



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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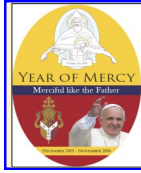
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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR C)

Saturday 20th August to Sunday 27th August 2016



Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 20th August		<i>M of St Bernard</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	
6.00 pm	People of the Parish & Garrison	
Sunday 21st August	<i>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	Michael St John, Pat and Jim Smith (RIP)	
11.00 am	Fr Burton Whitehead (RIP)	
Monday 22nd August		<i>Feria</i>
9.30am	Ellis & Alice Meagher (RIP)	
Tuesday 23rd August		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Urszula Steel (RIP)	
12 noon	Monthly Lunch at the John Paul II Centre	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 24th August		<i>Feria</i>
NO MASS		
Thursday 25th August		<i>Feria</i>
7.00 pm	Jo & Elise Rawicz-Szczerbo (RIP)	
Friday 26th August		<i>Feria</i>
12 noon	Bernie Stewart (RIP)	
Saturday 27th August		<i>M of St Bernard</i>
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Service of the Word with Communion	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	
6.00 pm	Angus Forsyth Jr (RIP)	
Sunday 28th August	<i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Tony, Tina Tagliaferro & Carmen Hockin (RIP)	

Confessions: Saturday's: & 5.00pm - 5.30pm

Refreshments served in John Paul II Centre after 9.00 am and 11 am Masses.

The month of August is dedicated to
The Immaculate Heart of Mary

This weekend's reflections in brief...

Christ warned his contemporaries not to pin their hopes of salvation on the mere fact that they were members of God's Chosen People. He urged them to make their way in 'by the narrow gate'. By this he meant they should deny themselves and strive, by the grace of God, to live good lives.

We should rely on nothing but God's gratuitous love for us, and our whole aim should be concentrated on returning that love. Let us reflect on this for a moment.

First Reading (Isaiah 66: 18-21) The author describes Jews making their way back from the ends of the earth to worship in the restored city of Jerusalem. With them they bring non-Jews who join them in worshipping the one God.

Second Reading (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13) As a father shows his concern for his son by seeing to it that he receives training in discipline, so God trains his children through suffering so that they may grow to maturity and reach their goal.

Gospel (Luke 13:22-30) The Kingdom of God is offered not just to the Jews but to people from the four corners of the world. However, only those who follow the path of Jesus will gain access to it.

Fr. John Y Batthula
Parish Priest

PRIESTLY SILVER JUBILEE OF FR JOHN ON FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2016.

The Parish will be celebrating the Priestly Silver Jubilee celebration for Fr John. There will be a Mass held in the evening with reception in the John Paul II afterwards. Please pop the date in your diaries. Formal invitation is on the notice board and more information will follow.

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

Your prayers are requested for our sick parishioners and friends, especially those whose names appear below:

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: J Ray, I Cook, M Smith, D Dee le, M Wallace, M Smyth, B Hunt, C Whitehead, B Shepard, Sr Alma, P Harris, G Newton, P C Busby, E Browne, E Cotter, J Hurst, L Lambert, F Ostrowski, S Clarke, J Fowler, J James, P Mears, B & D Weaver, S Stidston, P Dean, N Southey, E Stonell, A McCambridge, J Calver, J James, J O'Rourke, M Lewandowski, M May, A Davies, N Cahill, Mrs Curzon, M Kilby, J Cahnan, A Kustra, C Brown, M Starrett, E Batchelor, K Cashman, R Adams, Sr. Mary Humbert, C B Corpus, M Delos Santos, A Blakeley, W Babington, J Wickers, A Doniselli Morgan, W Stonell, Julie Chapman. Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sicklist.

MONTHLY LUNCH

Our next one is on Tuesday 23rd August from noon at John Paul II Centre. Come along to enjoy our delicious lunches. Only £4.50 p.p.

OHCT RIDE & STRIDE - SATURDAY 10 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.

Recusant Catholics in North Bucks and Oxon in Penal

Times A Talk by Tony Hadland (PowerPoint illustrated) on Saturday 27th August at 11.00am at Holy Trinity Church, Hethe, OX27 8AW (St Philip's Hall)

PARISH OFFICE Please phone to make sure it is open before making a trip to the office over the summer holidays.

CHURCH FRONT DOORS Work to replace the main church doors is due to commence sometime next week. The doors will be made from British Oak. The new doors will make a significant improvement to the entrance and will make it more convenient for wheelchair users. The work will inevitably cause some disruption and I look forward to your cooperation during this time. For weekday Masses please access the church via the side church door or through the JP II Centre. Any donations towards its expenses would be gratefully accepted towards the cost of the new doors.

LITTLEMORE PILGRIMAGE Due to insufficient numbers this pilgrimage has unfortunately been cancelled.

FOOD BANK Please leave donations in sacristy kitchen.

APF BOXES Please deliver to the welcomers or piety shop.

PIETY SHOP - CARD SALE! Buy one get one free

Open around weekend Masses.

Forthcoming Weddings:

Stephen Huntley & Jasmin Smith - 3rd September 1.00 pm
Sean McPherson & Julie-Anne Cullinan - 10th September 2.00pm

Teams For Sunday the:	21/8	28/8	4/9	11/9	18/9
Counting (8) No team 4	5	6	7	8	1
Cleaning (7)	7	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	None	None	3	4	5
Coffee 9am (14)	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 11am (7/8)	7	1	2	3	4
Flowers	Jo	Jo	Anne/Eileen	Lucia	Anne
Tradecraft					Open

DIARY DATES

Cake and Produce Sale - First Sunday of the month.

TRADECRAFT Stall open every 3rd weekend of the month.

YOUTH GROUP - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Mondays in month. 7.15 pm - 8.30 pm Term time only.

BABY AND TODDLER Term time Thursday 9.15-10.45am at Presentation Convent.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Sunday at 9.00 am Mass.

PRESENTATION ASSOC. Monthly meetings first Wednesday of month.

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

23rd August - Summer Holiday Lunch at 12 noon

23rd September: Father John's Silver Jubilee celebrations (evening)

27th September: Harvest Lunch at 12 noon

12th October: Opening of Deanery Parish Visitations at St. John's Banbury

3rd December: Christmas Fayre

4th March 2017 - Confirmations

30th March: Closing celebrations of Deanery Parish Visitations at 7pm

Please see red leaflets with more information on all events.

CAFOD—STORIES FROM BOLIVIA

on Thursday 22 September Banbury 7 Oxford North deaneries will be holding a Stories from Bolivia event at St Thomas More Parish, 142 Oxford Rd, Kidlington OX5 1DZ from 10.30am to 12.45pm—all welcome

Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father & the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessed John Henry Newman - Pray for us

Blessed Dominic Barberi - Pray for us

Bullington Prison Chaplaincy Duty

Every Thursday 8.30 am - 5.30 pm. Every Friday 8.30 am - 11.30 am.

Every Saturday 8.30 am - 3.00 pm.

Collections

The 2nd collection this weekend is for Parish Maintenance.

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PARISH OFFERINGS



GA	£ 329.00
Loose	£ 322.38
2 nd GA	£ 121.26
2 nd Loose	£ 162.19
Total	£ 934.83

Thanksgiving to God and for the work of His Church.

21st August	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Reader	Reader	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	M Edgar	S Haydon	S Jacob	S Wilde	L Hook	J Latham	Mandy	Tish
Sunday 9am	C Conlon *	B Nichols	C Conlon	C Hartley	L Weaver	J Coffey - c	Cousins	Family
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	B Tah	O Panejko	S Lawrence	R Evans	I Cook	Susan	
28th August								
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	D Zanre	M Thompson	I Foley	A Nelson	P Sims	Sr Elizabeth	Cathy
Sunday 9am	L Weaver*	R Weaver*	H Johnson	volunteer	P Cousins	L Green	Kath	Crook family
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	F Ostrowski	E King*	H King*	M Lewandowski	A Kearsley	Mary	

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 80, Sunday 9.00 am: 134, 11.00 am: 166 Total: 380