



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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## SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)** Saturday 15th April to Sunday 23rd April 2017

*Sunday Masses* can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg\\_yS\\_grbqgt7zjg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7zjg/live)

### Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>15th April</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>
8.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16th April</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
9.00 am	Ints of Eileen Parker	
11.00 am	Amal Blakeley (RIP)	
<i>Raffle draw will take place in the John Paul II Centre after 11am Mass.</i>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>17th April</b>	<b>Easter Monday, Solemnity</b>
12 Noon	Intentions of Jim & Mary P	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18th April</b>	<b>Easter Tuesday, Solemnity</b>
9.30 am	Celebrant's intentions	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19th April</b>	<b>Easter Wednesday, Solemnity</b>
9.30 am	Celebrant's intentions	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20th April</b>	<b>Easter Thursday, Solemnity</b>
9.30 am	Mary Philip (RIP)	
5.30 pm	Reception of Margaret Wildin (RIP)	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21st April</b>	<b>Easter Friday, Solemnity</b>
12 Noon	Requiem Mass of Margaret Wildin (RIP)	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22nd April</b>	<b>Easter Saturday, Solemnity</b>
8.30 am	Mass at Bullingdon HMP	
10.15 am	Reginald Maude (RIP) followed by interment of Ashes in the memorial garden	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany, Regina Caeli	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23rd April</b>	<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>
9.00 am	Zacarias Agner Jr (RIP)	
11.00 am	Jesse Smith (RIP)	
2.00 pm - 5.30 pm	<b>Divine Mercy Devotions, Confessions &amp; Benediction</b>	

**Confession:** Saturday's from 10.45 am - 11.30 am; 5.00pm - 5.30pm  
Other times by appointment

**Prison Chaplaincy Duty:** Weekly on Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday.

**Refreshments** served in John Paul II Centre after 9am & 11 am Masses.  
*All Welcome!*

### Reflections

*On the Feast of Easter, we commemorate the most important turning point in the history of mankind. We honour the fulfilment of the "blessed hope" of every living being, "the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ." [Tit. 2:13] At that moment, when the fullness of time had arrived, all the faithful believers of the past, present, and future, received the free gift of salvation through the grace of God.*

*For us Christians, Easter Sunday is a day of joy. It is a day of joy because of the new life that we have received in Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. It is a day of joy because it is the time of the year when many, after having been absent for some time, return to Jesus through the Sacraments of Confession and the Holy Eucharist. It is a day of joy when in the perfect unity of the Mystical Body of Christ, all the saints and angels of Heaven rejoice with us because "The Lord has risen indeed." [Lk. 24:34]*

*On behalf of Father Linh, Fr. Pat, Deacon Michael and myself, I would like to wish you all a Very Happy and Peace Filled Easter.*

*May the Risen Christ bless us all.*

**Fr John Y Batthula**  
Parish Priest

*Father Linh and I would like to thank you for your Easter offerings. God bless you abundantly for your generosity.*

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**APRIL READ OF THE MONTH** *A Way of Life for Young Catholics* This month Pope Francis' prayer intention is young people. He asks that we pray that young people may respond generously to their vocations & seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or religious life. This booklet is full of practical insights for young Catholics who want to live their faith more deeply but are not sure what steps to take. Available from the piety shop for only £1 a copy this month.

**100 CLUB RENEWALS** Members of the Catenian Association will be present at Masses to accept renewed or new subscriptions for the Parish 100 Club. The annual fee is £60 with prizes of £100, £50 and £25 monthly. If you currently pay by Standing Order no further action is necessary. Please support this major Parish fundraiser if you possibly can and make it a real 100 Club in 2017/18. Thank you.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES 17-18** Few remaining boxes - Please collect on your way out. If you are a tax payer and would like to subscribe to Gift Aid please contact the parish office staff.

**COFFEE MORNING** :The next one is on Friday 12th May in St John Paul II Centre.

**MONTHLY LUNCH** Tuesday 25th April. In the St John Paul II Centre. at 12 Noon. Come along as a family!

**INDIAN CUISINE EVENING**: Our annual Indian Cuisine Evening is on Saturday 20th May in the John Paul II Centre. Tickets are available from the Parish Office and Hilary King. **Adult Ticket £20; Under 18's Ticket £5 and Family Ticket £45** (2 adults and up to 3 children) All proceeds towards the repairs of the Church. Let us make this event a successful one. Bring along your friends.

**ST GEORGES NIGHT** This event will be held on Friday 28th April from 7pm at the John Paul II Centre. An opportunity to come dressed as a knight, damsel or dragon! It will be a fun filled night with dancing, fancy dress parade, live music, hog roast and more. Tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 children (under 12) £20 2 adults and 2 children (under 12), available from -parish office or piety shop.



**TRUDI PRESTON** My sincere thanks to Trudi for running the White Horse Half Marathon, completed in 2:05 hrs, on 9th April, to raise money for the church repair fund. If you have not yet paid, please bring it to the parish office or hand it in after Mass. So far £1030.00 has been raised. Sincere thanks from Trudi.

**EASTER OFFERINGS**: The tradition of the Catholic church in this country is that the Easter collection is a gift from the community to your Priests. God Bless you..

**A RETREAT WITH A DIFFERENCE** A Foyer de Charité Retreat will be held at the new Retreat Centre in Walsingham, from Sunday 30 April (6pm) – Saturday 6 May (2pm). The theme is **God's Plan for the Fullness of Time**. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Bartrop: [keithbartrop@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:keithbartrop@rcdow.org.uk); 07879 953953.

**PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND**: From 22nd to 29th November 2017: Flights from Luton, cost £879. If you are interested, please let me know. Booking forms can be found at the back of the Church. Please reserve your place by paying deposit.

**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. 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 Monday of month.

**100 CLUB DRAW** After 9.00am Mass last Sunday of the month.

**28th April**: St Georges Night Celebration

**7th May**: First Holy Communions at 11 am Mass

**20th May**: Indian Cuisine Evening

**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: 25th April; 23rd May; 27th June; 25th July; 22nd Aug; 26th Sept; 24th Oct; 28th Nov.

**Monthly Coffee** : Fridays 10am-11.45am: 12th May, 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 **Margaret Wildin**. Margaret's body will be received into church on Thursday, 20th April at 5.30pm and a Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, 21st April at 12 noon. Followed by cremation at Banbury Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**: Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Divine Mercy. From 2.00pm we will be having special devotions, including Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. I look forward to seeing you all.

## FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation. In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show us with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our homes and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witness to your eternal design for the family, grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**: R Admans, Sr Alma, W Babington, C Brown, E Browne, C & J Busby, N Cahill, J Calver, K Cashman, S Caswell, J Chapman, S Clarke, I Cook, E Cotter, CB Corpus, Mrs Curzon, A Davies, P Dean, D Dee'le, J Douglas, J Fowler, P Hambridge, P Harris, M Hargrave, Sr M Humbert, B Hunt, J Hurst, J James, David Johnson, A Kirby-Hall, M Kilby, T Kirby, M Lewandowski, M Last, M May, P Mears, G Newton, Sr Teresa SSM, M Starett, C Whitehead, B Shepard, J O'Rourke, F Ostrowski, B & D Weaver, J Wickens, S Stidston, N Southey, M Smyth, E & W Stonell, M Delos Santos, M Smith, M Wallace. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sicklist.**

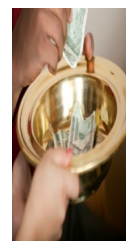
Teams for Sunday the:	16/4 Easter Sunday	23/4	30/4	7/5 Holy Communion
Counting (7)	N/A	2	3	4
Cleaning (7) no 5	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	3	4	5	1
Coffee 9am (14)	6	7	8	9
Coffee 11am (8)	1	2	3	4
Flowers	All	All to water	Lucia	Lucia
Tradecraft				

## Second Collections

The collections this weekend will be for **Fr. John & Fr. Linh**.

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

## PARISH OFFERINGS



1<sup>st</sup> GA £273.80  
1<sup>st</sup> Loose £365.67  
2<sup>nd</sup> GA £125.65  
2<sup>nd</sup> Loose £146.96  
**Total** **£ 912.08**

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

16th April	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 8pm	C St John	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	H King/A Kearsley	C St John/P Simms	<i>Please add names to</i>	<i>list on notice board</i>
Sunday 9am	N St John	B Crook	C St John	K Riley	<b>P Cousins</b>	<b>S McCarthy</b>	C Moyse	M Daniel
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	N St John	M Lynch	<b>E King</b>	<b>M Lawrence</b>	R Reji	S Thomas
<b>23rd April</b>								
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	J Latham	L Hook	M Kelly	C Hall	A Hall	<i>S Wilde</i>	S Drury
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	N St John	<b>M Daniel</b>	W Mander	Cousin	family
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	F Ostrowski	volunteer	<b>E King</b>	<b>J Hanna</b>	J Tuttle	

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 180, Sunday 9.00 am: 215, 11.00 am: 226 Total: 621