



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) Saturday 1st to Sunday 9th 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

Times	Intentions	Feasts
Saturday 1st April		<i>Lent Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Molly Edgar (RIP)	
Sunday 2nd April		<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Breda Smith (RIP)	
Monday 3rd April		<i>Lent Feria</i>
9.30am	Bridie Howard (RIP)	
7.00 pm	Youth Group end of term party in St John Paul II Centre	
Tuesday 4th April		<i>Lent Feria</i>
7.00 am	Intentions of PP	
9.30 am	John Connelly (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 5th April		<i>Lent Feria</i>
9.30 am (Sch)	Whole School Mass	
7.00 pm	House Mass - Hilary & Bob King's, 20 Fortescue Close, Chesterton, OX26 1UT	
Thursday 6th April		<i>Lent Feria</i>
8.00 am (Sch)	Intentions of Staff & Pupils families	<i>Lenten Early Mass</i>
7.00pm	Vocations to the Priesthood	
Friday 7th April	DAY OF PRAYER	<i>Lent Feria</i>
9.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
10.00 am—11.45 am	MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING	
12 noon	Jack Brazil (RIP) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
6.30pm	Reflections on the 14 Stations of the Cross	
7.00 pm	Benediction	
Saturday 8th April		<i>Lent Feria</i>
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Mary Hardy (RIP)	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Sr. Andrea (RIP)	
Sunday 9th April		<i>Passion Sunday</i>
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Brenda Dunn (RIP)	
5.30 pm	Reception of body - Reginald Maude (RIP)	
Confession: Saturdays: 10.45am –11.30 am & 5.00 pm - 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 (Ezekiel 37:12-14) The exile of the people to Babylon is described in terms of death. And their return home is described in terms of resurrection and spiritual renewal.

Second Reading (Romans 8:8-11) It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Now this same Spirit lives in us. Therefore, we have no need to be afraid of death.

Gospel (John 11: 1-45) By raising his friend Lazarus from the dead, Jesus shows that he is Lord of life and death. In today's Gospel we see a scene which is all too common in our own world - people weeping over the death of a loved one. Jesus is at the heart of this sad scene, for it is his good friend Lazarus who is dead. In the midst of the darkness Jesus shines the light of hope. He tells Lazarus' sisters that those who believe in him never really die. He says the same to us.

God bless you

Fr John Y Batthula
Parish Priest



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 with 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 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

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PIETY SHOP Easter cards, gifts, & cards are now available. First Holy communion -invitations, cards, rosaries, gifts.

ALL DAY OF PRAYER IN LENT: Friday 7th April from 9.30am to 7.00pm. Please come to watch and pray with the Lord. Please add names to the list on the notice board/.

100 CLUB RENEWALS Members of the Catenian Association will be present at each Mass this weekend 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.

EASTER LILIES: The flower ladies will be dressing the Church for Easter as always & would like to invite parishioners to 'Buy a Lily' for £2.50 in memory of loved relatives & friends. Please complete & return the forms to the piety shop or parish office by Sunday 9th April.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: Monday 10th March at 7.00pm followed by individual confessions. Eight priests will be available for confessions.

Winners 100 club for March 2017: drawn on Sun 26 Mar 2017 a) £100 - No 41 Irene Ziegert, b) £50 - No 22 Richard Lee Heung, c) £25 - No 79 Amanda Marrs.

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

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: If you would like to be a reader or extraordinary minister, speak to me.

EASTER COFFEE MORNING Friday, April 7th 10am-11.45am. Coffee with hot cross buns. Raffle-sales table. Bring your friend.

MONTHLY LUNCH raised £480 last Tuesday for parish funds. The Lunch Ladies thank you for coming to support the event. Next one: Tuesday 25th April. 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 £50.** All proceeds towards the repairs of the Church. I look forward to your support.

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 this weekend-parish office or piety shop.



A pastoral letter of the Most Reverend Bernard Longley Archbishop of Birmingham will be read at all Masses this weekend - April 1st - 2nd 2017.

Copies available from the welcomers.

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: **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 **Reginald Maude and Bassim Ayyar**. Reg's body will be received on Sunday 9th April at 5.30pm and a Funeral Mass will be held on Monday 10th April at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Banbury Crematorium. Bassim's Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday 11th April at 11am followed by burial in Bicester Cemetery. *May they rest in peace.*

TRUDI PRESTON will be running the White Horse Half Marathon on 9th April to raise money for the church repair fund. She would be very grateful if you could sponsor her! Sponsorship form is on the notice board, please gift aid if you can. Thank you.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS: We will be handing out raffle tickets this weekend, so please take generously & sell them to your family and friends. The draw to take place on Easter Sunday morning after 11am Mass.

EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICE TIMES: please see leaflet included in the bulletin this weekend.

THANKS: I sincerely thank everyone who helped in preparing the centre for the closing of the Deanery Parish Visitation meeting. Thanks also to those who generously provided refreshments and looked after everyone who attended the meeting. Grateful to the Choir, Altar Servers, Marek and others who helped.

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, D Dee'le, 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 Wickers, W Stonell, I Cook, M Smith, T Kirby, M Wallace, J Busby, J Knox, L Lambert, P Hambridge, Sr Teresa SSM, Anna Kirby-Hall, Maggie Hargrave, David Johnson, Jim Douglas, Sandy Caswell. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.**

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

Second Collections

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

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PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA £ 303.50
1st Loose £ 353.99
2nd GA £ 110.88
2nd Loose £ 184.75
Total £ 953.12



In thanksgiving to God and for

2nd April	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	D Zanre	S Haydon	S Jacob	volunteer	L Hook	J Latham	J Marshall	L Hook
Sunday 9am	A Mutton	J Mutton	J Flynn	N St John	L Weaver	J Coffey	K Riley	Crook family
Sunday 11am	A Jones	B Tah	O Panejko	S Lawrence	I Cook	E Green	M Lynch	
9th April	Palm Sunday						<i>Please add names to list</i>	<i>for Easter Triduum</i>
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	D Zanre	M Thompson	I Foley	S Haydon	S Haydon	Lazarus	Family
Sunday 9am	N Conway	E Conway	S Doherty	N St John	K Gore	R Weaver	Conway	family
Sunday 11am	R Lee-Heung	D Johnson	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	T O'Callaghan	J Hurst	Kokore	Family

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 164, Sunday 9.00 am: 158, 11.00 am: 171 Total: 493