



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) Saturday 13th May to Sunday 21st May 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>
Saturday 13th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany, Regina Caeli	
6.00 pm	Eileen Burton (RIP)	
Sunday 14th May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	For Christian Unity followed by Baptisms	
Monday 15th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
9.30 am	Ints. of Helen O'Connor & daughter	
7.15 pm	Youth Group	
Tuesday 16th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
9.00 am	Celebrant's Intentions	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 17th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
9.30 am (Chu)	Intentions of PP	
Thursday 18th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
9.30 am	Arthur McCambridge (RIP)	
Friday 19th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
12 Noon	Private Intention	
Saturday 20th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
8.30 am	Mass at HM P Bullingdon	
10.15 am	Celebrant's Intentions	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany, Regina Caeli	
6.00 pm	Jim Douglas (RIP)	
Sunday 21st May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Reg Maude (RIP)	

Confession: Saturday's from 10.45 am - 11.30 am; 5 pm - 5.30pm
 Other times by appointment

Prison Chaplaincy Duty: Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday.

Refreshments: Served in John Paul II Centre after 9am & 11 am Masses. All Welcome!

Reflections

First Reading (Acts 6: 1-7): We see the growth of the first Christian community, and how they sorted out in a peaceful manner the problems that inevitably arose.

Second Reading (1 Peter 2:4-9): The Christian community is compared to a building, the foundation stone of which is Christ.

Gospel (John 14:1-12): This contains part of Jesus' discourse at the last supper. He consoles his friends who are saddened at the thought of his going. He tells them that he is going to prepare a place for them. Few of us know what it's like to be homeless. Without a home where we belong and are loved, life loses most, if not all, of its meaning. Jesus assures us that ultimately all of us have a home to go to, namely, the Father's house. He even says that he has gone ahead of us to prepare a place for us in that house. What a tremendous reason for hope.

Fr John Y Batthula
 Parish Priest

CHURCH REPAIR FUND

In the next 24 months I will be appealing for donations in order to raise funds for the CHURCH REPAIR WORK. At this moment in time, our target is £120,000.00. The cost of repairs could be less or more, than our target amount. It will all depend on the expert's analysis. I will be meeting the Structural Engineer in due course and will keep you informed of their findings.

Meanwhile, I appeal for your generosity, to please start giving something towards our target. Remember, God loves a cheerful giver!

MAY READ OF THE MONTH On 4th May the Church celebrated the feast of the English martyrs who so bravely gave their lives for the Catholic faith in this country. This small booklet is a perfect way for us to learn more about the rich and fascinating history of the Catholic Church in England. Available from the piety shop for only £1 a copy this month.

PIETY SHOP New stock just arrived, greetings cards, CTS booklets, gifts, reconciliation & occasional cards. Come and have a browse!

INDIAN CUISINE EVENING: Our annual Indian Cuisine Evening is on Saturday 20th May in the John Paul II Centre. Tickets are available from the Parish Office and Hilary King. **Adult Ticket £20; Under 18's Ticket £5 and Family Ticket £45** (2 adults and up to 3 children) All proceeds towards the repairs of the Church.

FIRST CONFESSIONS: The children who are being prepared for their first Confession will be having their individual confessions on Wednesday, 21st June 2017 at 6.30pm in Church. Parents will also have the opportunity to go to confession as well. Visiting priests will be present to hear confessions. It is important that everyone is there on the evening, as these children will be making their First Holy Communion in 2018. All are invited.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14 - 20 MAY: Please can anybody willing to distribute and collect a few donation envelopes to houses in their neighbourhood kindly sign up via the form on the notice board. Your help is gratefully appreciated. There is also a need for a few volunteers to take a bucket collection at the two railway stations for a couple of hour long slots. Christian Aid Collection packs will also be available from Neil Poole at the door after Masses on the 13 & 14 May. For information contact Neil: neildpoole@googlemail.com/07920727781

CANDLE STANDS Volunteers (2 volunteers would be ideal) are needed to help clean the church candle stands. The task would take 1 hour a week for all candle stands if done weekly. If you can help in any way please contact the parish office.

TALKS IN ST PHILIP'S HALL (*Library of Catholic Books/Next Meeting:* Saturday 20th May at 11.00am (coffee from 10.30am) *Talk:* 'Fatima May 1917 - what happened and why it matters' *Speaker:* Professor Stephen Bullivant PhD *Venue:* St Philip's Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Hardwick Road, Hethe.

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI & PROCESSION TO GARTH PARK: All Children who made their first Holy Communion this year are invited, along with their families, to join us, the rest of the Parish on Sunday, 18th June 2017 at 11.00am Mass, which will be followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park. All First Holy Communicants are asked to come dressed in their Holy Communion outfits.

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.
12th May: Men's Night at St John Paul II Centre
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: 23rd May; 27th June; 25th July; 22nd Aug; 26th Sept; 24th Oct; 28th Nov.
Monthly Coffee: Fridays 10am-11.45am: 9th June, 14th July, 11th Aug, 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec.



Over the next few weeks our younger parishioners will be busy taking exams. Remember to keep the young people of the parish in your prayers.

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 and ever. Amen

THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FLOWER FESTIVAL 22-24 TH SEPTEMBER 2017

THEMED 'NATIONS WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY'

If anyone would like to sponsor an arrangement in memory of a loved one or for special occasion, please speak to Jackie Flynn or contact the parish office.
 All monies will go towards the Parish Repair Fund.

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, E Cotter, CB Corpus, 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, David Johnson, A Kirby-Hall, M Kilby, T Kirby, M Lewandowski, M Last, M May, P Mears, A Mutton, G Newton, G O'Rourke, F Ostrowski, M Starrett, B Shepard, S Stidston, N Southey, MS myth, E & W Stonell, M Smith, Sr Teresa SSM, M Wallace, B & D Weaver, J Wickers, C Whitehead. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.**

Teams for Sunday the:	14/5	21/5	28/5	4/6 Pentecost	11/6	18/6
Counting (7)	5	6	7	1	2	3
Cleaning (7) no 5	6	7	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	2	3	4	5	1	2
Coffee 9am (14)	10	11	12	13	14	1
Coffee 11am (8)	5	6	7	8	1	2
Flowers	Carolyne	Carolyne	Carolyne	Anne	Anne	Sandy
Tradecraft		Open				Open

Second Collections
 The 2nd collection this weekend will be for the for **Parish Maintenance**.
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PARISH OFFERINGS

1 st GA	£381.50
1 st Loose	£644.45
Total	£1025.95
Clergy Training Fund	
2 nd GA	£162.96
2 nd Loose	£227.95
Total	£390.91

14th May	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6 pm	B Thompson	D Zanre	M Thompson	I Foley	P Kallay	K Kallay	Sr Elizabeth	K Gosling
Sunday 9am	N Conway	E Conway	S Doherty	N St John	M Brown	E Penhallow	B Nichols	
Sunday 11am	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	H King	F Thornley	R Evans	I Cook	J Tuttle	
21st May								
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	J Latham	L Hook	J Varghese	J Vaughan	P Sims	Thompson	Family
Sunday 9am	K Coffey	B Crook	C St John	K Riley	L Taylor	O Coffey	K Riley	Crook family
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	N St John	M Lynch	P Rybka	A Kearsley	R Reji	S Thomas

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 137, Sunday 9.00 am: 140, 11.00 am: 585 Total: 862