



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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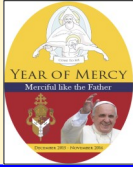


## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR C)

Saturday 30th July to Sunday 7th August 2016



### Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
<b>Saturday 30th July</b>		<i>Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	
6.00 pm	Willie & Nellie Lawlor (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 31st July</b>	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Fiona Beasley (RIP) followed by Baptisms	
<b>Monday 1st August</b>	<i>M of St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri, B, Dr</i>	
9.30 am	Ellen Hawkins (RIP)	
<b>Tuesday 2nd August</b>		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Int. Christina Milia - Birthday	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Wednesday 3rd August</b>		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Celebrants Intentions	
<b>Thursday 4th August</b>	<i>M of St John Mary Vianney, P</i>	
7.00pm	Celebrants Intentions	
<b>Friday 5th August</b>		<i>Feria</i>
10 am-11.45am	Coffee Morning	
12 noon	Int. Volunteers at Monthly Lunches, Coffee and JP II Centre	
<b>Saturday 6th August</b>	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Service of Word with Communion	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	
6.00 pm	Kitty Hornby (RIP) 9th Anniversary	
<b>Sunday 7th August</b>	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Fiona Beasley (RIP)	

**Confessions: Saturday's: 10.45 am - 11.30 am & 5.00pm - 5.30pm**

*Refreshments served in John Paul II Centre after 9.00 am and 11 am Masses.*

### MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

#### This weekend's reflections in brief...

**First Reading** (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23) The writer points out that the things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them. Look at all the toil and effort a person puts into acquiring wealth. To what purpose? - to leave it to his heir.

**Second Reading** (CoL. 3: 1-5,9-11) One consequence of death and resurrection with Christ (through Baptism) is that the Christian's true home is now in heaven. Therefore, he must seek the things that are above by leading a good life in this world.

**Gospel** (Luke 12: 13-21) This contains a warning against greed. We are urged to make ourselves rich, not in the goods of this world, but in the sight of God.

Possessions exercise a big hold over the human heart. But when we are preoccupied with material possessions we forget the more important things in life. Jesus said our main concern should be to 'make ourselves rich in the sight of God.'

**Fr. John Y Batthula**  
Parish Priest

### PRIESTLY SILVER JUBILEE OF FR JOHN ON FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2016.

The Parish will be celebrating the Priestly Silver Jubilee celebration for Fr John. There will be a Mass held in the evening with reception in the John Paul II afterwards. Please pop the date in your diaries. Formal invitation is on the notice board and more information will follow.

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

**Your prayers are requested for our sick parishioners and friends, especially those whose names appear below:**

**SICK OR HOUSEBOUND:** J Ray, I Cook, M Smith, D Dee'le, M Wallace, M Smyth, B Hunt, C Whitehead, B Shepard, Sr Alma, P Harris, G Newton, P C Busby, E Browne, E Cotter, J Hurst, L Lambert, F Ostrowski, S Clarke, J Fowler, J James, P Mears, B & D Weaver, S Stidston, P Dean, N Southey, E Stonell, A McCambridge, J Calver, J James, J O'Rourke, M Lewandowski, M May, A Davies, N Cahill, Mrs Curzon, M Kilby, J Calnan, A Kustra, C Brown, E Hawkins, M Starrett, E Batchelor, K Cashman, R Admans, Sr: Mary Humbert, C B Corpus, M Delos Santos, A Blakeley, W Babington, J Wickens, A Doniselli Morgan, W Stonell. Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.

**PIETY SHOP:** Open around weekend Masses. Feel free to come and browse.

**MONTHLY LUNCH:** My sincere thanks to organisers and supporters. Total raised £552 for Parish Funds. Our next one is on Tuesday 23rd August from Noon at John Paul II Centre. Come along to enjoy our delicious lunches.

**OHCT RIDE & STRIDE - SATURDAY 10 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, so please enjoy some exercise and support this terrific day if you possibly can.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** I would like to encourage children who made their First Holy Communion and others, that if they would like to become altar servers, please speak to Deacon Michael after one of the weekend Masses. They will be asked to attend a short training session.

**SYMPATHY** We extend our very deepest sympathy and assurance our of prayers to the family of **Ellen Hawkins**. Her body will be received in to Church on Wednesday 10th August at 6pm and in the morning at 10am funeral Mass will be celebrated, which is followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. *May she rest in peace.*

**COFFEE MORNING** On Tuesday from 10am, at the John Paul II Centre. Bits & Bobs table...homemade cakes...fresh coffee. See you there!

**PARISH OFFICE** Please phone to make sure it is open before making a trip to the office over the summer holidays.

**CHURCH FRONT DOORS:** I am hoping that in the next four weeks the work of replacing the Doors with British Oak and making it more convenient for Wheelchair users, will commence. During that time, it will cause some disruption and I look forward to your cooperation. During that time for weekday masses, please use Church side Door or go through the Centre Main Door. Any donations towards its expenses would be gratefully accepted.

**HOLY LAND:** A couple more places are available. Get in touch with me as soon as possible.

## 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 in 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.

**5th August** - Coffee Morning 10am

**23rd August** - Summer Holiday Lunch at 12 noon

**23rd September:** Father John's Silver Jubilee celebrations

**12th October:** Opening of Deanery Parish Visitations at St. John's Banbury

**3rd December:** Christmas Fayre

**4th March 2017** - Confirmations

**30th March:** Closing celebrations of Deanery Parish Visitations at 7pm

*Please see red leaflets with more information on all events.*

## Forthcoming Weddings:

Stephen Huntley & Jasmin Smith - 3rd September at 1.00 pm  
Sean McPherson & Julie-Anne Cullinan - 10th September at 2.00pm

## Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father & the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Blessed John Henry Newman - Pray for us*

*Blessed Dominic Barberi - Pray for us*

## Bullington Prison Chaplaincy Duty

Every Thursday 8.30 am - 5.30 pm. Every Friday 8.30 am - 11.30 am.  
Every Saturday 8.30 am - 3.00 pm.

Teams For Sunday the:	31/7	7/8	14/8	21/8	28/8
Counting (8) No team 4	2	3	5	6	7
Cleaning (7)	4	5	6	7	1
Children lit. (5)	none	none	none	None	None
Coffee 9am (14)	12	13	14	1	2
Coffee 11am (7/8)	8	5	6	7	8
Flowers	Sally	Sally	Sandy/Eileen	Jo	Jo
Tradecraft			open		

## Collections

The 2nd collection this weekend is for Parish Maintenance.

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## PARISH OFFERINGS



GA	£ 269.90
Loose	£ 349.90
2 <sup>nd</sup> GA	£ 134.48
2 <sup>nd</sup> Loose	£ 158.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 912.37</b>

*Thanksgiving to God and for the work of His Church.*

31st July	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Reader	Reader	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	D Zanre	M Thompson	I Foley	C Hall	A Hall	S Wilde	S Drury
Sunday 9am	A Mutton	J Varghese	J Mutton	J Flynn	J Nugent -c	R McDonald	Crook Family	K. Riley
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	F Ostrowski	E King*	H King*	S Grose	I Ziegart	Mary Lynch	
<b>7th August</b>								
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	J Latham	L Hook	M Kelly	H Lawlor	B Kirwan	Lazarus	Family
Sunday 9am	K Coffey	B Crook	K Riley	F Ostrowski	J Vaughan	E Penhallow	Maureen	
Sunday 11am	R Lee- Heung	D Johnson	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	E King*	J Hanna	Kokore	Family

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 136, Sunday 9.00 am: 162, 11.00 am: 176 Total: 474