



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)**

Saturday 18th March 2017 to Sunday 26th March 2017

### Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
<b>Saturday 18th March</b>		
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday 19th March</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>		
9.00 am	Malachy McKeon (RIP) - Reconciliation Enrolment	
11.00 am	Mile & Estera Dragicevic & Ivanka Stanicic (RIP)	
<b>Monday 20th March</b> <i>Solemnity of St Joseph</i>		
9.30am	Mass	
7.15pm	Youth Group meeting—JPII Centre	
<b>Tuesday 21st March</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>		
7.00 am	Intentions of PP	
9.30 am	Mass	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Wednesday 22nd March</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>		
9.30 am (Chu)	Early Year's Mass	
7.00 pm	Elizabeth & David Green's House - Strawberry House, 31 Hamilton Close, Bicester, OX26 2HX	
<b>Thursday 23rd March</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>		
8.00 am (Sch)	Intentions of Staff & Pupils families	<i>Lenten Early Mass</i>
7.00pm	For those who are sick in our Parish	
<b>Friday 24th March</b>		
12 noon	John Calnan (RIP)	
7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Saturday 25th March</b> <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>		
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Special Intentions	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday 26th March</b> <i>Mothering Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>		
9.00 am	Ints of Rev. Fr Paul Moss	
11.00 am	Mercy Bottino (RIP)	

**Confession:** Saturdays: 10.45am - 11.30 am & 5.00 pm - 5.30pm  
& other times by appointment.

**Prison Chaplaincy Duty:** Weekly on Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday.

**Refreshments** served in John Paul II Centre after 9.00 am & 11 am Masses. All Welcome!



### Reflections

**First Reading** (Exodus 17:3-7) Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert.

**Second Reading** (Romans 5: 1-2,5-8) God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**Gospel** (John 4:5-42) This contains the account of one of the most touching encounters of the Gospel - Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. The Gospel today tells of a woman who was searching for a water that would quench her thirst for happiness. Right out of the blue she encountered a person who told her that he could provide her with that water. The person was Christ. We are all looking for the elusive 'something' that will make us happy. We come here this morning to encounter the only person who can give us what we are looking for. Let us pause a while to draw close to him.



God bless you

Fr John Y Batthula  
Parish Priest

### 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 with 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 family. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

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**PIETY SHOP** Easter cards, gifts, Mothers Day gifts & cards are now available. First Holy communion -invitations, cards, rosaries, gifts.

**ALL DAY OF PRAYER IN LENT:** Friday 7th April from 9.30am to 7.00pm. Please come to watch and pray with the Lord. There is a list on the notice board, so please write your name and the time you would like come.

**AREA (HOUSE) MASSES DURING LENT:**

People in the area are invited to join in **Mass at 7.00pm** on:  
 Wednesday 22nd March in **Elizabeth & David Green's** House  
 Wednesday 29th March in **Janet & Alan Marshall's** House  
 Wednesday 5th April in **Hilary & Bob King's** House

**PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND:** From 22nd to 29th November 2017: Flights from Luton, cost £879. If you are interested, please let me know. Booking forms can be found at the back of the Church.

**PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA SPAIN & FATIMA:** From 2nd to 9th October 2017 from London Stansted. The price £930. For more details contact Kirsten 07525464305 or Joseph on 07748638402.

**100 CLUB RENEWALS** for the next 12 months are due from 1 April with the first draw in the new financial year taking place on Sunday, 30 April. The annual fee is £60 per annum payable in full by cheque or monthly standing order. In the coming year there will be three prizes each month - £100, £50 & £25 - & members of the Catenian Association will be present at each Mass on the first four weekends of April to accept renewed or new subscriptions. If you currently pay by Standing Order no further action is necessary. Please support this major Parish fund raiser if you possibly can & make it a real 100 Club in 2017/18. Thank you.

**ENROLMENT MASS** Children who are enrolled for First Reconciliation, will be making their commitment today during 9.00am mass.

**EASTER LILIES:** The flower ladies will be dressing the Church for Easter as always & would like to invite parishioners to 'Buy a Lily' for £2.50 in memory of loved relatives & friends. Please complete & return the forms to the piety shop or parish office by Sunday 9th April.

**PRINGLE LIDS** 30 Pringle tub lids are needed asap - please leave in the box at the back of church. Thank - you.

**CLOSING OF DEANERY VISITATIONS:** Concelebrated Mass on Thursday 30th March at 7pm. Archbishop will be the Principle celebrant. Clergy & Representatives from all Parishes in our Deanery will be joining us. Mass is followed by meeting in the Centre and refreshments will be available. You all are welcome.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES 17-18** Please collect your boxes on your way out. If you are a tax payer and would like to subscribe to Gift Aid please speak to the clergy or the parish office.

**AMPLEFORTH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 14-21 July 2017** If you would like to visit and may need assistance please contact Annie on 01449 676967. See poster on notice board for more info.

Teams for Sunday the:	19/3	26/3	2/4	9/4 Palm Sunday	16/4 Easter Sunday
Counting (8) No 7	5	6	8	1	N/A
Cleaning (7) no 5	3	4	6	7	1
Children lit. (5)	4	5	1	2	3
Coffee 9am (14)	13	3	4	5	6
Coffee 11am (8)	5	6	7	8	1
Flowers	Lent	Lent	Lent	TBC	All
Tradecraft	open			open	

**DIARY DATES 2017**

**Cake and Produce Sale** - Team having a well deserved break for now!  
**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.  
**PRESENTATION ASSOC.** Monthly meetings first Monday of month.  
**100 CLUB DRAW** After 9.00am Mass last Sunday of the month.  
**19th March:** Sacrament of Reconciliation Enrolment Mass at 9am - Y 2  
**30th March:** Closing celebrations of Deanery Parish Visitations at 7pm 2  
**27th March:** Born For This -7pm.  
**28th April:** St Georges Night Celebration  
**7th May:** First Holy Communions at 11 am Mass  
**20th May:** Indian Cuisine Evening  
**18th June:** Corpus Christi - Procession to Garth Park  
**21st June:** First Confessions at 6.30 pm in Church  
**2nd July:** Family Festival & Presentation of Certificates after 11 am Mass  
**Monthly Lunches:** Tuesdays 12 noon: **28th March;** 25th April; 23rd May; 27th June; 25th July; 22nd Aug; 26th Sept; 24th Oct; 28th Nov.  
**Monthly Coffee:** Fridays 10am-11.45am: **7th April,** 12th April, 9th June, 14th July, 11th Aug, 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec.

**READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** I am

looking for more people to volunteer to get involved in these ministries. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me via the office.

**SYMPATHY** Please pray for **Alberto Augusto Baptista Cardoso** aged 66 yrs and **Aurelia Doniselli** aged 49 yrs who have both died during the week. A Funeral service for Alberto will be celebrated on Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 12:00pm followed by cremation at Banbury Crematorium. Aurelia will be received into church at 5.30pm on Tuesday 28th March and a Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday 29th March at 12 noon. Funeral arrangements have been now made for **Arthur McCambridge** who sadly died some time ago: Funeral Mass, Tuesday 28th March at 9.30am followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. *May they rest in peace.*

**BORN FOR THIS** Monday 27th March at 7pm here in church. A musical and dramatic production by Blessed George Napier pupils of the stations of the cross, telling the story of Jesus from the Last Supper through to the resurrection through readings, drama and song. Entrance free but donations welcome in aid of the Sixth Form Pilgrimage to Lourdes.



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

**Collections**

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**PARISH OFFERINGS**

1<sup>st</sup> GA £ 361.06  
 1<sup>st</sup> Loose £ 327.37  
**Total £ 688.43**  
**CAFOD**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> GA £ 156.16  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Loose £ 393.73  
**Total £ 549.89**

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

	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
<b>19th March</b>								
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	J Latham	L Hook	M Kelly	<b>T Berg</b>	<b>F Berg</b>	Sr Elizabeth	K Gosling
Sunday 9am	K Coffey	P Pickering	C St John	K Riley	<b>St Marys</b>	<b>children</b>	St Marys	children
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	N St John	M Lynch	<b>T Lane</b>	<b>N Ward</b>	R Reji	S Thomas
<b>26th March</b>								
Saturday 6pm	M Mellett	M Mellett	M Kelly	B Thompson	<b>J Vaughan</b>	<b>P Sims</b>	Thompson	Family
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	C St John	M Daniel	<b>C St John</b>	<b>O Coffey</b>	A Mutton	B Nichols
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	E King	H King	<b>H Hollis</b>	<b>J Willett</b>	volunteer	Volunteer

**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 90, Sunday 9.00 am: 145 , 11.00 am: 179 Total: 414**