

# The Catholic Churches of Immaculate Conception with Holy Trinity

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BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)  
**SATURDAY 11TH TO SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2020**

All the Masses & Expositions below can be viewed live

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Deacons and Eucharistic Ministers, please try to ring the people that they normally visit on a regular basis. A number of people have asked about the Offertory collections. If you wish to make a payment to the parish to help us through this time, you could email: [admin@immaculate-conception.org.uk](mailto:admin@immaculate-conception.org.uk) for our bank details. Or you could just keep your weekly offerings to one side and hand them in when the churches can be opened again. Or you could post us a cheque made payable to "Immaculate Conception Parish". Please don't worry about Gift Aid envelopes as we can make up the weeks when we are open again. Thanks for your generous support. Please remember to look out for vulnerable neighbours and see if you can help them. Try to keep to a good routine and try to include some time for prayer and exercise. You can use the admin email to keep in contact, but you can phone us at the Presbytery if anyone needs us in an emergency. If you wish to volunteer to help the housebound and those in isolation, there are a number of ways you can do this. The contact number **07387 281 861**. Continue to pray for those working for the National Health, helping with the supply chain of goods needed by us all and those staff looking after children of essential workers in our schools. Thanks to everyone for the interest and support of our masses and services, it gives us all, including the Priests a good routine.

For next few days, we would like to start a competition for our children. They can make a Christian Easter Garden, an Easter Bonnet or paint an Egg. We will have prizes for under 7s, 7 – 11 and 11+. Fr Robert will judge the competition and you can send your entries over the next couple of weeks to [admin@immaculate-conception.org.uk](mailto:admin@immaculate-conception.org.uk) Entries in by Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April please. We will award Easter prizes to the winners in all of the categories when all could join us at Mass. As you know you are dispensed from Easter duties. It is not possible to come to Mass, but you can take part through our Webcam.

On behalf all Clergy, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

**Canon John Y Baththula**  
Parish Priest & Dean

APRIL	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SATURDAY 11TH	7.00 PM	<b>Fiona Beasley (RIP) &amp; People of the Parish</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>
SUNDAY 12TH	9.30 am	<b>Margaret Forsyth (RIP)</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
	11.00 AM	<b>Brenda Dunn (RIP)</b>	
MONDAY 13TH	12 NOON	<b>Terence Thompson (RIP)</b>	Easter Monday, Solemnity
TUESDAY 14TH	9.30 AM	<b>Adam Zywoot (RIP) &amp; Frank Ward (RIP)</b>	Easter Tuesday, Solemnity
WEDNESDAY 15TH	9.30 AM	<b>Intentions of Sr. Anu (Birthday)</b>	Easter Wednesday, Solemnity
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
THURSDAY 16TH	9.30 AM	<b>Our Parishioners who not well</b>	Easter Thursday, Solemnity
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
FRIDAY 17TH	9.30 AM	<b>For all Key workers in our community</b>	Easter Friday, Solemnity
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
SATURDAY 18TH	10.00 AM 10.20 - 11 am	<b>Intentions of Sue &amp; Dale - Jane &amp; Guy</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	Easter Saturday, Solemnity
SUNDAY 19TH	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
	11.00 AM	<b>Intentions of Jiri &amp; Maricel</b>	
	3 PM – 4 PM	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Divine Mercy Chaplet	



**Today's Liturgy of the Word:** It is impossible to describe the greatness and joy of this day for Christians. This is the day Christ our Lord broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. He did this, not just for himself, but for us too. He wants us to share in his great victory over evil and death. This is the heart of the Good News.

**First Reading** (Acts 10:34.37-43). This is part of an early sermon preached by St Peter. He tells how he was a witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The risen Jesus is the Saviour of all those who believe in him, as well as the Judge of the living and the dead.

**Second Reading** (Colossians 3: 1-4). Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

**Gospel** (John 20: 1-9). Early on Easter morning some of the disciples discovered that Jesus' tomb was empty. Then the truth of what the Scriptures had foretold began to dawn on them - that Jesus must rise from the dead.

### Make an Act of Spiritual Communion

This can be done whilst you watch a live stream of Mass being offered by saying the following prayer: ***"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."***

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament cannot be celebrated over the telephone or by conference call. A pastoral conversation and reassuring prayer may of course take place by these means. Requests for individual confession are very difficult to meet, given the demands of staying at home, social distancing and church closure. Priests must refuse such requests for these reasons.

### Dispensation from Easter Duties

In their letter of Dispensation 18th March 2020, the President and the Vice-President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales said "in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time."

Many of the faithful will be aware of their Easter Duties; that is to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season and by custom, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation beforehand. The Code of Canon Law (CIC 920) says each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year. The requirement for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation comes from the need to be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion (CIC 916).

Since it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time, and into the future, the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020. The Bishops have asked that all should make a Perfect Act of Contrition at this time. Perfect contrition is true and real sorrow for our sins which is created when we realise the immense love of God for each one of us. We express this contrition when we realise how we offend God by our sinful words, deeds and omissions in contrast to the immeasurable love and mercy that He continually shows us.

This requires us to be contrite of heart for what we have done, know and be overwhelmed by the love and mercy of God for His children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again.

### An Act of Contrition

***My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.***

**100 Club** renewals for the next 12 months are due from 1 April with the first draw in the new financial year taking place on Sunday, 26 April. The annual fee remains at £60 per annum, payable in full by cheque or monthly standing order. In the coming year there will be three prizes each month - £100, £50 and £25 and a £100 Christmas bonus in December. If you currently pay by Standing Order no further action is necessary. With sincere thanks for your support.

**NEW GIFT ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDERS:** Thank you for those of you who have so far responded to my letter. There is still time to sign up to gift aid your contributions. If you are a tax payer we can claim whatever you give. I would like to encourage those presently giving their offering to the Church through the envelope mode, to change to standing order and I would urge the same with the new parishioners. The standing order forms are available from the Parish office or from the back of the church, alternatively speak to me.

**Parish Helpers** If anyone is willing to join a What's App group to help our elderly and more vulnerable parishioners in these unprecedented times with doorstep deliveries of essential items or 'Phone For a Chat' calls, then please email the parish office with your mobile number. Please ring this number **07387 281 861** and leave a message if you need assistance and we will try our best to assist.



**EASTER RAFFLE:** Draw will take place at later date.

**Winners 100 club drawn** on Sun 29 March 2020, witnessed at a distance by Mrs M. Mellett. **£100 Eleanor King 70; £50 Hilary King 42; £25 Honor Hollis 58;**

**Please pay online if you can. Email [paulcous@yahoo.com](mailto:paulcous@yahoo.com) for details.**

The remaining numbers are: 30, 39, 43, 61, 94, 96 - contact [paulcous@yahoo.com](mailto:paulcous@yahoo.com) for details.

**SYMPATHY** We extend our very deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the family of Terence Thompson who passed away on Tuesday 24th March 2020, aged 73 years. Funeral Service will be taking place on Tuesday 21st April at Banbury Crematoriums. *May he rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.*

*From Jackie Flynn: "Would like to thank the clergy and parishioners who have so kindly sent messages or offers of help in this difficult time for us all, it's greatly appreciated. Wish everyone a Happy Easter and look forward to when things improve".*



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### LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley,  
Mary Ashley, John Dunn.



### PARISH OFFERINGS

*With thanks for all your generosity to the Parish and to charity.*