



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)
Saturday 11th March 2017 to Sunday 19th March 2017

Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 11th March		<i>Lent Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
Sunday 12th March		
9.00 am	Pauline Saltmarsh (RIP)	
11.00 am	Mercy Bottino (RIP)	
Monday 13th March		<i>Lent Feria</i>
9.30am	Zacarias Agner Snr.	
7.00pm	Reconciliation Sacramental Programme—Meeting for parents	
Tuesday 14th March		<i>Lent Feria</i>
7.00 am	Fr John Salt (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
8.00pm	RCIA at the JP11	
Wednesday 15th March		<i>Lent Feria</i>
9.30 am (Chu)	Molly Edgar (RIP)	
7.00 pm	Jan & Chris Hartley's House - 2 Rau Court, Caversfield, Bicester, OX27 8FF	
Thursday 16th March		<i>Lent Feria</i>
8.00 am (Sch)	Intentions of Staff & Pupils families	Lenten Early Mass
1.30 pm	CAMEO Meeting at the John Paul II Centre	
7.00pm	Helen Dews (RIP)	
Friday 17th March		<i>Feast of St Patrick, B Patron of Ireland</i>
10 am-11.45 am	Coffee Morning	
12 noon	Agnes & Richard Mellett (RIP)	
7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 18th March		<i>Lent Feria</i>
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	John & Joan Calnan (RIP)	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
Sunday 19th March		<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
9.00 am	Malachy McKeon (RIP)	
11.00 am	Mile & Estera Dragicevic & Ivanka Stanicic (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

Reflections

First Reading: (Genesis 12:1-4) This tells about the call of Abraham, our father in faith. God asked him to leave his home, clan, and country, for an unknown destination. Thanks to his obedience the whole world has been blessed.

Second Reading: {Tim 1 :8-10} God has called us to holiness, and helps us with his grace to achieve this.

Gospel (Matt 17: 1-9) On Mount Tabor the three disciples got a glimpse of the glory of Christ. It was meant to sustain them when they would witness the shame and humiliation of his passion and death. On Mount Tabor Christ's disciples got a glimpse of the glory that was his as the Son of God. Here we get a glimpse of our own glory, for we too are children of the Father. This should fill our lives with hope and meaning.

God bless you

Fr John Y Batthula
Parish Priest

FAMILY PRAYER in 2017

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 First Holy communion (invitations, cards, rosaries, gifts) items on sale now. A small selection of St Patricks and Mothers Day gifts and cards are now available.

'MARCH READ OF THE MONTH' On the 20th March the Church celebrates the feast of St Joseph. This pocket sized booklet explains the life of St Joseph and contains a treasury of prayers to this beloved saint. Free pin with the first few books sold. Special price of £1.

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 15th March in **Jan & Chris Hartley's** House
2 Rau Court, Caversfield, Bicester, OX27 8FF

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. If you are interested in joining us please let me know.

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.

BGN ELECTION OF PARENT LOCAL ACADEMY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES. BGN currently has vacancies for two Parent Representatives to serve on the Academy Committee for four years. For information, please ring Sarah Butler at BGN on 01295 264216. The closing date is 15 March 2017.

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.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING: On Friday 17th March in John Paul II Centre from 10am. Apologies for the postponement of coffee on the 10th. Look forward to seeing you all on Friday.

RCIA ~ Next meeting 14th March when we look at the Mass and how the Sacred Liturgy embodies the whole of the faith. All welcome, St John Paul II Centre at 8.00 pm.

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

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.*

PARISH OPEN MEETING: My sincere thanks to all those who came along. It is always good to have these opportunities to listen and to talk openly about the parish life.

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.

FIRST CONFESSIONS (RECONCILIATION) Meeting for all parents, whose children are in Year 2 studying in St Mary's or non Catholic Schools, are invited to come for this important meeting on Monday 13th March at 7.00 pm in St. John Paul Centre.

ENROLMENT MASS Children who are enrolled for their First Reconciliation, will be making their commitment during 9.00am on Sunday 19th March. It is very important that all children & their parents participate at this Mass.

CAMEO MEETING (COME & MEET EACH OTHER) on Thursday 16th of March at 1.30 pm, John Paul II Centre. Women of the Parish welcome!



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: M Starrett, C Whitehead, B Shepard, Sr Alma, P Hamis, 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, Mrs Curzon, MKilby, D Dee'le, C Brown, M Starrett, K Cashman, J Hurst, M Last, P Dean, R Admans, Sr. Mary Humbert, C B Copus, 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.**

Teams for Sunday the:	12/3	19/3	26/3	2/4
Counting (8) No 7	4	5	6	8
Cleaning (7) no 5	2	3	4	6
Children lit. (5)	3	4	5	1
Coffee 9am (14)	1	13	3	4
Coffee 11am (8)	4	5	6	7
Flowers	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent
Tradecraft		open		

Collections
The 2nd collections this weekend will be for the CAFOD
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PARISH OFFERINGS

1 st GA	£ 473.00
1 st Loose	£ 693.80
2 nd GA	£ 141.21
2 nd Loose	£ 206.75
Total	£ 1514.76

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



12th March	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	J Varghese	M Thompson	I Foley	A Nelson	H Lawlor	M Marrs	T Behan
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	C Hartley	R McDonald	Erica	M Brown	A Brown
Sunday 11am	R Lee-Heung	D Johnson	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	P Rybka	A Kearsley	J Tuttle	
19th March								
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	J Latham	L Hook	M Kelly	T Berg	F Berg	Sr Elizabeth	K Gosling
Sunday 9am	K Coffey	P Pickering	C St John	K Riley	St Marys	children	St Marys	children
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	N St John	M Lynch	T Lane	N Ward	R Reji	S Thomas

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 676 , Sunday 9.00 am: 145 , 11.00 am: 136 Total: 941