



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

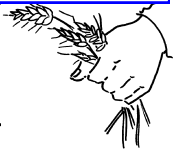
BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) Saturday 15th July to Sunday 23rd July 2017

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on YouTube, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgtfzjg/live

Masses & Events During This Week

Times	Intentions	Feasts
Saturday 15th July		<i>Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Ron Hawke (RIP)	
Sunday 16th July	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	In thanksgiving for recovery - David Johnson	
Monday 17th July		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Ange Auriane - Get Well	
Tuesday 18th July		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Frank Ward (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 19th July		<i>Feria</i>
7.00 pm	Ron Hawke (RIP)	
Thursday 20th July		<i>Feria</i>
7.00 pm	Frank Ward (RIP)	
Friday 21st July		<i>Feria</i>
12 Noon	Percy Paul (RIP)	
Saturday 22nd July	<i>Feast of Mary Magdalene</i>	
8.30 am	Mass at HMP Bullingdon	
10.15 am	Service of The Word with Holy Communion	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Willie & Nellie Lawlor (RIP)	
Sunday 23rd July	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Percy & Joan Clarke (RIP)	

Scriptural Reflections



First Reading (Isaiah 55: 10-11). God cares for the earth by sending rain to make it fruitful. He cared for us by sending us his word. This word is very powerful if we give it a chance.

Second Reading (Romans 8: 18-23). St Paul tells us that the glory which awaits us in the next life far outweighs anything we could suffer in this life.

Gospel (Matthew 13: 1-23). Jesus compares the word of God to a seed falling into the ground.

God is continually calling us to a better life through his word. Jesus compared the word of God to a seed which a man plants in the ground. For the seed to grow it needs to be planted in good soil. What kind of soil do we offer God's word?

God bless you

Canon John Y Batthula

Parish Priest

Deacon Nick would like to thank parishioners for their tremendous support in attending his Ordination, and for all the cards, gifts, and Mass intentions. God Bless and thank you all so much.

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE: SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND

Confession: Saturday's from 5 pm -5.30pm.

Other times by appointment.

Prison Chaplaincy Duty: Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday.

Refreshments: Served in John Paul II Centre after 9am & 11 am Masses. All Welcome!

PIETY SHOP CTS booklets, pilgrim guides, gifts and much more. Come and have a browse!

MASS OFFERINGS Please deliver envelopes to the parish office, directly to the clergy or to the Piety Shop. Mass cards are available to buy from the piety shop.

MORE CATECHISTS AND YOUTH LEADERS: I am hoping to recruit more volunteers to become Catechists and Youth Leaders from September. I am planning to organise a short training course in order to equip you as Catechists with some knowledge of Catechism & teaching methodology. Youth Leaders will also have some sessions on how to engage and plan different activities with young people. If you are interested, please drop me an email. May I request our Catechists & Youth Leaders to kindly speak to people you think may be interested. In the next few months let us pray that many may come forward to get involved in these ministries.

ALTAR LINEN The ladies who currently wash and iron the altar linen are looking for some extra help especially for about 6 weeks September/October time. If you can help please speak to Christine Tett or Anne Swanson or contact the parish office.

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2018. Next year, His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley will be the main celebrant for our Confirmation Mass, which will take place on Saturday, 17th March at 6pm. First Holy Communions will be held on 2 weekends: Sunday 13th & 20th May. I would like to see *all families* with children who are preparing for their sacraments to attend church regularly as part of their commitment in preparation for the sacraments. Enrolment and session dates will be available on our website in due course.

COFFEE MORNING £217.10 was raised towards the church repair fund at Friday's coffee morning. Thanks to all who came long to support it.

OHCT RIDE & STRIDE - SATURDAY - 9 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 - over £700 has been raised from the last three years - so please enjoy some exercise and support this terrific day if you possibly can.

SYMPATHY We extend our very deepest sympathy and assurance our of prayers to the family and friends of Frank Ward. Frank will be received into church on Monday, 24th July at 4:30 pm. A funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday, 25th July at 11am followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. *May he rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.*

DIARY DATES 2017

- CATENIANS** meet every second Thursday of the month – contact 01869 249638.
 - TRADECRAFT** Stall open every 3rd weekend of the month.
 - YOUTH GROUP** 2nd,3rd,4th, Mondays of the month. 7.15pm–8.30 pm Term time only.
 - CHILDREN'S LITURGY** Sunday at 9.00 am Mass. None during Summer hols.
 - PRESENTATION ASSOC.** Monthly meetings first Monday of month.
 - 100 CLUB DRAW** After 9.00am Mass last Sunday of the month.
 - 22nd-24th Sept:** Flower Festival—3 days of flowers and events!
 - 24th Sep:** Multilingual Mass & Shared Lunch from around the World
 - Men's Social** Fridays at 7.30pm at the JP11 15th Sept/ 13th Oct /17th Nov/15th Dec.
 - Monthly Lunches:** Tuesdays 12 noon: 25th July; 22nd Aug; 26th Sept; 24th Oct; 28th Nov.
 - Monthly Coffee:** Fridays 10am-11.45am: 11th Aug, 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec.
- Pick up a **SOCIAL EVENTS 2017** leaflet from the back of church.

FLOWER FESTIVAL 22nd - 24th September. Stewards and help with refreshments are needed, especially on the Friday and Saturday. Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you can cover a 2 hour slot (or more!). Thank you.

FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation. In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show us with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our homes and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witness to your eternal design for the family, grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God forever & ever. Amen



CHURCH REPAIR FUND

I appeal to your generous donations towards the CHURCH REPAIRS. So please give as much as can. Remember, God loves a cheerful giver!

Target amount **£ 120,000.00**
So far donated/raised **£ 13,443.85**

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: R Admans, Sr Alma, W Babington, C Brown, E Browne, C & J Busby, N Cahill, J Calver, K Cashman, S Caswell, J Chapman, S Clarke, I Cook, CB Copus, E Cotter, J & P. Coughlan, Mis Curzon, A Davies, P Dean, D Dee'le, M Delos Santos, J Fowler, P Harris, M Hargrave, Sr. M Humbert, B Hunt, J Hurst, J James, A Kirby-Hall, M Kilby, T Kirby, M Lewandowski, M Last, M May, P Mears, A Mutton, G Newton, JO'Rourke, F Ostrowski, B Shepard, S Stidston, N Southey, M Smyth, E & W Stonell, M Smith, Sr Teresa SSM, M Wallace, B & D Weaver, J Wickens, C Whitehead T Berg, Stanley Appleton & family. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.**

Teams for Sunday the:	16/7	23/7	30/7	6/8	13/8	20/8	27/8	3/9
Counting (7)	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cleaning (7) no 5	2	3	4	6	7	1	2	3
Children lit. (5)	1	none	none	none	none	none	none	2
Coffee 9am (14)	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Coffee 11am (8)	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5
Flowers	Sally	Sally			Anne Jo-15th	Jo	Kathryn	Kathryn/Sally
Tradecraft	Open					Open		

Second Collections

This weekend will be for Church Repair Fund.
For the rest of July:
Parish Maintenance.



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA **£290.75**
1st Loose **£317.75**
Total £608.50
Apostleship of the Sea
2nd GA **£128.03**
2nd Loose **£154.90**
Total £282.93

Repair Fund envelopes: £301.02

16th July	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6 pm	M Mellett	M Mellett	M Kelly	volunteer	S Haydon	J Latham	Lazarus	Family
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	F Ostrowski	M Daniel	R McDonald	L Taylor	Conway	Family
Sunday 11am	Deacon	J Kokore	J Kokore	M Lynch	H King	M Lawrence	J Tuttle	
23rd July	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	D Zanne	M Kelly	S Jacob	S Wilde	S Haydon	B Kirwan	S Wilde	S Drury
Sunday 9am	Deacon	B Crook	J Mutton	J Flynn	O Coffey	E Penhallow	Cousins	family
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	E King	H King	R Evans	I Cook	M Lynch	