



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) Saturday 22nd April to Sunday 30th April 2017

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on YouTube, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7zjg/live

Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday <u>22nd April</u>		Easter Saturday, Solemnity
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany, Regina Caeli	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
Sunday <u>23rd April</u>		DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
9.00 am	Zacarias Agner Jr (RIP)	
11.00 am	Jesse Smith (RIP) followed by Baptisms	
2.00 pm - 5.30 pm	Divine Mercy Devotions, Confessions & Benediction	
Monday <u>24th April</u>		Solemnity of St George, M, Patron of England
9.30 am	Martino Lanteri (RIP)	
Tuesday <u>25th April</u>		Feast of St Mark, Evangelist
9.30 am	Mairin Ryan (RIP)	
12 Noon	Monthly Lunch in St John Paul II Centre	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday <u>26th April</u>		Easter Feria
9.30 am	Pat & Alice Beggs (RIP)	
Thursday <u>27th April</u>		Easter Feria
9.30 am	Celebrant's Intentions	
Friday <u>28th April</u>		Easter Feria
12 Noon	Fiona Beasley (RIP) & Rory O'Rourke (RIP)	
7.00pm	St George's Night in St John Paul Paull II Centre	
Saturday <u>29th April</u>		Feast of St Catherine of Siena VD Patron of Europe
8.30 am	Mass at Bullingdon HMP	
10.15 am	Celebrant's Intentions	
1.00 pm	Nuptial Mass of Richard Hanna & Hannah Martin	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany, Regina Caeli	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
Sunday <u>30th April</u>		THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
9.00 am	Thanksgiving - Jan Hartley - 50th Birthday	
11.00 am	Willie & Alistair Swanson (RIP)	

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



First Reading (Acts 2:42-47): Jesus said: 'By their fruits you shall know them'. The first Christians showed the depth of their faith by the fruits they produced in their lives.

Second Reading (1 Peter 1:3-9): We base our hope of eternal glory on the resurrection of Christ from the dead. This hope helps us to bear patiently the trials of life.

Gospel (John 20:19-31): By touching the wounds of the risen Jesus, Thomas' doubt was turned into faith. In today's Gospel we meet Doubting Thomas. Each of us has something in common with him, for at times our minds are darkened by doubt. The risen Jesus is with us now, and he says to us what he said to Thomas: 'Cease doubting and believe.'

PRESENTATION SISTERS: Will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, 13th May at 10.15 am, as they prepare to leave Bicester. All are welcome for Refreshments in the Littlebury Hotel after Mass. **Our sincere thanks** to the Sisters for their ministry here in Bicester for almost 55 years. They have played a very important role in providing Catholic Education. We are grateful to them and we will surely miss them.

Fr John Y Batthula
 Parish Priest

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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: If you are a tax payer and would like to subscribe to Gift Aid please contact the parish office staff. Especially, new parishioners, if you haven't started contributing weekly/monthly to the parish, please see one of the Clergy or contact Parish Office during office hours. Parish depends on your donations and weekly offerings.

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.

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. Barltrop: keithbarltrop@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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: This 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.

THANKS: My sincere thanks to all flower ladies, cleaning team and other volunteers for preparing the church for Easter. God bless you all.

Teams for Sunday the:	23/4	30/4	7/5 Holy Communion	14/5	21/5
Counting (7)	2	3	4	5	6
Cleaning (7) no 5	2	3	4	6	7
Children lit. (5)	4	5	1	2	3
Coffee 9am (14)	7	8	9	10	11
Coffee 11am (8)	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	All to water	Lucia	Lucia		
Tradecraft				Open	

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.

EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS: Please see list on the church notice board and collect prizes after Masses from the sacristy if you are lucky to have won! The raffle raised £700 towards the maintenance fund. God Bless you for your support!

SYMPATHY- SR. MAIRIN RYAN died on Easter Sunday. She spent many years teaching in Bicester. She will be taken to the Matlock Chapel on Monday April 24th at 6.00 pm & Requiem Mass at 11.00am on Tuesday April 25th in Matlock. May her soul rest in peace.

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, C B Corpus, Mis Curzon, A Davies, P Dean, D Dee'le, M Delos Santos, J Douglas, J Fowler, 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, J O'Rourke, F Ostrowski, M Starrett, B Shepard, S Sticton, N Southey, M S myth, E & W Stonell, M Smith, Sr Teresa SSM, M Wallace, B & D Weaver, J Wickens, C Whitehead. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sicklist.**

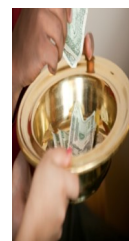
Second Collections

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

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Easter Lilies raised £325.

PARISH OFFERINGS



1st GA £N/A
1st Loose £N/A
2nd GA £N/A
2nd Loose £N/A
Total £N/A

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

23rd April	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6 pm	J Marshall	J Latham	L Hook	M Kelly	C Hall	A Hall	S Wilde	S Drury
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	N St John	M Daniel	W Mander	Cousins	family
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	F Ostrowski	volunteer	E King	J Hanna	J Tuttle	
30th April								
Saturday 6pm	M Mellett	M Mellett	M Kelly	B Thompson	A Nelson	H Lawlor	Fred	Teni
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	C St John	N St John	C Moyses	J Nugent	M Nugent	Volunteer
Sunday 11am	A Jones	B Tah	O Panejko	S Lawrence	E King	M Lawrence	R Reji	S Thomas

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 182, Sunday 9.00 am: 405, 11.00 am: 380 Total: 967