



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - VOCATIONS DAY

BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) Saturday 6th May to Sunday 14th 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 6th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany, Regina Caeli	
6.00 pm	Yvonne Massomtchap, Augustin Touani, Tchanko, Joseph, Helene, Djomo, Isidore Djomo, Marie Toukam, Tchimeu Helene (RIP)	
Sunday 7th May	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Intentions of First Holy Communion children	
Monday 8th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
9.30 am	Celebrant's Intentions	
7.15 pm	Youth Group	
Tuesday 9th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
9.00 am	Celebrant's Intentions	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 10th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
9.30 am (Chu)	Joanna Taylor (RIP)	
Thursday 11th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
9.30 am	Intentions of Fr. Philip Newbold	
Friday 12th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
10.00 am	Coffee Morning	
12 Noon	Michael Oke (RIP)	
Saturday 13th May		<i>Easter Feria</i>
8.30 am	Mass at HM P Bullingdon <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	
10.15 am	In thanksgiving for the Presentation Sister followed by refreshments at the Littlebury Hotel	
11.30 am	Interment of ashes of Margaret Wildin in the Foynes Memorial Garden	
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	

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

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We will hear once more the words of that great psalm: 'The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.' Christ is our Good Shepherd.

First Reading (Acts 2:14,36-41). This is the conclusion of the sermon preached by Peter on the day of Pentecost. He tells the people that Jesus, whom they crucified, has been raised up and is now the Lord. Many of his hearers repent of their sins and accept Baptism.

Second Reading (1 Peter 2:20-25). This was addressed to slaves. Peter urges them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience, as Christ, the Good Shepherd, bore his sufferings for love of us.

Gospel (John 10: 1-10). Jesus compares his love for his disciples to the love of a shepherd for his sheep.

Fr John Y Batthula
 Parish Priest

**CONGRATULATIONS
 TO ALL**

First Holy Communicants

Jonathan Andrade, Sebastian Bucka Baute, Lily Conway, Isla Forsyth, James Gaffney, Christopher Gaine, Hannah Gerrow, Toby Goddard, Oscar Green, Link Kelly-Soens, Alyssa Lewis, Markus Moore, Aryan Nangia, Julia Niedbala, Mary O'Malley, Deimile Orlova, Rufus Regi, Annabel Sharp, Mark Smyth, Adam Snipe, Dominic Tims, Hallam Turner, Rhiannon Turner, & Maria Urbaniak.



COFFEE MORNING: The next one is on

Friday 12th May in St John Paul II Centre at 10am.



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.

PRESENTATION SISTERS Will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving this Saturday, 13th May, at 10.15 am, as they prepare to leave Bicester. All are welcome for refreshments in the Littlebury Hotel after Mass. **Our sincere thanks** to the Sisters for their ministry here in Bicester for 64 years! They have played a very important role in providing Catholic Education. We are grateful to them and we will surely miss them.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI & PROCESSION TO GARTH PARK: All Children who are going to make their first Holy Communion today 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.

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 also 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.

APRIL 100 CLUB WINNERS: £100 - S & M Doherty no 33. £50 - H Hollis no. 58. £25 - Hilary King no. 42.

MEN'S NIGHT: On Friday, 12th May from 7.00pm in St John Paul II Centre. No business, no agenda, just for social. The bar will be open till 10.00 pm. The plan is to meet up ever three months. I do hope that you will be able to come along. All men 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

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: 12th May, 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.

May. For information contact Neil at neildpoole@googlemail.com/0702072781

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, Mrs 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, G Newton, J 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 Wickens, C Whitehead. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sicklist.**

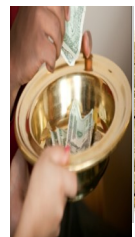
Teams for Sunday the:	7/5 Holy Communion	14/5	21/5	28/5	4/6 Pentecost	11/6	18/6
Counting (7)	4	5	6	7	1	2	3
Cleaning (7) no 5	4	6	7	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2
Coffee 9am (14)	9	10	11	12	13	14	1
Coffee 11am (8)	4	5	6	7	8	1	2
Flowers	Lucia	Carolyne	Carolyne	Carolyne	Anne	Anne	Sandy
Tradecraft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

Second Collections
 The 2nd collection this weekend will be for the **Clergy Training Fund**.
 The 2nd collection next weekend will be for Parish Maintenance.

PARISH OFFERINGS

1 st GA	£ 316.50
1 st Loose	£ 305.50
2 nd GA	£ 195.18
2 nd Loose	£ 174.33
Total	£ 991.51

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



7th May	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6 pm	D Zanre	S Haydon	S Jacob	S Wilde	T Berg	F Berg	M Marrs	T Behan
Sunday 9am	A Mutton	J Mutton	J Flynn	N St John	R McDonald	Erica	M Brown	A Brown
Sunday 11am	P Pickering	C St John	O Panejko	S Lawrence	Children	Children	Children	Children
14th May	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	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	A Mutton	B Nichols
Sunday 11am	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	H King	F Thornley	R Evans	I Cook	J Tuttle	

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 110, Sunday 9.00 am: 160, 11.00 am: 152 Total: 422