



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) Saturday 29th July to Sunday 6th August 2017

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live

Masses & Events During This Week

| <u>Times</u> | <u>Intentions</u> | <u>Feasts</u> |
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| Saturday 29th July | | <i>Mem of St Martha</i> |
| 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 | |
| Monday 31st July | | <i>Mem of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i> |
| 9.30 am | Frank Ward (RIP) | |
| Tuesday 1st August | | <i>Mem of St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, B, Dr</i> |
| 9.30 am | Cristina Milia (RIP) | |
| 2.00 pm | Divine Mercy Chaplet | |
| Wednesday 2nd August | | <i>Feria</i> |
| <i>No Mass</i> | | |
| 4.30 pm | Reception of Body - Nicholas Hook RIP | |
| Thursday 3rd August | | <i>Feria</i> |
| 11.00am | Funeral Service—Nicholas Hook RIP | |
| 7.00pm | Ints. of Jack Coughlan (93) | |
| Friday 4th August | | <i>Mem of St John Mary Vianney, Priest</i> |
| 12 Noon | Stefania & Wasył Hawryluk (RIP) | |
| Saturday 5th August | | <i>Feria</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 | Kitty Hornby (RIP) | |
| Sunday 6th August | <i>Feast of The Transfiguration of The Lord</i> | |
| 9.00 am | The People of the Parish & Garrison | |
| 11.00am | Annie & Bernard O'Rourke (RIP) | |

Scriptural Reflections

First Reading (1 Kings 3:5-7-12) King Solomon was told by God that he could have anything he wanted. All he had to do was ask. Solomon asked God for the gift of wisdom so that he could govern well.

Second Reading (Romans 8:28-30) In this reading we are told that those who love God can turn everything to their spiritual advantage.

Gospel (Matthew 13:44-52) What God offers us is worth everything we have. The question is: are we prepared to pay the necessary price for it?

The theme of this liturgy is wisdom. To be wise has little to do with being intelligent, and nothing to do with being smart. It means knowing what is right from God's point of view. But we all act foolishly at times.

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.

Refreshments: Served in John Paul II Centre after 9am & 11 am.

Masses. All Welcome!

Chaplaincy Duty: Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday.

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

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.

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.

MONTHLY LUNCH Many thanks to the lunch team and to all who came along for a delicious lunch on Tuesday, dessert was divine! £348 was raised. Pop the next one in your diaries: August 22nd at 12 noon.

FLOWER FESTIVAL 22nd - 24th September

Flower Festival theme

'Nations within our Parish Community'

To be held in the church and John Paul II Centre.

Doors will open from 10am for viewing arrangements.

Along side flower displays other events will take place:

Friday Evening: Tickets are now on sale for the Flower Festival Cheese and Wine Evening with light music, which will be held on the Friday 22nd September, at 7.30pm at the John Paul II Centre. Tickets cost only £5 each and are available from Jackie Flynn or the parish office.

Saturday: An Autumn Market will be held in the John Paul II Centre. Home produce stalls and lots more.

Sunday: 11am Multilingual Mass followed by 'Food from around the Globe' buffet. **4pm:** Closing of the event with 'Songs of Praise' with representatives from all Bicester Churches. Please pop the dates in your diaries as this will be a spectacular weekend of flowers and events! One not to be missed! Spread the word - everyone is welcome to come along. Grand Raffle. Café. **Free entry.**

Grand Raffle tickets are on sale from this weekend. Please sell to family and friends, only 50 p a ticket! A large selection of super prizes to be won! Raising funds for the Church Repair Fund.

Stewards and help with refreshments are needed, especially on the Friday and Saturday. If you can help in any way, please add your name to the list at the back of church if you can cover a 2 hour slot (or more!). Thank you.



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: 22nd Aug; 26th Sept; 24th Oct; 28th Nov.

Monthly Coffee: Fridays 10am-11.45am: 11th Aug, 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec.

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



SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nicholas Hook who died on Monday. We extend our very deepest sympathy to his wife Louisa and to all the family. Nicholas will be received into church on Wednesday, 2nd August at 4.30pm and a funeral service will take place on Thursday, 3rd August at 11am followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. *May he rest in peace.*

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

Second Collections

August - Parish Maintenance.

20th August - Appeal on behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor.



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA £272.50

1st Loose £348.78

2nd GA £124.87

2nd Loose £180.90

Total £ 927.05

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

| 30th July | Extraordinary Min | Extraordinary Min | Extraordinary Min | Extraordinary Min | Lector | Lector | Welcomer | Welcomer |
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| Saturday 6 pm | B Thompson | D Zanre | 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 | volunteer | B Tah | O Panejko | volunteer | S Grose | A Kearsley | R Reji | S Thomas |
| 6th August | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 6pm | J Marshall | M Antoney | R Reji | J Varghese | B Kirwan | C Hall | J Marshall | L Hook |
| Sunday 9am | C Conlon | B Nichols | C Conlon | C Hartley | L Weaver | R Weaver | C Moyses | M Daniel |
| Sunday 11am | R Lee-Heung | O Panejko | F Ostrowski | J Hanna | T Lane | N Ward | J Tuttle | |

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 101, Sunday 9.00 am: 125, 11.00 am: 182 Total: 408