



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)** Saturday 19th August to Sunday 27th August 2017

*Sunday Masses* can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg\\_yS\\_grbqgtfzjg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgtfzjg/live)

### Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
<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)	
<b>Monday 21st August</b>		<i>Mem of St Pius X, P</i>
9.30 am	Dea & Eddie Saul - Golden Wedding Anniversary	
<b>Tuesday 22nd August</b>	<i>Mem of th Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
9.30 am	Bernard & Jacqeline Limbrey - Golden Wedding Anniversary	
12 noon	August - Monthly Lunch	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Wednesday 23rd August</b>		<i>Feast of St John Wall, P, M</i>
9.30am	Martin McAleer (RIP)	
<b>Thursday 24th August</b>		<i>Feast of St B Bartholomew, A</i>
7.00pm	Frank Ward (RIP)	
<b>Friday 25th August</b>		<i>Feria</i>
12 noon	Nick Hook (RIP)	
<b>Saturday 26th August</b>	<i>Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, P, R</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	Angus Forsyth Jnr (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 27th August</b>	<i>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00am	Alfred Smith (RIP)	

### Scriptural Reflections



**First Reading (Isaiah 56:1-7)** This reading states that God's house is not for Jews only. It is open to all those who worship God with sincerity no matter where they come from.

**Second Reading (Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32)** God never takes back his gifts - so Paul assures us. If we return to him we can be sure of obtaining mercy.

**Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28)** An incident involving a pagan woman who had extraordinary faith in Christ. In today's Gospel we meet a woman who really had no right to come to Christ asking for a favour. She was an outsider and a pagan. But she had the most extraordinary faith in him, and that faith was rewarded. Week after week we come to Mass where we meet Christ our Saviour. Do we pour out our needs to him with the utmost confidence?

God bless you

Canon John Y Batthula

Parish Priest

**Please pray for our younger parishioners who have just received or just about to receive exam results.**

**We praise their efforts, and we support them in whatever they want to do next.**

**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. **Please note changes to previously advertised times.** Departing at **11.28 am** from Bicester North for a 1.30pm tour. There will be a lunch/coffee break before the tour, which takes 2 hours. 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**  
**'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 Cheese and Wine Evening with music by John Nelson, which will be held on the Friday 22nd September, at 7.30pm at the John Paul II Centre. Tickets cost only £5 each. Available from Jackie Flynn or the parish office.

**Saturday:** An Autumn Market will be held in the JP II Centre. Home produce stalls and lots more.

**Sunday: 11am** Multilingual Mass followed by 'Food from around the Globe' buffet. **4pm:** Closing of the event with 'Songs of Praise' with representatives from all Bicester Churches.

Please pop the dates in your diaries as this will be a spectacular weekend of flowers and events! One not to be missed! Spread the word - everyone is welcome to come along.

Grand Raffle. Café. **Free entry.**

**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. Please return the raffle counterfoils with payments to the piety shop or the parish office.

**Stewards** to help with visitors & security and help with refreshments are needed. Thank you if you have already added your name. Many more slots to fill. If you can help, please add your name to the list at the back of church if you can cover any of the times. Thank you.



**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 .

**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

**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."

**Monthly Lunch**

**Tuesday 22nd August at 12 noon at the John Paul II Centre. 2 course meal with a hot drink only £4.50.**



**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:	20/8	27/8	3/9	10/9	17/9	24/9	1/10
Counting (7)	5	6	7	1	2	3	4
Cleaning (7) no 5	1	2	3	4	6	7	1
Children lit. (5)	none	none	2	3	4	5	1
Coffee 9am (14)	10	11	12	13	14	1	2
Coffee 11am (8)	3	4	5	6	7	8	1
Flowers	Jo	Kathryn	Kathryn	Sally	Sandy	Festival	none
Tradecraft	Open				open		

**Second Collections**

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



**PARISH OFFERINGS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> GA £348.25
- 1<sup>st</sup> Loose £371.07
- 2<sup>nd</sup> GA £125.58
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Loose £168.08
- Total £1012.98**

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

20th August	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6 pm	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
27th August								
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	M Thompson	M Kelly	R Reji	J Preston	S Preston	K Gosling	Volunteer
Sunday 9am	N Conway	E conway	S Doherty	M Doherty	L Taylor	R Weaver	M Brown	A Brown
Sunday 11am	A Jones	B Tah	C St John	S Lawrence	T Tomassi	A Kearsley	Kokore	Family

**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 87, Sunday 9.00 am: 98, 11.00 am: 180 Total: 365**