



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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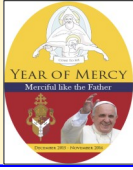


## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR C)

Saturday 6th August to Sunday 13th August 2016



### Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
<b>Saturday 6th August</b>	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	
6.00 pm	Kitty Hornby (RIP) 9th Anniversary	
<b>Sunday 7th August</b>	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Fiona Beasley (RIP)	
<b>Monday 8th August</b>		<i>Mem of St Dominic, P</i>
9.30 am	Ellen Hawkins (RIP)	
<b>Tuesday 9th August</b>	<i>Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	
9.30 am	In thanksgiving—David Johnson-80th Birthday	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Wednesday 10th August</b>		<i>Feast of St Lawrence</i>
9.30 am	James Maughan (RIP)	
6.00 pm	Reception of body-Ellen Hawkins (RIP)	
<b>Thursday 11th August</b>		<i>Mem. of St Clare</i>
10.00 am	Requiem Mass - Ellen Hawkins (RIP)	
<b>Friday 12th August</b>		<i>Feria</i>
12 noon	Betty Kennedy (RIP)	
<b>Saturday 13th August</b>		<i>Feria</i>
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Bernard Green (RIP)	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	
6.00 pm	John Clayton (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 13th August</b>	<i>The Assumption of Our Lady</i>	
9.00 am	People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Fiona Beasley (RIP)	

**Confessions: Saturday's: 10.45 am - 11.30 am & 5.00pm - 5.30pm**

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

### This weekend's reflections in brief...

*First Reading:* (Wisdom 8:6-9) This reading recalls that, when the Jews suffered in Egypt, God came to their rescue. Those who put their trust in the Lord will not be disappointed.

*Second Reading:* (Hebrew 1: 1-2, 8-19). This recalls the magnificent faith that Abraham had in God. Little wonder that in one of the Eucharistic prayers we refer to him as 'our father in faith'.

*Gospel:* (Luke 12:32-48) This contains among other things the parable of the waiting servants. It urges a constant watchfulness and faithfulness.

Today's Gospel says that both Jesus and the thief come to us 'at an hour we least expect'. But there the similarity ends. The thief comes to rob us. Jesus comes to surprise us with his gifts. Like faithful servants we must be always on the alert for his coming. But are we? Do we not often live carelessly and foolishly, as if we were not accountable to God for our lives?

**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.

**PIETY SHOP:** Open around weekend Masses. Feel free to come and browse.

**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.

**JULY 100 CLUB WINNERS** Drawn on Sunday 31/7/16. £100 - 11 - Paul Kallay, £50 - 89 - Peter O'Meara, £25 - 16 - Eileen Penhallow.

**'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)

**COFFEE MORNING** £149.40 was raised. Thank you to all who came along to support the event.

**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 in the next few weeks. 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.

**FINDING A CHURCH ON HOLIDAY** In the old days it could be sometimes tricky finding a Catholic Church on holiday, but the internet has changed all that. For those holidaying within the UK [www.findachurch.co.uk/](http://www.findachurch.co.uk/) lists Church information on over 45000 UK Christian churches, with photo, map, description, contact details, and visitor information. Well worth a look.

**FOOD BANK** Please leave donation in sacristy kitchen.

## 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.*

## Forthcoming Weddings:

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

## 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*

## Bullingdon 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:	7/8	14/8	21/8	28/8	4/9
Counting (8) No team 4	3	5	6	7	8
Cleaning (7)	5	6	7	1	2
Children lit. (5)	none	none	None	None	5
Coffee 9am (14)	13	14	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (7/8)	5	6	7	1	2
Flowers	Sally	Sandy/ Eileen	Jo	Jo	Anne/ Eileen
Tradecraft		open			

## Collections

The 2nd collection this weekend is for Parish Maintenance.

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## PARISH OFFERINGS



GA	£ 354.50
Loose	£ 363.75
2 <sup>nd</sup> GA	£ 111.31
2 <sup>nd</sup> Loose	£ 156.87
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 986.43</b>

*Thanksgiving to God and for the work of His Church.*

7th August	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Reader	Reader	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	J Latham	L Hook	M Kelly	H Lawlor	B Kirwan	Lazarus	Family
Sunday 9am	K Coffey	B Crook	K Riley	F Ostrowski	J Vaughan	E Penhallow	Maureen	
Sunday 11am	R Lee- Heung	D Johnson	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	E King*	J Hanna	Kokore	Family
14th August								
Saturday 6pm	M Mellett	M Mellett	M Maher	H Johnson	J Vaughan	S Haydon	Sue	Sonia
Sunday 9am	N Conway	E Conway	S Doherty	M Doherty	C St John	O Coffey	Conway Family	
Sunday 11am	C St John	F Ostrowski	N St John	M Lynch	H King	M Lawrence	Mary	

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 112, Sunday 9.00 am: 132, 11.00 am: 189 Total: 433