



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PASSION SUNDAY

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) Saturday 8th April to Sunday 16th 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 8th April		<i>Lent Feria</i>
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 - Reg Maude (RIP)	
Monday 10th April		<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>
9.30am	Fiona Beasley (RIP)	
1.30 pm	Requiem Mass of Reg Maude (RIP)	
7.00 pm	Service of Reconciliation followed by Confessions	
Tuesday 11th April		<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>
7.00 am	Ints of Ron & Oonagh Hawke	
11.00 am	Funeral Service of Bassim Ayyar (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
7.00 pm	Annie & Eugene Holly (RIP)	
Wednesday 12th April		<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>
8.00 am	Pat Trafford (RIP)	
11.30 am	Chrism Mass - St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham	
Thursday 13th April		MAUNDY THURSDAY
9.00 am	Mass at Bullingdon Prison	
7.30 pm	Vocations to the Priesthood	
Friday 14th April		GOOD FRIDAY
9.00 am	Good Friday liturgy at Bullingdon Prison	
11.00 am	Walk of Witness from St Edburg's	
3.00 pm	Good Friday Passion Liturgy	
7.00 pm	Multilingual Way of the Cross	
Saturday 15th April		HOLY SATURDAY
8.30 am	Easter Vigil Mass at Bullingdon Prison with Bishop Kenney	
4.00 pm	Blessing of Food for Polish Community	
8.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
Sunday 16th April		EASTER SUNDAY
9.00 am	Ints of Eileen Parker	
11.00 am	Amal Blakeley (RIP)	

Easter Raffle draw will take place in the John Paul II Centre after 11am Mass.

No Confession: until 22nd April

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

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

Reflections

Holy Week, which begins today, is the greatest week in the Church's year. It is made holy by the death of Christ, the Good Shepherd who died for his flock. He died because of sin. Since we are all sinners, each of us can truthfully say that we had a hand in his death.

Gospel for procession (Matt 21: 1-11) Jesus enters Jerusalem, for the last time. He comes, not as an all-conquering warrior, but as a gentle, humble bearer of Good News.

First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7) The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission. But he is sustained by the firm belief that God will not abandon him.

Second Reading (Phil 2:6-11) Because Jesus took on himself our human condition, and accepted death on a Cross the Father has raised him up and made him Lord of heaven & earth.

Gospel (Matthew 26: 14-27:66) St Matthew shows the passion as fulfilling the prophecies of Scripture, and portrays Jesus, because of his foreknowledge and free decision, as being in complete control of the situation.

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



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.

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.

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 at 7.00pm followed by individual confessions. Eight priests will be available for confessions.

WINNERS 100 CLUB FOR MARCH 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 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.

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Those who would like to become one. Please come along on Tuesday at 7.00pm for Mass followed by training.

COFFEE MORNING £226.75 was raised at the coffee morning. Thank you to everyone who came along, especially the younger parishioners! 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 £50** (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 will be running the White Horse Half Marathon on 9th April to raise money for the church repair fund. Not too late to sponsor her. Sponsorship form is on the notice board, please gift aid if you can. Thank you.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS: Please start bring back counterfoils and the amount as soon as possible. The draw to take place on Easter Sunday morning after 11am Mass.

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

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.

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

EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICE TIMES: please see leaflet available at the back of church or website for details.

Easter Triduum Mass booklets have been purchased for next weekend - we respectfully request these are not removed from church. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING /FLOWERS FOR EASTER if anyone can help with cleaning the church this week, please pop in and take a task on. The flower ladies will be dressing the church on Saturday. Help is needed with other displays on Thursday & Friday, if you can help please contact Lucia at the parish office.

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION In Catholic parishes around the world, a Good Friday Collection will be taken up to aid Christian parishes and their outreaches in the Holy Land. This initiative has been an annual tradition in the Church since its institution by Blessed Pope Paul VI. According to Paul VI, the collection was created "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." The unforgettable faces of thousands of children and teens, fleeing violence and persecution in Syria and Iraq, continue to challenge us. The small Christian presence in the Middle East has great need of the support and attention of the entire Church.

SYMPATHY We extend our very deepest sympathy and assurance our of prayers to the families and friends of **Margaret Wilden**. Margaret's body will be received into church on Thursday, 20th April 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.

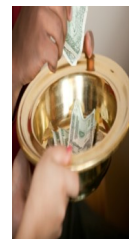
LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: R Admans, Sr Alma, W Babington, C Brown, E Browne, C & J Busby, N Cahill, J Calver, K Cashman, S Caswell, J Chapman, S Clarke, J Cook, E Cotter, CB Corpus, Mrs Curzon, A Davies, P Dean, D Dee'le, J Douglas, J Fowler, P Hambridge, P Harris, M Hargrave, Sr M Humbert, B Hunt, J Hurst, J James, David Johnson, A Kirby-Hall, M Kilby, T Kirby, M Lewandowski, M Last, M May, G Newton, Sr Teresa SSM, M Starett, C Whitehead, B Shepard, J O'Rourke, F Ostrowski, P Mears, 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 sick list.**

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

Second Collections
The 2nd collections this weekend will be for the **Parish Maintenance. Good Friday - collection for Holy Places.**
The collections next weekend will be for **Fr. John & Fr. Linh**

PARISH OFFERINGS	
1 st GA	£441.20
1 st Loose	£355.85
2 nd GA	£187.46
2 nd Loose	<u>£138.56</u>
Total	£ 1123.07

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



9th April	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
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
16th April								
Saturday 8pm	C St John	H King	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	P Cousins	S McCarthy	C Moyse	M Daniel
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	N St John	M Lynch	E King	M Lawrence	R Reji	S Thomas

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 167, Sunday 9.00 am: 148, 11.00 am: 179 Total: 494