



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)

Saturday 5 th February 2017 to Sunday 12 th February 2017

### Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
<b>Saturday 4th February</b>		<i>Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday 5th February</b>		<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	Celebrant's Intentions -Whole School Mass	
11.00 am	Peter O'Brien (RIP)	
<b>Monday 6th February</b>	<i>Mem of St Paul Miki, &amp; Companions, M</i>	
9.30am	Molly Edgar (RIP)	
<b>Tuesday 7th February</b>		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Peter O'Brien (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Wednesday 8th February</b>		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am (Chu)	John Calnan (RIP)	
11.00am	Requiem Mass - Frank Harland (RIP)	
<b>Thursday 9th February</b>		
9.30am	John Calnan (RIP)	
<b>Friday 10th February</b>	<i>Mem of St Scholastica, V</i>	
12 noon	Hans Murowski (RIP)	
<b>Saturday 11th February</b>		<i>Feria</i>
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Ellen Batchelor (RIP) followed by interment of Ellen's ashes into The Foynes Memorial Garden	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	James Maughan (RIP)	
7.15 pm	Parish Family Disco	
<b>Sunday 12 th February</b>		<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Peter O'Brien (RIP)	
6.00 pm	Reception of Body - Molly Edgar (RIP)	

**Confession:** Saturdays: 10.45am -11.30am & 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. All Welcome!



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

**First Reading** (Isaiah 58:7-10) The prophet, speaking in God's name, promises the people that if they show concern for others, especially for the poor, then their light will break forth like the dawn.

**Second Reading** (1 Cor 2:1-5) Paul tells the Corinthians that when he brought them the message of the Gospel he didn't rely on his own cleverness but on the power of God.

**Gospel** (Matthew 5: 13-16) Christ tells his disciples that they must let the light of their good deeds shine for all to see, yet let God have all the glory. Salt adds flavour to food and keeps it from going bad. Light brightens up the world and shows people the way. In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples that they are to be like light and salt. This is a tall order for us who are so prone to laziness, selfishness, and cowardice. Let us reflect on our sins and failings for a moment.

**Fr John Y Batthula**

Parish Priest

*Welcome back Fr John !*

**RCIA** This week's subject Mary, Mother of God. Understand more about the church's great reverence for Mary and her unique role in the history of salvation. All welcome, come along to the St John Paul II Centre at 8-00 pm on Tuesday evening.

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## WINNERS 100 CLUB FOR JANUARY 2017:

Drawn on Sun 29 Jan 2017. £100 No 56 Nicky Lane, £50 No 16 Eileen Penhallow, £25 No 92 Mary Lynch.

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

## 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.

**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.

**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.' On Saturday 11th February the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the 25th World day for the sick. Pope Francis this year has invited us to take Bernadette who turned 'her frailty into support for others' as our model. In this classic text discover what Bernadette has to teach us about suffering and love. Now available from the piety shop.

**LEGACY LEAFLETS** The Diocese has made a new leaflet available in all 227 parishes to assist people who may want to consider leaving a legacy to the Church. You will find copies of the new leaflet with your bulletin today. Please do take it and consider whether you, or someone you know may wish to support the Church in this way. Thank you and God Bless.

## 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 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.

**11th February: Parish Family Disco** - **get your free tickets now from piety shop!**

**4th March 2017:** Confirmation Mass at 6pm.

**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.

**LAUDATE CHOIR BOOKS** Books "2" ( 501-1000 ) If anyone has borrowed these books please return them to the choir area as soon as possible. These books are for use of the choirs only. Thank you.

**SYMPATHY Molly (Mary) Edgar.** Molly's body will be received into church on Sunday, 12th February at 6.00 pm. A Funeral Mass will take place on Monday, 13th February at 9.30am, followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. Please also pray for **John Connelly** who died on Friday. *May they rest in peace.*

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

## 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:** 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 Starrett, K Cashman, J Hurst, M Last, P Dean, L Lambert, R Admans, St. Mary Humbert, CB 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, PO' Brian, Pamela Hambridge. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.**

Teams for	5/2	12/2	19/2	26/2	5/3
<b>Sunday the:</b>					
Counting (8) No 7	5	6	1	2	3
Cleaning (7) no 5	3	4	6	7	1
Children lit. (5)	3	4	5	1	2
Coffee 9am (14)	10	11	12	13	14
Coffee 11am (8)	7	8	1	2	3
Flowers	Kathryn	Lucia	Lucia	Sandy	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 £334.65

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2<sup>nd</sup> GA £133.55

2<sup>nd</sup> Loose £172.89

**Total £ 1042.13**

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

5th February	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
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
<b>12th February</b>								
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	D Zanre	M Thompson	I Foley	J Vaughan	P Sims	Lazarus	family
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	C Hartley	K Gore	Lily	Cousins	family
Sunday 11am	R Lee-Heung	D Johnson	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	S Grose	I Ziegart	Jonathan	

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 211, Sunday 9.00 am: 130, 11.00 am: 168 Total: 509