



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Dean of Banbury Deanery & Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. John Y Batthula BA, MA, Dip. Cat., MA Ed  
Tel: 01869 253 277 - email: jbatthula@googlemail.com  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr. Linh Ta Hanh Nguyen BA STB  
**Parish Deacon :** Rev Mr Michael Panejko - Tel: 01869 246 459

**Parish Office:** Tel: 01869 253 277. Weekdays 9am-3pm. Email: [admin@immaculate-conception.org.uk](mailto:admin@immaculate-conception.org.uk)  
**Marriages & Baptisms - contact Parish Office.**

**Parish Safeguarding:** Elizabeth Green email: [safeguarding@immaculate-conception.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@immaculate-conception.org.uk)  
**Pope JOHN PAUL II CENTRE:** Tel: 01869 324 307 - email: [info@johnpaulcentre.co.uk](mailto:info@johnpaulcentre.co.uk)  
**The Presentation Sisters:** Tel: 01869 323 660

**Parish School:** St Mary's RC Primary School, Queen's Avenue, Bicester, OX26 2NX  
**Head Teacher:** Miss. P. Pickering Tel: 01869 252 035 - [st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk](http://st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk)



## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)  
Saturday 7th January 2016 to Sunday 15th January 2017

### Masses & Events During This Week

Times	Intentions	Feasts
<b>Saturday 7th January</b>		
5.00 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	<i>Christmas Feria</i>
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	
<b>Monday 9th January</b>		
9.30 am	Holy Souls	<i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>
7.30pm	Social & Fundraising Meeting	
<b>Tuesday 10th January</b>		
10.00 am	Celebrant's Intentions	<i>Feria</i>
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Wednesday 11th January</b>		
9.30 am (Sch)	James Maughan (RIP)	<i>Feria</i>
<b>Thursday 12th January</b>		
7.00 pm	Patrick & Irene Burke (RIP)	
<b>Friday 13th January</b>		
12 noon	Frederick & Gertrude Hurst (RIP)	<i>Feria</i>
<b>Saturday 14th January</b>		
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	<i>Feria</i>
10.15 am	Service of the Word with Communion	
5.00 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Percy (Les) Paul (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 15th January</b>		
<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Maira Lawrence (RIP)	

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

**Bullingdon 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!

**Sunday Masses** can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg\\_yS\\_grbqgt7f2jg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live)

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

#### Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

**First Reading** (Isaiah 60: 1-6) The exiles returned from Babylon to find Jerusalem in ruins. The prophet cheers them up with a vision of a restored city. Her scattered children will return, and numerous strangers will come there to worship the true God.

**Second Reading** (Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6) Paul reveals the truth that God invites all, both Jew and Gentile, to share on an equal footing the salvation brought by Christ.

**Gospel** (Matthew 2:1-12). This tells how three strangers came from a far country to pay homage to the Christ-child, while the Jewish leaders rejected him.

Today we hear once again the story of the wise men who embarked on a long and hazardous journey in search of the Christ-child. What made them wise? It was the fact that, whereas his own people didn't want to know him, they recognised this Child as the Saviour of the world. What led us here this morning? What does Christ mean to us?

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 Lunches this year, on Tuesdays: **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 LEAFLET:** Now available—please pop dates into your diaries.

**LIBRARY OF CATHOLIC BOOKS** The next meeting is on Saturday 4th February 2017 at 11.00am in St Philip's Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Hethe, OX27 8AW. Dr Anthony McCarthy will speak on *Sex and Gender. The rise of the trans gender agenda.* All most welcome.

**COLLECTORS WANTED** for one hour slots outside Tesco on Saturday 21st Jan for Christian Aid. If you can spare an hour of your time for this please contact Neil Poole: [Neildpoole@googlemail.com](mailto:Neildpoole@googlemail.com)



**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING**

Friday 13th January 10am-11.45am at the John Paul II Centre. Come in out of the cold for a fresh coffee and homemade cake & biscuits! All welcome.

**UNWANTED GIFTS** if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or need to clear out those tempting chocolates or bottles for that diet, please consider donating them for our parish raffles. Please deliver to the piety shop/sacristy or parish office - thank you.

**CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH** Not intended to be a fundraiser but more of a social event, it still however raised £351. Thank you to everyone who supported it!

**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  
**Coffee Mornings 2017:** 3rd Feb, 3rd March, 7th April; 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 4th Aug, 1st Sept, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 1st December.

**PIETY SHOP SALE** Christmas cards and items on sale. Cts Booklets – buy 1 get one half price. Archdiocese of Birmingham Year book 2017 now available £5.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION DISMANTLE** If anyone can spare an hour to help dismantle the church decorations on Tuesday 10th between 10am & 2pm please come along, we will be very grateful.

*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 Cahnan, 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:	8/1	15/1	22/1	29/1
Counting (8) No 7	1	2	3	4
Cleaning (7) no 5	6	7	1	2
Children lit. (5)	tbc	tbc		
Coffee 9am (14)	6	7	8	9
Coffee 11am (8)	3	4	5	6
Flowers	all	Carolynne	Carolynne	Kathryn
Tradecraft		Open		

**Collections**

The 2nd collections this weekend will be for the **Parish Maintenance.**  
 The 2nd collections next weekend will be for **Aid to the Church in Need.**



**PARISH OFFERINGS**

1<sup>st</sup> GA £286.46  
 1<sup>st</sup> Loose £353.49  
 2<sup>nd</sup> GA £107.48  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Loose **£161.83**  
**Total: £909.26**  
*In thanksgiving to God and for the work of His Church.*

8th January	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	Volunteer	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	S Grose	Jonathan	
15th January								
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	M Kelly	M Thompson	I Foley	L Hook	J Latham	Mandy	Tish
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	C St John	M Daniel	M Brown	E Penhallow	Cath	Maureen
Sunday 11am	A Jones	B Tah	O Panejko	S Lawrence	T Lane	N Ward	Mary	

**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 124, Sunday 9.00 am: 107 , 11.00 am: 150 Total: 381**