



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) Saturday 20th May to Sunday 28th May 2017

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6PQPQg_yS_grbqgt7zjg/live

Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 20th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
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)	
Monday 22nd May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
9.30 am	Ints of Sr Elizabeth - with thanks	
7.15 pm	Youth Group	
Tuesday 23rd May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
9.30 am	Pat & Alice Beggs (RIP)	
12 noon	Monthly Lunch at the John Paul II Centre	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 24th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
7.00 pm	Tomas Ryan-Vig (RIP) (13th Anniversary)	
Thursday 25th May	<i>M of St Bede the Venerable, P, Dr</i>	
11.00 am	(Sch Prayer Garden) Private Intentions	
Friday 26th May	<i>Mem of St Philip Neri, P</i>	
12 Noon	Percy Les (Paul) (RIP)	
Saturday 27th May	<i>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, B</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	Future Welfare of the Presentation Sisters	
Sunday 28th May	<i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i>	
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Virgilia Tacoloy (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 8:5-8, 14-17). This recounts how the Good News was preached to the Samaritans. They received it with such joy and enthusiasm that it was like Pentecost all over again.

Second Reading (1 Peter 3: 15-18). Christians should be able to defend their faith. If they suffer for their convictions, let them try to bear these sufferings with the patience of Christ.

Gospel (John 14: 15-21) If we love Christ we will listen to his words and try to put them into practice in our lives.

Through the voice of the Church Christ says to us what he said to his apostles: 'If you love me, keep my commandments.' We couldn't possibly call ourselves his disciples if we didn't listen to his words and make an effort to live by them.

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 REPAIRS. At this moment in time, our target is **£120,000.00**.

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

So far donations received **£9,000.00**

Thank you very much.

SYMPATHY We extend our very deepest sympathy and assurance our of prayers to the family and friends of Donna Garmon. Donna will be received into church on Monday 5th June at 6pm. A funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 6th June at 10am followed by cremation at Banbury Crematorium. *May she rest in peace.*

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

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. 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.

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.

COFFEE MORNING Raised £174 last Friday. Thank you to all who organised and supported the event.

WOOL NEEDED Please deliver any donations of wool to the back of church, it will be used to make blankets for children's orphanage in Pattaya.



Over the next few weeks our younger parishioners will be busy taking exams. Let us remember to keep them in your prayers.

MEN'S SOCIAL After the successful first evening of Parish gents meeting up for a social, it has been decided to meet up regularly. The next meet up will be on Friday, 23rd June at 7.30pm, for a pint & take away. No need to book just come along for a natter and a pint!

ANNUAL FAMILY DAY ON SUNDAY 2ND JULY :

We will welcome all young people who made their first Holy Communion, First Confessions and received the Sacrament of Confirmation to participate at the 11 am Mass along with their parents and siblings. After Mass, refreshments, BBQ & Indian food will be available. There will be some games, various stalls and bouncy castle. We will need volunteers to help us to set up on the previous day and to manage on the day. Certificates will be presented at 1.30 pm. Photographs will also be available to download. Remember that Sunday, there will be no parking available in our car park.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: I would like to encourage Children who made their First Holy Communion this year and other young people to become altar servers. Speak to Deacon Michael after one of the weekend Masses.

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.

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.

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

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, J O'Rourke, F Ostrowski, M Starett, 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:	21/5	28/5	4/6 Pentecost	11/6	18/6
Counting (7)	6	7	1	2	3
Cleaning (7) no 5	7	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	3	4	5	1	2
Coffee 9am (14)	11	12	13	14	1
Coffee 11am (8)	6	7	8	1	2
Flowers	Carolyne	Carolyne	Anne	Anne	Sandy
Tradecraft	Open				Open

Second Collections

The 2nd collection this weekend will be for the **Parish Maintenance.**
The 2nd collection next weekend will be for **Catholic Communications.**



PARISH OFFERINGS

1 st GA	£ 362.50
1 st Loose	£ 348.64
2 nd GA	£ 174.30
2 nd Loose	£ 192.42
Total	£ 1077.86

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

21st May	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6 pm	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
28th May	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	M Mellet	Mellett	M Kelly	J Johnson	L Hook	J Latham	Lazarus family	
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	N St John	L Weaver	J Coffey	Conway	family
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	E King	H King	T Lane	N Ward	volunteers	please

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 123, Sunday 9.00 am: 125, 11.00 am: 261 Total: 509