



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)** Saturday 29th April to Sunday 7th May 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> 29th April | <i>Feast of St Catherine of Siena VD Patron of Europe</i>   |  |
| 5.15 pm                    | Rosary, Litany, Regina Caeli  |  |
| 6.00 pm                    | The People of the Parish & Garrison   |  |
| <b>Sunday</b> 30th April   | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>   |  |
| 9.00 am                    | Thanksgiving - Jan Hartley - 50th Birthday  |  |
| 11.00 am                   | Willie & Alistair Swanson (RIP)   |  |
| <b>Monday</b> 1st May      |   | <i>Easter Feria</i>                    |
| 9.30 am                    | Dominga Agner (RIP)   |  |
| <b>Tuesday</b> 2nd May     |   | <i>Mem of St Athanasius, B, Dr</i>     |
| 9.30 am                    | Mr & Mrs Clarke (RIP)   |  |
| 2.00 pm                    | Divine Mercy Chaplet  |  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> 3rd May   |   | <i>Feast of Ss Philip and James, A</i> |
| 9.30 am(Sch)               | KS1 Celebrant's intention   |  |
| <b>Thursday</b> 4th May    |   | <i>Feasts of the English Martyrs</i>   |
| 9.30 am                    | Intentions of John Clarke   |  |
| <b>Friday</b> 5th May      |   | <i>Easter Feria</i>                    |
| 12 Noon                    | Gertrude & Cyril Hurst (RIP)  |  |
| 7.00 - 8.00 pm             | <b>First Friday - Holy Hour</b>   |  |
| <b>Saturday</b> 6th May    |   | <i>Easter Feria</i>                    |
| 8.30 am                    | Mass at Bullingdon HMP  |  |
| 10.15 am                   | Celebrant's Intentions  |  |
| 5.15 pm                    | Rosary, Litany, Regina Caeli  |  |
| 6.00 pm                    | Yvonne Massomtchap, Augustin Touani, Tchanko Joseph, Helene, Djomo, Isidore Djomo, Marie Toukam, Tchimeu Helene (RIP) |  |
| <b>Sunday</b> 7th May      | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>  |  |
| 9.00 am                    | The People of the Parish & Garrison   |  |
| 11.00 am                   | Intentions of First Holy Communion children   |  |

**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 2:14;22-28):** This is part of a sermon preached by Peter to the Jews on the feast of Pentecost. It shows that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the very heart of the Good News.

**Second Reading (1 Peter 1:17-21):** The benefits we enjoy as Christians were won by Christ through the shedding of his blood. We must try to respond with a life of holiness.

**Gospel (Luke 24: 13-35):** This contains the story of two men whose dreams had been shattered when Jesus was executed, how the risen Jesus joined them and showed them that it was by dying that he entered his glory.

On Easter Sunday evening two disciples of Jesus were returning to their native village. They were filled with sadness because the man on whom they had pinned their hopes had been executed. Then the risen Jesus joined them, opened their eyes, and turned their sadness into joy. The risen Jesus stands among us as we gather in his name to celebrate the Eucharist. He will turn our sorrows into joy.

**Fr John Y Batthula**  
 Parish Priest

### First Holy Communion

Next Sunday at 11.00 am Mass, some of our Parish Young children will be making their First Holy Communion. I would like to request that we all pray for them and for their families, that they may take this opportunity to renew their faith and to reconnect to the parish worshipping community by participating at the Sunday Masses & social events. So I look forward to welcoming them all and assure them of our prayers. My sincere thanks to Teachers and Catechists for preparing them for this special day.



**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.

**COFFEE MORNING:** The next one is on Friday 12th May in St John Paul II Centre at 10am.

**MONTHLY LUNCH** Sincere thanks to organisers and supporters. Total raised £ 414.65. Our next lunch is on Tuesday 23rd May in the St John Paul II Centre at 12 Noon. Come along as a family!

**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 a 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.

**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 (not 55 years but) 64 years! They have played a very important role in providing Catholic Education. We are grateful to them and we will surely miss them.

**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.

**THANKS:** Our sincere thanks to Barbara and the fundraising committee for organising to celebrate St. George's Night. I am sure this is the first time we have come together to mark the Feast of St George, Patron of England. Hope that everyone who came along had good time.

**SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI & PROCESSION TO GARTH PARK:** All Children who are going to make their first Holy Communion next Sunday at 11.00 am, are invited, along with their families, to join us the rest of the Parish on Sunday 18th June 2017 at 11.00am Mass, which is followed by Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park. All First Holy Communicants to come dressed in their Holy communion outfits.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS:** The children who are being prepared for their first Confession will be having their individual confession on Wednesday 21st June 2017 at 6.30pm in Church. Parents will also have the opportunity to go to confession as well. Visiting priests will be available. It is very important that everyone is there on the evening, as they will be making their First Holy Communion in 2018. All are invited.

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

*Youth Group -first meet up of this term next Monday, 8th May at 7.15pm!*

**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



*Congratulations to Richard Hanna and Hannah Martin who will be married this weekend. Lord Bless all couples in their love of each other.*

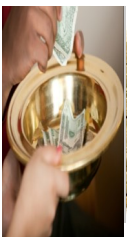
**FAMILY DAY ON SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2017**

**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, J Cook, E Cotter, CB Corpus, Mrs Curzon, A Davies, P Dean, D Dee'le, M Delos Santos, 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, JO'Rourke, F Ostrowski, M Starrett, B Shepard, S Stickton, N Southey, M Smyth, 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.**

| Teams for Sunday the: | 30/4  | 7/5<br>Holy Communion | 14/5     | 21/5     |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Counting (7)          | 3     | 4                     | 5        | 6        |
| Cleaning (7) no 5     | 3     | 4                     | 6        | 7        |
| Children lit. (5)     | 5     | 1                     | 2        | 3        |
| Coffee 9am (14)       | 8     | 9                     | 10       | 11       |
| Coffee 11am (8)       | 3     | 4                     | 5        | 6        |
| Flowers               | Lucia | Lucia                 | Carolyne | Carolyne |
| Tradecraft            |       |                       |          | Open     |

**Second Collections**  
 The 2nd collections this weekend will be **Parish Maintenance.**  
 The 2nd collections next weekend will be for the **Clergy Training Fund.**

**PARISH OFFERINGS**



|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> GA    | £320.30         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Loose | £299.42         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> GA    | £167.00         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Loose | <u>£155.23</u>  |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>£ 941.95</b> |

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

| 30 th April    | Extraordinary Min | Extraordinary Min | Extraordinary Min | Extraordinary Min | Lector            | Lector            | Welcomer       | Welcomer  |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Saturday 6 pm  | M Mellett         | M Mellett         | M Kelly           | B Thompson        | <b>A Nelson</b>   | <b>H Lawlor</b>   | <b>Fred</b>    | Teni      |
| Sunday 9am     | L Weaver          | R Weaver          | C St John         | N St John         | <b>C Moyse</b>    | <b>J Nugent</b>   | M Nugent       | Volunteer |
| Sunday 11am    | A Jones           | B Tah             | O Panejko         | S Lawrence        | <b>E King</b>     | <b>M Lawrence</b> | R Reji         | S Thomas  |
| <b>7th May</b> |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                |           |
| Saturday 6pm   | D Zanre           | S Haydon          | S Jacob           | S Wilde           | <b>T Berg</b>     | <b>F Berg</b>     | <b>M Marrs</b> | T Behan   |
| Sunday 9am     | A Mutton          | J Mutton          | J Flynn           | N St John         | <b>R McDonald</b> | <b>Erica</b>      | M Brown        | A Brown   |
| Sunday 11am    | P Pickering       | C St John         | O Panejko         | S Lawrence        | <b>Children</b>   | <b>Children</b>   | Children       | Children  |

**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 93, Sunday 9.00 am: 160, 11.00 am: 213 Total: 466**