



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) Saturday 22nd July to Sunday 30th July 2017

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7zjg/live

Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 22nd July		<i>Feast of Mary Magdalene</i>
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)	
Monday 24th July		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Sr Elizabeth (for recovery)	
4.30 pm	Reception of Body -Francis (Frank) Ward (RIP)	
Tuesday 25th July		<i>Feast of St James, Apostle</i>
11.00 am	Funeral Mass - Francis (Frank) Ward (RIP)	<i>Feria</i>
12 noon	Monthly lunch	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 26th July		<i>M of Ss Joachim and Anne</i>
7.00 pm	Alan & Maggie Allmond (RIP)	
Thursday 27th July		<i>Feria</i>
7.00pm	Ron Hawke (RIP)	
Friday 28th July		<i>Feria</i>
12 Noon	Sr Mary Humbert – 90th Birthday	
Saturday 29th July		<i>Mem of St Martha</i>
8.30 am	Mass at HMP Bullingdon	
10.15 am	Service of The Word with Communion	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
Sunday 30th July		<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	Ron Hawke (RIP)	
11.00 am	Ints of Deacon Nick St John	

Scriptural Reflections

First Reading (Wisdom 12: 13,16-19). God is the only one who has both the knowledge and the power to root out evil people if he so desired. But does he? This reading talks about his leniency and how we ought to imitate it.

Second Reading (Romans 8:26-27). Sometimes when we pray to God we don't seem to be able to find the right words to express what is in our minds. It doesn't matter. God still understands.

Gospel (Matthew 13:24-43). The Church, and indeed the world, is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side until they are separated at the harvest time.

The world, Jesus says, is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side. The Church is the same, *and* so is each one of us. Each of us is a mixture of good and evil.

Let us pause for a moment to take a look into the field of our lives to see what is growing there.

God bless you

Canon John Y Batthula

Parish Priest

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 gam & 11 am.

Masses. All Welcome!

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Parish Web Site: <http://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk>

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

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.

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2018. Next year His Grace, Archbishop 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 are now available at the back of the church and on our website.

OHCT RIDE & STRIDE

SATURDAY 9th 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.

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–8.30pm 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, PHarris, 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:	23/7	30/7	6/8	13/8	20/8	27/8	3/9
Counting (7)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cleaning (7) no 5	3	4	6	7	1	2	3
Children lit. (5)	none	none	none	none	none	none	2
Coffee 9am (14)	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Coffee 11am (8)	7	8	1	2	3	4	5
Flowers	Sally			Anne Jo-15th	Jo	Kathryn	Kathryn/Sally
Tradecraft					Open		

Second Collections

For the rest of July:

Parish Maintenance.



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA **£327.75**
 1st Loose **£ 338.09**
Total £665.84

2nd GA **£203.01**
 2nd Loose **£173.45**
Total £376.46

	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
23rd July								
Saturday 6 pm	D Zandre	M Kelly	S Jacob	S Wilde	S Haydon	B Kirwan	S Wilde	S Drury
Sunday 9am	Clergy	B Crook	J Mutton	J Flynn	M Brown	E Penhallow	Cousins	family
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	E King	H King	R Evans	I Cook	M Lynch	
30th July								
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	D Zandre	M Thompson	I Foley	C Hall	A Hall	J Marshall	L Hook
Sunday 9am	N Conway	E Conway	S Doherty	M Doherty	C St John	M Brown	M Nugent	
Sunday 11am	A Jones	B Tah	O Panejko	Clergy	P Rybka	A Kearsley	R Reji	S Thomas

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 79, Sunday 9.00 am: 166, 11.00 am: 145 Total: 390