



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)** Saturday 12th August to Sunday 20th August 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 12th August</b>		<i>Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Kitty Hornby (RIP) 10th Anniversary	
<b>Sunday 13th August</b>	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00am	Frank Ward (RIP)	
<b>Monday 14th August</b>	<i>Mem of St Maximilian Kolbe, P, M</i>	
<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Tuesday 15th August</b>	<i>Fr John Farrell</i>	
<b>Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
12 noon	Angus Forsyth Snr (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Wednesday 16th August</b>	<i>Feria</i>	
<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Thursday 17th August</b>	<i>Feria</i>	
<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Friday 18th August</b>	<i>Feria</i>	
<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Saturday 19th August</b>	<i>Feria</i>	
8.30 am	Mass at HMP Bullingdon	
10.15 am	Service of The Word with Communion	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday 20th August</b>	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	Bernard & Jacqeline Limbrey - Golden Wedding Anniversary	
11.00am	Beloved Son Andrew (RIP)	



### Scriptural Reflections

**First Reading** (1 Kings 19:9.11-13). The prophet Elijah is fleeing for his life. When all seems lost, he hears the voice of God, not in a mighty wind or earthquake, but in a gentle breeze.



**Second Reading** (Romans 9: 1-5).

St Paul tells us about the sorrow and anguish he suffers because his fellow Jews refused to accept Christ as the Messiah.

**Gospel** (Matthew 14:22-33). Caught in the middle of high winds and rough seas, at the word of Jesus, Peter begins to walk on the water.

At times storms of one kind or another blow up and threaten not only our peace and our security, but our very life. At such moments we know we cannot save ourselves. Only God can save us and restore calm to our troubled lives.

But we must learn to turn to God, not just in times of difficulty, but at all times. Let us turn to him now.

God bless you

Canon John Y Batthula

Parish Priest



**St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe**  
"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" John 15:13.

In 1941, Maximilian Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and was eventually transferred to the prison at Auschwitz, where he carried on ministering to his fellow prisoners in secret. In order to discourage attempts to escape, the prison had a rule that for every escapee, ten other men would be put to death. In July of 1941, a man from Kolbe's bunker disappeared. Ten men were chosen to be starved to death. One of those chosen, Franciszek Gajowniczek, was especially upset because he had a wife and family, and he had hoped to return to them someday. Father Kolbe volunteered to take his place. His offer was accepted. Maximilian Kolbe is honoured as the patron saint of drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, prisoners, and the pro-life movement. Pope John Paul II called him "The patron saint of our difficult century."

**SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE: SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND**

**Confession:** Saturday's from 5 pm -5.30pm  
Other times by appointment.

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

**Chaplaincy Duty:** Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday.

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**OHCT RIDE & STRIDE SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 10AM**

**TO 6PM** Sponsorship Forms are now available. If you are able to Ride, Stride or Welcome Visitors from other churches and parishes for an hour or two please contact Tim Lane on 01869 277523. 50% of all sponsorship raised is passed on to Parish Funds - over £700 has been raised from the last three years - so please enjoy some exercise and support this terrific day if you possibly can.

**DAY TRIP TO ST CHAD'S** The Ladies CAMEO Group are organising a trip to visit the Heritage Open day of St Chads Cathedral, Birmingham on Saturday, 9th September. St Chad is a Victorian Gothic masterpiece by AWN Pugin, the first Catholic cathedral to be built in England after the Reformation. Departing at 9.47 am from Bicester North for a 12 noon tour. There will be a lunch/ coffee break at some point. We need to pre book places so if you would like to join us please contact Janet Marshall or Lucia at parish office or add your name to the list on the notice board. See poster on the notice board for more details.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL 22nd - 24th September**

**Flower Festival theme**

**'Nations within our Parish Community'**

To be held in the church and John Paul II Centre.

Doors will open from 10am for viewing arrangements.

Along side flower displays other events will take place.

**Friday daytime:** Cake stall. **Friday Evening:** Tickets are now on sale for the Flower Festival Cheese and Wine Evening with light music, which will be held on the Friday 22nd September, at 7.30pm at the John Paul II Centre. Tickets cost only £5 each and are available from Jackie Flynn or the parish office.

**Grand Raffle tickets:** Please sell to family and friends, only 50p a ticket! A large selection of super prizes to be won! Raising funds for the Church Repair Fund.

Stewards to help with visitors & security and help with refreshments are needed, especially on the Friday and Saturday. If you can help, please add your name to the list at the back of church if you can cover a 2 hour slot (or more!). Thank you.

**Winners 100 club drawn on Sun 30 July 2017.** £100 John Nelson-8, £50 Neil and Ann Poole-99, £25 Paul Cousins-32.

**Marriage Care** August is traditionally the month for weddings, but it's also a good time for us all to give our relationships a 'spring clean'. Marriage Care UK tell us families are often physically together but they are not really focused or paying attention to each other. Research in recent years has shown that the average person can spend up to 8 hours and 41 minutes on electronic devices and that we spend more time with our phones than our

**DIARY DATES 2017**

**CATENIANS** meet every second Thursday of the month – contact 01869 249638.

**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. None during Summer hols.

**PRESENTATION ASSOC.** Monthly meetings first Monday of month.

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

**22nd-24th Sept:** Flower Festival—3 days of flowers and events!

**24th Sep:** Multilingual Mass & Shared Lunch from around the World

**Men's Social** Fridays at 7.30pm at the JP II 15th Sept/ 13th Oct /17th Nov/15th Dec.

**Monthly Lunches:** Tuesdays 12 noon: 22nd Aug; 26th Sept; 24th Oct; 28th Nov.

**Monthly Coffee:** Fridays 10am-11.45am: 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec .

partners! The August 'Marriage Care' challenge is to leave the mobile devices at home and go out for the weekend. Visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) for ideas.

**Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for August 2017.** 'For Artists' Artists help us reach the world around us in a way that words cannot. Art can help us visualise. Art sparks our imaginations and stirs our emotions. This month Pope Francis looks at how artists can comment on creation and asks us to join in his prayer intention ".....That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation."

**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 & ever. Amen



**Monthly Lunch - Next one on Tuesday 22nd August at 12 noon at the John Paul II Centre. 2 course meal with a hot drink only £4.50. All welcome.**

**Coffee Morning raised £185.80. Thank you to all who came along.**

**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, C B Copus, E Cotter, J & P. Coughlan, Mis 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, A Kirby-Hall, M Kilby, T Kirby, M Lewandowski, M Last, M May, P Mears, A Mutton, G Newton, J O'Rourke, F Ostrowski, B Shepard, S Stidston, N Southey, M Smyth, E & W Stonell, M Smith, Sr Teresa SSM, M Wallace, B & D Weaver, J Wickens, C Whitehead, T Berg, Stanley Appleton & family. Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.



Teams for Sunday the:	13/8	20/8	27/8	3/9	10/9	17/9
Counting (7)	4	5	6	7	1	2
Cleaning (7) no 5	7	1	2	3	4	6
Children lit. (5)	none	none	none	2	3	4
Coffee 9am (14)	9	10	11	12	13	14
Coffee 11am (8)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Flowers	Anne Jo-15th	Jo	Kathryn	Kathryn	Sally	Sandy
Tradecraft		Open				open

**Second Collections**  
August -Parish Maintenance.

20th August - Appeal on behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor.



**PARISH OFFERINGS**

1<sup>st</sup> GA £264.96  
1<sup>st</sup> Loose £388.06  
2<sup>nd</sup> GA £125.80  
2<sup>nd</sup> Loose £171.50  
**Total £ 950.32**

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

13th August	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6 pm	M Mellett	M Mellett	M John	volunteer	A Nelson	H Lawlor	M Marrs	T Behan
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	B Crook	M Daniel	P Cousin	S McCarthy	M Nugent	
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	Clergy	M Lynch	J Hanna	S Grose	M Lynch	
20th August								
Saturday 6pm	S Haydon	S Jacob	J Marshall	volunteer	C Hall	A Hall	volunteer	volunteer
Sunday 9am	volunteer	B Crook	K Riley	J Flynn	K Gore	C St John	Cousins	family
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	E King	H King	S Yick	E Green	R Reji	S Thomas

**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 97, Sunday 9.00 am: 114, 11.00 am: 146 Total: 357**