



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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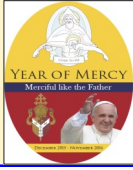
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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR C)
 Saturday 27th August to Sunday 4th September 2016



Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 27th August		
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)	
Monday 29th August		
No Mass		
Tuesday 30th August		
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	<i>Feria</i>
7.00 pm	Joan Bridle (RIP)	
Wednesday 31st August		
9.30 am	Margaret Johnston (RIP)	<i>Feria</i>
Thursday 1st September		
7.00 pm	Alice Byron (RIP)	<i>Feria</i>
Friday 2nd September		
12 noon	Francisco Nolasco Sr	<i>Feria</i>
Saturday 3rd September <i>Feast of St Gregory the Great</i>		
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Service of the Word with Communion	
1.00 pm	Nuptial Service - Stephen Huntley & Jasmin Smith	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	
6.00 pm	Ellen Hawkins (RIP)	
Sunday 4th September <i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
9.00 am	People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Geoffrey & Nanette Kelly (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...

First Reading (Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29). This praises the person who is humble. A humble person is open to God and never rejects wisdom, no matter where it comes from.

Second Reading (Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24). This contrasts Mount Sinai and Mount Zion. Sinai is the place where the old covenant was made. Zion stands for the heavenly Jerusalem - the goal of the Christian's pilgrimage.

Gospel (Luke 14:1, 7-14). Jesus urges his followers not to covet places of honour, and always to act out of unselfish motives.

In today's Gospel Jesus says to us: 'If you are invited to a party take the lowest place.' How often we put ourselves first, grabbing the limelight. Again he says to us: 'Give to those from whom you have nothing to receive.' How often we give in order to win the praise of others, and only to those who will return the compliment. We know that these attitudes are unworthy of a follower of Christ

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 Kustru, C Brown, M Starrett, E Batchelor, K Cashman, R Adams, Sr. Mary Humbert, C B Corpus, M Delos Scintos, 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.

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.

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 shortly. 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.

CAFOD Thursday, 22 September, we'll be holding a **Banbury and Oxford North deaneries** Stories from Bolivia event at St Thomas More parish, 142 Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 1DZ from 10.30am until 12.45pm. All Welcome.

MONTHLY LUNCH The lunch raised £570.32 last Tuesday. This will be donated towards the 'Doors Fund'. God Bless all who organised, helped and supported the event.

PIETY SHOP Open around weekend Masses. Mass ints cards, get well, sympathy, baptism, Jubilee cards now available, as well as new stock of baptism gifts, grave lamps, candles.

TEDDIES! If you have any (that are clean and in good condition) to donate for a forthcoming fundraiser, please deliver to the church or parish office. Thank you.

Forthcoming Weddings:

Stephen Huntley & Jasmin Smith - 3rd September at 1.00 pm

Sean McPherson & Julie-Anne Cullinan - 10th September at 2.00pm

DIARY DATES

Cake and Produce Sale - First Sunday of the month. **4th September.**

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.

9th September: Coffee Morning 10am-11.45am

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE If joining this group interests you please come along to a meeting on Thursday 20th October at 2pm at the John Paul II Centre. More information on <http://www.catholicwomensleague.org/index.php/about/> or contact Janet Marhsall on 07434930992.

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 Zachaeus 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.

Teams For Sunday the:	28/8	4/9	11/9	18/9	25/9	2/10
Counting (8)	6	7	8	1	2	3
Cleaning (7)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Children lit. (5)	None	3	4	5	1	2
Coffee 9am (14)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee 11am (7/8)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	Jo	Anne/Eileen	Lucia	Anne	All Jubilee	Carolyne
Tradecraft				Open		

Collections

The 2nd collection this weekend is for Parish Maintenance.

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PARISH OFFERINGS



GA	£ 287.95
Loose	£ 241.21
2 nd GA	£ 112.04
2 nd Loose	£ 125.97
Total	£ 767.17

thanksgiving to God and for the work of His Church.

28th August	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Reader	Reader	Welcomer	Welcomer
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	
4th September								
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	J Latham	L Hook	M Kelly	C Hall	A Hall	Janet	Louisa
Sunday 9am	A Mutton	J Varghese	J Mutton	J Flynn	K Gore	R Weaver	Arienne	Mark
Sunday 11am	R Lee-Heung	D Johnson	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	T Lane	N Ward	Kokore family	

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 84, Sunday 9.00 am: 113, 11.00 am: 140 Total: 337