



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) Saturday 26th August to Sunday 3rd September 2017

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7fzjg/live

Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 26th August	<i>Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, P R</i>	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Angus Forsyth Jnr (RIP)	
Sunday 27th August	<i>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Alfred Smith (RIP)	
Monday 28th August	<i>Mem of St Augustine, B Dr</i>	
7.00 pm	Nancy Ward (RIP)	
Tuesday 29th August	<i>Mem of the Beheading of St John the Baptist, M</i>	
9.30 am	Ellen Hawkins (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 30th August		<i>Feria</i>
9.30am	Nick Hook (RIP)	
Thursday 1st September		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Patrick O'Driscoll (RIP)	
Friday 2nd September		<i>Feria</i>
12 noon	Matt McKeever (RIP) 8th Anniversary	
Saturday 3rd September		<i>Feria</i>
8.30 am	Mass at HMP Bullingdon	
10.15 am	Frank Ward (RIP)	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
Sunday 4th September	<i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	Mary O'Donnell (RIP)	
11.00 am	Margaret Hanna (RIP)	

Scriptural Reflections

First Reading (Isaiah 22: 19-23): This reading talks about one man being dismissed from his high office, and the keys of authority being passed to another.

Second Reading (Romans 11:33-36): This contains a hymn of joyful praise to the wisdom of God, which is far too deep for us to fathom.

Gospel (Matthew 16: 13-20): Peter makes a marvelous declaration of faith in Christ, and Christ tells him that he will give him the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.

In today's liturgy we will look at Peter, the man Christ chose to be the chief shepherd of his flock. We will see Peter's ups and downs, his strengths and weaknesses, as well as the love Christ showed him which helped him to grow. We all have weaknesses. We all deny Christ just as Peter did. But Christ forgives us and helps us go forward again. Lord believed in Peter even when he didn't believe in himself. Lord confronted Peter with his failure to stay awake with you in the garden. Lord forgave him generously, and trusted him again, after he had denied you three times.

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 10.50 am - 11.30 am & 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.

HOLY TRINITY-HETHE: I will be taking charge of the Holy Trinity Parish of Hethe as Parish Priest in addition to being the Parish Priest of Bicester. The present Parish Priest, Father Paul Lester will be moving on 12th September 2017 and I wish him all the best in his new assignment. Let us assure him of our prayers. As Dean I would like to thank him for everything he has done in the past 3 years as Parish Priest of Hethe. Pray that the changes will be accepted with open minds and keep the Mission of the Church in our hearts.

PRESENTATION CONVENT: The Archdiocese of Birmingham will be signing the final documents to purchase the Presentation Convent on 11th September 2017. One of the decisions made by the Archdiocese is to invite an order of nuns to establish a community here and to assist me and do ministry in the parish. This could be in place as early as the end of September or October. A couple of other possibilities are that retired Priests and Diocesan Youth Workers could occupy some of the building. I look forward to these opportunities with renewed zeal & hope for the future.

INSTALLATION AS CANON: I will be installed a Chapter Canon on Friday 8th December 2017 during Middy Mass at St Chad's Cathedral in the presence of His Grace the Most Reverend Bernard Longley. A buffet will be held after Mass. I would like to invite you to share in my joy as I am being installed as Canon. I am planning to arrange a coach, please reserve your seat as soon as possible, sign up on the sheet at the back of church. 49 coach places available.

TRAIDCRAFT is the UK's leading FairTrade organisation. Established in 1979 their mission is to support people in the developing world to trade their way out of poverty and to bring about trade justice. The parish Traidcraft stall is open after all masses on the third weekend of each month, selling tea, coffee, food items and gifts. Additional items can be ordered directly from Traidcraftshop.co.uk or by placing an order with the stall holder. If you would like more information or could help manage the stall occasionally please contact Ann Poole on 07768241174 annjpoole@yahoo.co.uk.

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. See poster/leaflets at the back of church.

Teams for Sunday the:	27/8	3/9	10/9	17/9	24/9	1/10
Counting (7)	6	7	1	2	3	4
Cleaning (7) no 5	2	3	4	6	7	1
Children lit. (5)	none	2	3	4	5	1
Coffee 9am (14)	11	12	13	14	1	2
Coffee 11am (8)	4	5	6	7	8	1
Flowers	Kathryn	Kathryn	Sally	Sandy	none	none
Traidcraft				open		

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 JPII 15th Sept/ 13th Oct /17th Nov/15th Dec.

Monthly Lunches: Tuesdays 12 noon: 26th Sept; 24th Oct; 28th Nov.

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

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.

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 Many thanks to the Lunch Ladies who provided a very tasty summer lunch to a large number of customers on Tuesday. £500.80 was raised towards parish funds. Next one 28th September.

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 Corpus, E Cotter, J & P. Coughlan, 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, 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 sicklist.

**September
Second Collections**
3rd & 10th - Parish Maintenance
17th - Catholic Evangelisation
24th - Fr Hudson's Society



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA £335.80

1st Loose £395.44

2nd GA £158.40

Total £889.64

Little Sisters of the Poor

2nd Loose £589.70

God Bless You All!

27th August	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6 pm	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
3rd September								
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	R Reji	M Thompson	I Foley	J Vaughan	P Simms	Thompson	Family
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	W Hartley	M Daniels	W Mander	K Riley	Crook family
Sunday 11am	C St John	O Panejko	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	T O'Callaghan	J Hurst	M Lynch	

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 89, Sunday 9.00 am: 180, 11.00 am: 180 Total: 449