417