



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) Saturday 25th March 2017 to Sunday 2nd April 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>
<u>Saturday 25th March</u>	<i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<u>Sunday 26th March</u>	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
9.00 am	Ints of Rev. Fr Paul Moss	
11.00 am	Mercy Bottino (RIP)	
<u>Monday 27th March</u>		<i>Lent Feria</i>
9.30am	Pat Trafford (RIP)	
7.15pm	Youth Group meeting—JPII Centre	
<u>Tuesday 28th March</u>		<i>Lent Feria</i>
7.00 am	Nenita Elegado (RIP)	
9.30 am	Funeral Mass - Arthur McCambridge (RIP)	
12 noon	Monthly Lunch	
12.30 pm	Funeral Service - Alberto Cardoso (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
5.30pm	Reception of Body - Aurelia Doniselli (RIP)	
<u>Wednesday 29th March</u>		<i>Lent Feria</i>
9.30 am	Welfare of Jamesina Barnes & family	
12.30 pm	Funeral Mass - Aurelia Doniselli (RIP)	
7.00 pm	Janet & Alan Marshall's House - 36 Blenheim Drive, Bicester, OX26 2ND	
<u>Thursday 30th March</u>		<i>Lent Feria</i>
8.00 am (Sch)	Intentions of Staff & Pupils families	<i>Lenten Early Mass</i>
7.00pm	Closing of visitations Mass followed by meeting in John Paul II Centre	
<u>Friday 31st March</u>		<i>Lent Feria</i>
12 noon	Marie & Peter Murowski (RIP)	
7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
<u>Saturday 1st April</u>		<i>Lent Feria</i>
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Joseph Kennedy (RIP)	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Molly Edgar (RIP)	
<u>Sunday 2nd April</u>		<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Breda Smith (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 9am & 11 am Masses. All Welcome!

Reflections

First Reading (1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7,10-13) God chose David the least of Jesse's sons, to be king of Israel. This shows that, whereas people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.

Second Reading (Ephesians 5:8-14) Paul tells the Christians at Ephesus that once they were in darkness but now Christ has enlightened them. Therefore, they must adopt a life-style which is appropriate to their new state.

Gospel (John 9: 1-41) Jesus is the light of the world. He not only gives sight to those who are physically blind, but the light of faith to those who are spiritually blind, provided they are open to receive it. Today's Gospel tells about the cure of a man born blind. We all suffer from different forms of blindness. We all have many blind spots. But there is hope for us if we are willing to admit them. Our sins are a form of blindness. Let us confess them asking Christ to let the light of his grace shine into our minds and hearts.

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. Please add names to the list on the notice board/.

AREA (HOUSE) MASSES DURING LENT: People in the area are invited to join in **Mass at 7.00pm** on: Wednesday 29th March at **Janet & Alan Marshall's** House & Wednesday 5th April at **Hilary & Bob King's** House

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.

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.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: On Monday 10th March at 7.00pm followed by individual confessions. Eight visiting priests available for confessions.

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


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.

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: If you would like to be a reader or extraordinary minister, speak to me.

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 6th Form Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

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

COFFEE MORNING The coffee morning last week raised £185.10, thank you to the organisers and supporters. Next one 7th April.

 **Monthly Lunch - Tuesday 28th March at 12 noon.**
All welcome!

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.

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

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.

*Pick up a **SOCIAL EVENTS 2017** leaflet from the back of church.*

INDIAN CUISINE EVENING: Our annual Indian Cuisine Evening is on Saturday 20th May in John Paul II Centre. Tickets are available from Parish Office and Hilary King. **Adult Ticket £20; Under 18's Ticket £5 and Family Ticket £50.** All proceeds towards the repairs of the Church. I look forward to your support.

ST GEORGES NIGHT This event will be held on Friday 28th April from 7pm at the John Paul II Centre. An opportunity to come dressed as a knight, damsel or dragon! It will be a fun filled night with dancing, fancy dress parade, live music, hog roast and more. Tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 children(under 12), £20 2 adults and 2 children (under 12), available from Barbara this weekend, parish office or piety shop thereafter.



TRUDI PRESTON will be running the White Horse Half Marathon on 9th April to raise money for the church repair fund. She would be very grateful if you could sponsor her! Sponsorship form is on the notice board, please gift aid if you can. Thank you.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS: We will be handing out raffle tickets this weekend, so please take generously and sell them to your family and friends. The draw will take place on Easter Sunday morning after 11am Mass.

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 Kilby, 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 Sainros, 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.**

Teams for Sunday the:	26/3	2/4	9/4 Palm Sunday	16/4 Easter Sunday	23/4
Counting (8) No 7	6	8	1	N/A	2
Cleaning (7) no 5	4	6	7	1	2
Children lit. (5)	5	1	2	3	4
Coffee 9am (14)	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee 11am (8)	6	7	8	1	2
Flowers	Lent	Lent	TBC	All	
Tradecraft			open		

Second Collections

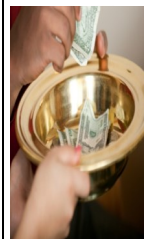
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PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA £ 336.40
1st Loose £ 343.26
2nd GA £ 132.94
2nd Loose £ 148.19
Total £ 960.79

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



26th March	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	M Mellett	M Mellett	M Kelly	B Thompson	J Vaughan	P Sims	Thompson	Family
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	C St John	M Daniel	C St John	O Coffey	A Mutton	B Nichols
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	E King	H King	H Hollis	J Willett	volunteer	Volunteer
2nd April							<i>Please add names to list</i>	<i>for Easter Triduum</i>
Saturday 6pm	D Zanre	S Haydon	S Jacob	volunteer	L Hook	J Latham	J Marshall	L Hook
Sunday 9am	A Mutton	J Mutton	J Flynn	N St John	L Weaver	J Coffey	K Riley	Crook family
Sunday 11am	A Jones	B Tah	O Panejko	S Lawrence	S Yick	E Green	M Lynch	

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 122, Sunday 9.00 am: 283 , 11.00 am: 158 Total: 563