



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)  
 Saturday 31st December 2016 to Sunday 8th January 2017

### Masses & Events During This Week

Times	Intentions	Feasts
<b>Saturday 31st December</b>		<i>Christmas Octave</i>
5.00 pm - 5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Prayers of thanksgiving	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday 1st January</b>		<i>Solemnity of the Mary, Mother of God</i>
9.00 am	Cristina Milia (RIP)	
11.00 am	Collison family: Past & Present	
<b>Monday 2nd January</b>		<i>of St Basil &amp; St Gregory Nazianzen, B, Dr</i>
9.30 am	Angela Shanahan (RIP)	
<b>Tuesday 3rd January</b>		<i>Christmas Feria</i>
10.00 am	Mrs Dause (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Wednesday 4th January</b>		<i>Christmas Feria</i>
No mass		
<b>Thursday 5th January</b>		<i>Christmas Feria</i>
9.00 am	Joanna Taylor (sick)	
11.00 am	Funeral Service of Agnes Nelson at Banbury Crematorium	
<b>Friday 6th January</b>		<i>Christmas Feria</i>
12 noon	Frederick & Gertrude Hurst (RIP)	
<b>Saturday 7th January</b>		<i>Christmas Feria</i>
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
5.00 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	James Patrick Kelly (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 8th January SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>		
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Ints of the Busby Family	

#### Confession:

Saturdays: 5.00 pm - 5.30pm & other times by appointment.

#### Bullington Prison Chaplaincy Duty:

Weekly on Thursday, Friday & Saturday

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



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

We celebrated the liturgical feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 1st, which is the Octave of Christmas. Only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave, which is an eight day extension of the feast. The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. By the 7th century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace".

*On behalf of Fr Linh and myself, I would like to thank you all for your cards, gifts and offerings. May God bless you all. I would like to wish you all a Prosperous & Happy New Year.*

Fr John Y Batthula  
 Parish Priest

**RCIA ~ Seeker:** Returns on 10<sup>th</sup> January using the Sycamore Programme to explore Life and Faith. It consists of ten films that examine some of the core questions; Can I find happiness; Does God exist; Who is Jesus Christ and topics such as the Holy Spirit, the Church, the Bible, Christian Tradition, faith, love and prayer. For more information see the notice board or contact the office, Ron Weaver or Janet Marshall.

**CHURCH VOLUNTEERS** We are extremely grateful to everyone who helps maintain our church. We are very lucky to have such dedicated reliable parishioners who regularly help with daily chores. We are currently seeking some new helpers to help with the following: Brass cleaning - weekly/fortnightly, Church Cleaners—team of 4 is needed. Flower arrangers - once every 8 weeks. Counters—every 7 weeks. If you would like further information please contact Lucia at the Parish office: [lucia@immaculate-conception.org.uk](mailto:lucia@immaculate-conception.org.uk)

**MONTHLY LUNCHEES IN 2017:** We will need more volunteers, if you can assist us, contact the Parish Office: Our Monthly Lunch commence on Tuesdays on the following dates: **17th January**; 21st February; 28th March; 25th April; 23rd May; 27th June; 25th July; 22nd August; 26th September; 24th October; 28th November. Thank you.

**SOCIAL EVENTS IN 2017 SHEET:** This weekend welcomers will be giving away our Social and fundraising events dates. Please note those dates in your diaries.

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS IN 2017:** Please note these dates in your diaries: **13th January**, 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April; 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 4th August, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November, 1st December.

**SYMPATHY** We extend our very deepest sympathy and assurance our of prayers to John Nelson and his family, on the death of **Agnes Nelson** who died on Friday 16th December aged 104 years. A funeral service will take place at Banbury Crematorium on Thursday 5th January 2017 at 11:00. May she rest in peace.

**Winners 100 club for December 2016:** drawn on Sun 18 December 2016 Special Christmas £100 prize-£100 No 79 A Marrs. Monthly Prizes £100 No86 A & J O'Rourke, £50 No8 J Nelson, £25 No27 D Carey.

**Sunday Masses** can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg\\_yS\\_grbqgt7fzjg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7fzjg/live) to subscribe and view.

**SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** A meeting will be held on Monday 9th January at 7:30pm

**A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS.  
VERY GRATEFUL TO MAREK FOR TAKING CARE OF THE  
PARISH WEBSITE AND PHOTOS.**

## 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 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.

**11th February:** Charity Ball

**4th March 2017:** Confirmations

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

## Charity Valentine's Ball

Saturday February 11th 2017

7-7.30pm arrival for pre-dinner drinks  
and raffle

at John Paul II Centre

£50 per ticket

3 course meal & musical entertainment.

Tickets available from parish office or by calling:

Helen Johnson – 07879 632737 □ Katy Gore –

07810 718989 □ Ellen Conway – 07867 987985

All proceeds going to Parish and donations to  
Seesaw



**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** M Smyth, T Kirby, B Hunt, C Whitehead, B Shepard, Sr Alma, P Harris, J Chapman, G Newton, C Busby, E Browne, E Cotter, N Cahill, F Ostrowski, S Clarke, J Fowler, J James, P Mears, B & D Weaver, S Sidston, N Southey, E Stonell, A McCambridge, J Calver, J James, J O'Rourke, M Lewandowski, M May, A Davies, Mis Curzon, M Kilby, J Cahlan, C Brown, M Starrett, K Cashman, J Hurst, P Dean, L Lambert, R Admans, Sr. Mary Humbert, C B Corpus, M Delos Santos, A Blakeley, W Babington, J Wickens, A Doniselli Morgan, W Stonell, I Cook, M Smith, T Kirby, D Dee'le, M Wallace, J Busby, J Knox, M Last, P O' Brian.  
**Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.**

## BATTHULA CARE TRUST

Would you like to support a family suffering with leprosy? Your help can really can make a difference.? Please support if you can. Barclays Bank: Sort Code: 200898 Account No: 23669386. So please join in this noble cause. Thank you.

Teams for Sunday the:	1/1	8/1	15/1	22/1	29/1
Counting (8) No 7	8	1	2	3	4
Cleaning (7) no 5	Volunteers	6	7	1	2
Children lit. (5)	none	tbc	Tbc		
Coffee 9am (14)	5	6	7	8	9
Coffee 11am (8)	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	Anne	all	Carolyne	Carolyne	Kathryn
Tradecraft			Open		

### Collections

The 2nd collections this weekend will be for the **Parish Maintenance.**

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### PARISH OFFERINGS

1<sup>st</sup> GA £n/a

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2<sup>nd</sup> GA £n/a

2<sup>nd</sup> Loose £ n/a

Total: **n/a**

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

1st January	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	M Mellett	M Mellett	M Kelly	H Johnson	J Vaughan	P Sims	Teni	Fred
Sunday 9am	C St John	F Ostrowski	clergy	volunteer	C Moyses	J Nugent	Conway family	Dona
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	N St John	clergy	R Evans	I Cook	Ruuben	Shetin
7th January								
Saturday 6pm	D Zandre	S Haydon	S Jacob	S Wilde	H Lawlor	A Nelson	Janet	Louisa
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	C Hartley	R McDonald	Erica	Sandra	Margaret
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	E King	H King	P Rybka	A Kearsley	Jonathan	

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 609 , Midnight 239, Sunday 9.00 am: 214 , 11.00 am: 259