



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

**BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)** Saturday 27th May to Sunday 4th June 2017

*Sunday Masses* can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg\\_yS\\_grbqgt7zjg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7zjg/live)

### Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
<b>Saturday 27th May</b>	<i>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, B</i>	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany, Regina Caeli	
6.00 pm	Future Welfare of the Presentation Sisters	
<b>Sunday 28th May</b>	<i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i>	
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Virgilia Tacoloy (RIP)	
<b>Monday 29th May</b>		<i>Easter Feria</i>
9.30 am	Sr Thérèse Finn (Diamond Jubilee)	
<b>Tuesday 30th May</b>		<i>Easter Feria</i>
9.30 am	Lola De Eslava (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Wednesday 31st May</b>	<i>Feast of the visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
7.00 pm	Celebrant's intentions	
<b>Thursday 1st June</b>		<i>M. of St Justin, M</i>
7.00 pm	Sr Dolores Cooney (Golden Jubilee)	
<b>Friday 2nd June</b>		<i>Easter Feria</i>
12 Noon	Fiona Beasley (RIP)	
<b>Saturday 3rd June</b>	<i>M of Ss Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions, M</i>	
8.30 am	Mass at HM P Bullingdon	
	No morning Mass	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany, Regina Caeli	
6.00 pm	Rory O'Rourke (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 4th June</b>		<i>Solemnity of Pentecost</i>
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Stefania & Wasyl Hawryluk (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

Today, the feast of Christ's Ascension, we celebrate the crowning of his Easter victory over sin and death. It is a joyous day, a day to look upwards at where Christ, our Brother, sits in glory at the right hand of the Father. Our destiny is to share in the glory of Christ. We often forget this and pursue goals that are not really worthy of our calling.

**First Reading** (Acts 1: 1-11): This describes the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit on his disciples.

**Second Reading** (Ephesians 1:17-23) Paul describes the meaning of the Ascension which is that God raised Christ above all earthly powers, and made him, not only head of the Church, but Lord of Creation.

**Gospel** (Matthew 28: 16-20): Jesus commissions the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and he promises to remain with them always.

**Fr John Y Batthula**  
Parish Priest

### CHURCH REPAIR FUND

I appeal for your generosity, to raise funds for the CHURCH REPAIRS. So please start giving something towards our target. Remember, God loves a cheerful giver!

Total target amount	£ 120,000.00
Donations as of 20th May	£ 9,000.00
Indian Evening	£ 2274.00
Monthly Lunch	£ 376.05
Donations on 20/21 May	£ 1020.00
<b>Yet to be raised</b>	<b>£ 107329.95</b>

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**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, pilgrim guides, gifts, reconciliation & occasional cards. Come and have a browse!

**INDIAN CUISINE NIGHT** Many thanks to Hilary and her team of helpers who helped the evening be a great success! £2274.00 was raised towards the Church Repair Fund.

**MAY MONTHLY LUNCH** £376.05 was raised at the lunch. Many thanks to everyone who helped prepare in any way and who came along to support it.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS:** The children who are being prepared for their first Confession will be having their individual confessions on Wednesday, 21st June at 6.30pm in Church. Parents will also have the opportunity to go to confession to visiting priests who will be available.

**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.

**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!

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


**FORTHCOMING PARISH MEETINGS:** Social & Fundraising Committee on Monday, 12th June at 7.30 pm. Finance Committee on Monday, 19th June at 7pm. Pastoral Committee on Tuesday, 20th June at 7.30pm.

**CHURCHES IN BICESTER** are organising a hustings event ahead of the General Election. This will take place on **Sunday 4th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.** You may remember we did this before the last General Election. How we vote as Christians is obviously very important to us. Come along and have a chance to hear and ask questions to party representatives. Sean Woodcock (Labour) and John Howson (Lib Dem) will both be present, as will a representative of our MP and Conservative Party Candidate, Victoria Prentis.

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

Teams for Sunday the:	28/5	4/6 Pentecost	11/6	18/6	25/6
Counting (7)	7	1	2	3	4
Cleaning (7) no 5	1	2	3	4	6
Children lit. (5)	4	5	1	2	3
Coffee 9am (14)	12	13	14	1	2
Coffee 11am (8)	7	8	1	2	3
Flowers	Carolyn	Anne	Anne	Sandy	
Tradecraft				Open	

**Second Collections**  
The 2nd collection this weekend will be for Catholic Communications.  
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**PARISH OFFERINGS**

1 <sup>st</sup> GA	£ 357.70
1 <sup>st</sup> Loose	£ 349.97
2 <sup>nd</sup> GA	£ 164.02
2 <sup>nd</sup> Loose	£ 160.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1032.10</b>

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

**DIARY DATES 2017**

**CATENIANS** meet every second Thursday of the month – contact 01869 249638.  
**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: 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

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL AND PARISH**

will beholding their annual Summer Fair on Friday 16th June 5pm-8pm. There will be lots of stalls, rides and a different array of foods available this year! We are always grateful for donations of cakes, bottles, prizes, plants, unused gifts. **WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT NO BRIC-A-BRAC IS DONATED, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS MORE IS UNSOLD THAN SOLD AND IT IS PROBLEMATIC TO DISPOSE OF.** Please deliver donations, preferably to the school, alternatively to the back of church. Help is also needed - a list is available at the back of church for names to be added. Please give a little time to make this event a success. Thank you!



**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 Saints, 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 Starett, B Shepard, S Stidston, N Southey, M Smyth, 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.**

	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
<b>28th May</b>								
Saturday 6 pm	M Mellet	Mellett	M Kelly	J Johnson	<b>L Hook</b>	<b>J Latham</b>	Lazarus family	
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	N St John	<b>L Weaver</b>	<b>J Coffey</b>	Conway	family
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	E King	H King	<b>M Lewandowski</b>	<b>N Ward</b>	volunteers	please
<b>4th June</b>								
Saturday 6pm	D Zanre	M Kelly	S Jacob	S Wilde	<b>S Haydon</b>	<b>B Kirwan</b>	S Wilde	S Drury
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	N St John	M Daniel	<b>P Cousins</b>	<b>S McCarthy</b>	C Moyse	M Daniel
Sunday 11am	A Jones	B Tah	O Panejko	S Lawrence	<b>H Hollis</b>	<b>J Willet</b>	M Lynch	

**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 107, Sunday 9.00 am: 162, 11.00 am: 181 Total: 450**