



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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## Second Sunday of Advent

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)  
Saturday 4th December to Sunday 11th December 2016



### Masses & Events During This Week

Times	Intentions	Feasts
<b>Saturday 3rd December</b>		
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	<i>Mem of St Francis Xavier, P</i>
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday 4th December</b>		
9.00 am	Ints. of the Hartley Family	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
11.00 am	Deceased members of the Clancy, Murray & Kennedy families followed by Baptism	
<b>Monday 5th December</b>		
9.30 am	Ints. Of the Parishioners and Clergy of the Church of Annunciation, Walsingham	<i>Feast of St Birinus, B</i>
7.15 pm	Youth Meeting—Cinema Trip	
<b>Tuesday 6th December</b>		
7.00 am (Chu)	Holy Souls	<i>Advent Feria</i>
9.30 am	"DAY OF PRAYER" Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
12 Noon	Mass - followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
7.00 pm	Evening Prayers followed by Benediction	
<b>Wednesday 7th December</b>		
8.00 am	Deceased members of the Clancy, Murray & Kennedy families	<i>M of St Ambrose, B, Dr</i>
<b>Thursday 8th December</b>		
9.30 am (Chu)	Holy Souls	<i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</i>
5.30pm	Reception of Body - Ellen Batchelor (RIP)	
7.30pm	Ints. of all Parishioners followed by social in the John Paul II Centre	
<b>Friday 9th December</b>		
10.00 am	Funeral Service - Ellen Batchelor (RIP)	<i>Advent Feria</i>
12 noon	Peter King (RIP)	
<b>Saturday 10th December</b>		
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	<i>Advent Feria</i>
10.15 am	Deceased members of the Clancy, Murray & Kennedy families	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday 11th December</b>		
9.00 am	Ints. of St Mary's Children, Staff & Governors	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
11.00 am	Alfred Smith (RIP)	

### Reflections briefly on this weekend's Word of God'

**First Reading** (Isaiah 11: 1-10) This reading talks about the coming of the Messiah, and the two great gifts he would bring, two gifts the world desperately needs, namely, justice and peace.

**Second Reading** (Romans 15:4-9) This talks about the importance of hope, and how we should treat others in the same friendly way in which Christ has treated us.

**Gospel** (Matthew 3:1-12) We hear once more the voice of John the Baptist, saying to us what he said to his contemporaries: 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.'

Today in the liturgy we hear again the lonely voice of John the Baptist exhorting us to prepare a way for the Lord. At the start of this celebration let us create a little space so that the Lord can come to us.

**Fr John Y Batthula**  
Parish Priest

**Confession:** Saturdays: 10.50 - 11.30 am & 5.00 pm - 5.30pm  
& other times by appointment.

**Bullington Prison Chaplaincy Duty:** Weekly on Thursday  
8.30 am - 5.30 pm, Friday from 8.30 am - 1.30 pm and  
Saturday 8.30 am - 3.00 pm.

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

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

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** *M.Smyth, B.Hunt, C.Whitehead, B.Shepard, Sr Alma, P.Harris, G.Newton, C.Busby, E.Browne, E.Cotter, F.Ostrowski, S.Clark, J.Fowler, J.James, P.Mears, B & D.Weaver, S.Stidson, 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, C.Brown, M.Starrett, K.Cashman, J.Hurst, P.Dear, L.Lambert, R.Adams, Sr, Mary Humbert, C.B.Copus, M.Delos Sainos, A.Blakeley, W.Babington, J.Wickens, A.Doniselli Morgan, W.Stonell, J.Ray, I.Cook, M.Smith, D.Deefe, M.Wallace, Julie Chapman, John Busby, John Knox, Marian Last, Peter O'Brian. Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.*

**PIETY SHOP** Now in stock - Bought and blessed items from Bethlehem. Colouring books, gifts and Christmas cards. 2017 calendars & dairies. And gifts, nativity sets. Lots more!

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS:** Are now available, please take a handful and sell, sell, sell! I look forward to your generous support. Draw will take place Christmas weekend.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY ST MARY'S:** On Wednesday 14th December in Church at 7.00pm. All are invited

**ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION:** On Monday 19th December at 7.00pm.

**CHARITY BALL:** On Saturday 11th February. Ticket cost £50 (includes a drink on arrival, three course meal and entertainment) Contact Parish Office, Helen Johnson, Kate Gore or Ellen Conway.

**STARS** Stars in memory of loved ones can be bought, these will decorate our church Christmas trees. £3 each or 2 for £5. Please return slips with payment to the piety shop.

**TRADICRAFT** Christmas cards and gifts are now available from the Traidcraft stall. Please support Traidcraft, a Christian response to poverty, helping the poorest through Fair Trade.

**ADVENT EARLY MASSES:** Tuesday's at 7.00 am in Church and Thursday's at 8.00 am in School. I Look forward to celebrating Mass with you and your family.

**YOUTH CLUB:** The youth club will be going to the cinema to see Moana on Monday 5 December. Cost will be £8.49. Parents to drop their children off inside Bicester Cinema, after buying the ticket for them and signing the usual consent form at 17:50 and to collect them at 20:10. Parents are welcome to come along. If youngers siblings to youth club members come along then they must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

**100 CLUB WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER:** £100 - 35 - Margaret Nugent, £50 - 85 - John Pettit, £25 - 28 - Joyce Thornley.



**ADVENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10am-7pm.

Please add your names to the list to keep watch.

**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.

**8th December:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Fr. Paul Martin

**9th December:** Coffee Morning 10am - 11.45 am

**10th December:** Filipino Day of Prayer - 3.30pm

**14th December:** Carol Service - St. Mary's School

**4th March 2017:** Confirmations

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



**COFFEE MORNING**

Our next Coffee morning is on 9th December at 10am.

Come along for some mince pies, shortbread, seasonal sale, tombola, raffle and festive cheer!

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BUFFET**

A (hot) Christmas buffet will be held on Sunday 18th December

after the 11am Mass at the JP11 Centre. Tickets £10 per person.

We need at least 45 for this event to go ahead, currently we need at least 12 more! Last chance this weekend to reserve a place!

Please call into piety shop to reserve a place.

£5 deposit required. Refundable if event cancelled.



**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

**December 8th**

Masses will be celebrated at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

This year I have invited **Fr Paul Martin** to join us for our Parish Feast and he will be the Principle Celebrant at the 7.30pm Mass. A social will be held in the John Paul II

Centre afterwards.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Thank you to everyone who donated, came to help and supported the Christmas Bazaar. God Bless you all!

**ADVENT WREATH MAKING** Thank you to everyone who contributed to this successful event. Donations covered the costs of resources and the rest will go to wards Christmas flowers.



Teams For	04/12	11/12	18/12	25/12	1/1
<b>Sunday the:</b>					
Counting (8) No 7	4	5	6	none	8
Cleaning (7) no 5	1	2	3	4	Volunteers
Children lit. (5)	1	2	tbc	none	none
Coffee 9am (14)	2	3	4	None	5
Coffee 11am (8)	7	8	1	none	2
Flowers	advent	advent	advent	all	Anne
Tradecraft			Open		

**Collections**

The 2nd collection this weekend will be for **Poor Parishes Fund**

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**PARISH OFFERINGS**

1<sup>st</sup> GA £345.00

1<sup>st</sup> Loose **£343.47**

**£688.47**

**Society of African Missions**

2<sup>nd</sup> GA £162.72

2<sup>nd</sup> Loose **£236.55**

Total: **£399.27**

4th December	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	M Mellett	M Mellett	volunteer	volunteer	L Hook	J Latham	Sr Elizabeth	Kathy
Sunday 9am	N Conway	E Conway	S Doherty	M Doherty	K Gore	R Weaver	Anita	Barbara
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	N St John	M Lynch	E King	J Hanna	Mary	
11th December								
Saturday 6pm	D Zanre	S Haydon	S Jacob	S Wilde	P Kallay	K Kallay	Thompson	family
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	K Riley	C Conlon	P Pickering	St Marys	children	St Marys	Children
Sunday 11am	A Jones	B Tah	O Panejko	S Lawrence	H King	M Lawrence	Kokore	family

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 98, Sunday 9.00 am: 120, 11.00 am: N/A,