



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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## Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

**BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) Saturday 5th August to Sunday 13th 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 5th August</b>		<i>Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Ann Moore - Martin (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 6th August</b>	<i>Feast of The Transfiguration of The Lord</i>	
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00am	Annie & Bernard O'Rourke (RIP) followed by Baptism	
<b>Monday 7th August</b>		<i>Feria</i>
7.00pm	Ints of Deacon Nick & Clare St John	
<b>Tuesday 8th August</b>		<i>Mem of St Dominic, Priest</i>
9.30 am	Fiona Beasley (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
4.30 pm	Reception of Body - Patrick O'Driscoll (RIP)	
<b>Wednesday 9th August</b>	<i>Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, V, M</i>	
10.00 am	Funeral Mass - Patrick O'Driscoll (RIP)	
<b>Thursday 10th August</b>		<i>Feast of St Lawrence, D, M</i>
7.00pm	Ints of The Hook Family	
<b>Friday 11th August</b>		<i>Mem of St Clare, V</i>
10 am - 11.45am	Coffee Morning	
12 Noon	Ron Hawke (RIP) followed by Ron's interment of ashes into the Foynes Memorial Garden	
<b>Saturday 12th 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	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)	

### Scriptural Reflections



The transfiguration of Jesus is prefigured in the first reading. Daniel's vision describes a royal investiture of a human king before God's throne. The *Son of Man* is a Messianic title for God's anointed King, the Lord Jesus Christ. God sent us his Son not to establish an earthly kingdom but to bring us into his heavenly kingdom - a kingdom ruled by truth, justice, peace, and holiness.

In the second reading, Peter bears a first hand, and an eye witness testimony about the glory Christ revealed to him and his colleagues. Confidently, he proclaims: "We have seen his majesty ourselves." It is, in order that we ourselves might believe. It is in order that we might know, that we shall share in this same glory of Christ. It is also, that we might persevere.

In the gospel, Jesus took three of his disciples to the top of a mountain. There, he revealed a glimpse of his glory to them. Glorified with him were, Moses (the law giver), and Elijah (the great prophet). They were glorified with Christ because they overcame. It was also a sign that the Old Testament was not completely forgotten. Their efforts were not in vain. So, they share in the glory of Christ. We shall also share in the same glory, if we overcome.

God bless you

Canon John Y Batthula

Parish Priest

### SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Patrick O'Driscoll**. Patrick will be received into church on Tuesday, 8th August at 4.30 pm and a Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday, 9th August at 10am followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. Please also pray for the repose of Ann Moore - Martin, former Head Mistress of St Mary's School who died recently.

*May they rest in peace.*

*Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.*

**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.

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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: 11th Aug, 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.

**Marriage Encounter Weekends** will be taking place at Barnes Close, Bromsgrove (Non Residential) 9th-10th September 2017 and at the Ibis Hotel, Rugby (Residential) 24th-26th November 2017. They are enrichment weekends for normal, ordinary marriages (NOT counselling). ME weekends have proved time and time again to be of immense value to couples however long they have been married. All discussions are private to the participating couples; there is no group work. For further information go to [www.wvme.org.uk](http://www.wvme.org.uk) or contact Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 2447762.

**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



**Coffee Morning-Friday 11th August at 10am - all welcome!**

**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:	6/8	13/8	20/8	27/8	3/9	10/9	17/9
Counting (7)	3	4	5	6	7	1	2
Cleaning (7) no 5	6	7	1	2	3	4	6
Children lit. (5)	none	none	none	none	2	3	4
Coffee 9am (14)	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Coffee 11am (8)	1	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	£284.50
1 <sup>st</sup> Loose	£396.58
2 <sup>nd</sup> GA	£110.42
2 <sup>nd</sup> Loose	£168.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>£960.07</b>

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

6th August	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6 pm	J Marshall	M Antonye	R Reji	J Varghese	B Kirwan	C Hall	J Marshall	L Hook
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	C Hartley	L Weaver	R Weaver	C Moyses	M Daniel
Sunday 11am	R Lee-Heung	O Panejko	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	T Lane	N Ward	J Tuttle	
<b>13th August</b>								
Saturday 6pm	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	J Willett	M Lynch	

**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 89, Sunday 9.00 am: 135, 11.00 am: 215 Total: 429**