



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)** Saturday 1st July to Sunday 9th July 2017

*Sunday Masses* can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg\\_yS\\_grbqgt7zjg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7zjg/live)

### Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
<b>Saturday 1st July</b>		<i>Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Paul Selwood (Drury) (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 2nd July</b>		<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	Urszula Steel (RIP)	
11.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison followed by Family Festival	
<b>Monday 3rd July</b>		<i>Feast of St Thomas Apostle</i>
9.30 am	Celebrant's Intentions	
7.15 pm-8.30 pm	Youth Group in St. John Paul II Centre	
<b>Tuesday 4th July</b>		<i>Memorial St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>
9.30 am	Celebrant's Intentions	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
7.30 pm	Flower Festival - Meeting	
<b>Wednesday 5th July</b>		
No Mass		
<b>Thursday 6th July</b>		<i>Memorial St Maria Goretti VM</i>
9.30 am	Celebrant's Intentions	
<b>Friday 7th July</b>		<i>First Friday</i>
12 Noon	Ron Hawke (RIP)	
<b>Saturday 8th July</b>		<i>Feria</i>
8.30 am	Mass at HMP Bullingdon	
12 noon	Ordination of Nick St John to the Permanent Diaconate	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday 9th July</b>		<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 am	Ints of the Catenians new President	
11.00 am	Michael St John (RIP)	

### Scriptural Reflections

Christ likened the Kingdom of God to a tree in the branches of which all the birds of the sky are able to find shelter. Therefore, in a Christian community there should be no strangers, no outsiders, no rejects. Everybody should feel welcome and at home. Christ accepts us, therefore we should accept one another.

**First Reading:** (2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16). This tells how a woman showed great hospitality to the prophet Elisha because she recognized him as a man of God. It also tells how she was rewarded by God for doing so.

**Second Reading:** (Romans 6:3-4,8-11). To be Baptised means that through the grace and power of the risen Christ we have died to sin and live to holiness.

**Gospel:** (Matthew 10:37-42) The first part insists on the necessity of following Christ even to the point of death. The second part stresses the virtue of hospitality.

*This Sunday we begin our Family Day celebrations with 11 am Mass followed with a BBQ, Indian food, refreshments, tombola, book stall, bouncy castle & games. Presentation of Certificates will take place at 1.30 pm.*

*My sincere thanks to all teachers and catechists for their support & sharing their faith with our younger parishioners.*

God bless you

Fr John Y Batthula

Parish Priest

**SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE: SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND**

**Confession:** Saturday's from 10.45 am - 11.30 am; 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!

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

**PIETY SHOP** CTS booklets, pilgrim guides, gifts, reconciliation & occasional cards. 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.

**ANNUAL FAMILY DAY ON SUNDAY 2ND JULY**

There will be no parking available in our car park. The Bicester Civic Service and Parade will also be taking place and due to security measures the Causeway will be closed to traffic from 6am until 1pm. Coffee in the centre will be held as usual.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL** A meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th July at 7.30pm in the John Paul II Centre for all volunteers and flower arrangers who have already committed to arranging or helping. If you haven't and would like to get involved, it's not too late, please come along too.

**DIACONATE ORDINATION - NICK ST JOHN**

**Saturday 8th July at 12 noon**

I would like to inform the Parish that Nick St John's Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate is on Saturday 8th July at 12 noon followed by a Buffet Lunch in the Centre. I along with Nick and his family warmly invite all parishioners to his ordination and afterwards to the reception in the parish centre. Please sign the form in the church porch if you plan to attend the reception. **Any helpers - please come along on Friday 7pm.**

**Those who have volunteered to help on Saturday please come along between 10-10.30 am. Thank you.**

**MONTHLY LUNCH:** My sincere thank to our team of volunteers for their hard work and delicious lunches. I would also like to thank those who came along to support and to enjoy the delicious lunch. The next monthly lunch is on Tuesday 25th July at 12 Noon. The total amount raised £462.70.

**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.

**SYMPATHY** We extend our very deepest sympathy and assurance our of prayers to the family and friends of **RON HAWKE (RIP)** who died at home on Thursday. Funeral details will be given at a later date. *May he rest in peace.*

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING:** Next one 14th July at 10am in the St John Paul II Centre.



**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. 7.15 pm–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.  
**2nd July:** Family Festival & Presentation of Certificates after 11 am Mass  
**8th July at 12 noon:** Nick St John's Diaconate Ordination  
**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 JP II 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: 14th July, 11th Aug, 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec.  
 Pick up a **SOCIAL EVENTS 2017** leaflet from the back of church.

**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, MHargrave, Sr. MHumbert, B Hunt, JHurst, JJames, AKirby-Hall, MKilby, T Kirby, MLewandowski, 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, JWickens, C Whitehead, TBerg, 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:	2/7	9/7	16/7	23/7	30/7
Counting (7)	5	6	7	1	2
Cleaning (7) no 5	7	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	4	5	1	none	till 3/9
Coffee 9am (14)	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee 11am (8)	4	5	6	7	8
Flowers	Kathryn	All	Sally	Sally	
Tradecraft			Open		

**Second Collections**  
 This weekend will be for Parish Maintenance.  
**Second collection in July**  
 9th Apostleship of the Sea



**PARISH OFFERINGS**

1<sup>st</sup> GA **£373.25**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Loose **£ 510.62**  
**Total £883.87**

**Peters Pence**

2<sup>nd</sup> GA **£134.89**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Loose **£201.10**  
**Total £335.99**

2nd July	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6 pm	B Thompson	C Zanre	M Thompson	I Foley	<b>P Kallay</b>	<b>K Kallay</b>	Sr Elizabeth	K Gosling
Sunday 9am	B Crook	C St John	N St John	M Daniel	<b>M Daniel</b>	<b>P Cousins</b>	Volunteer	Volunteers
Sunday 11am	P Pickering	B Tah	O Panejko	S Lawrence	<b>children</b>	<b>children</b>	R Reji & children	S Thomas & children
9th July								
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	J Latham	L Hook	J Varghese	<b>J Vaughan</b>	<b>P Sims</b>	Thompson	family
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	N St John	<b>C Moysse</b>	<b>L Cleeve</b>	K Riley	Crook family
Sunday 11am	R Lee-Heung	D Johnson	F Ostrowski	F Thornley	<b>E King</b>	<b>J Hanna</b>	Kokore	Family

**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 125, Sunday 9.00 am: 185 , 11.00 am: 196 Total: 506**