



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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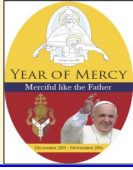
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## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### Solemnity of the Christ the King

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR C)  
Saturday 20th November to Sunday 27th November 2016



### Masses & Events During This Week

Times	Intentions	Feasts
<b>Saturday 19th November</b> <i>Feria</i>		
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	
6.00 pm	Damian Kipek (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 20th November</b> <i>Solemnity of the Christ the King</i>		
9.00 am	May Ellen Mutton (RIP)	
11.00 am	Thanksgiving - all baptised in the past 12 months, First Holy Communion Children.	
<b>Monday 21st November</b> <i>Mem of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
9.30 am	Holy Souls	
7.15 pm	Youth Meeting	
<b>Tuesday 22nd November</b> <i>Mem of St Cecilia, Virgin, M</i>		
9.30 am	Kay Cunningham (RIP) (Months Mind)	
12 noon	Festive Lunch at the John Paul II Centre	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	

(No Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

<b>Saturday 26th November</b> <i>Feria</i>		
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	
6.00 pm	The Busby Family & Deceased Parish Priests	
<b>Sunday 27th November</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>		
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	M J Marr (RIP)	
3.00 pm	Blessing of the graves in St Marys Ambrosden.	

Closing of the "Year of Mercy"; Bishop Robert will be the Principle Celebrant at 11am Mass which is followed by Shared Lunch in the Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Walk with Me Advent booklets - Season of Love — available now.  
Next weekend at all three Masses Fr W Krzempek SMA will be making an appeal for the Society of African Missions (SMA). I would like to request you to support generously. They need our prayers and financial help.

#### 100 Club Draw results for October 2016

£100 - 3 - Sue & Martin Doherty  
£50 - 34 - Michael & Jane Waine  
£25 - 59 - John & Sue Wilde

### Reflections briefly on this weekend's Word of God'

**First Reading** (2 Sam 5: 1-3) David had already been anointed King of Judah. Here we read how the northern tribes also acknowledge him as King. Thus David became the King of a united country.

**Second Reading** (Colo. 1:11-20) Paul gives thanks to God for having delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of his Son, who is not only head of the Church but head of all creation.

**Gospel** (Lk 23:35-43) This tells of the mockery Christ suffered as he hung on the cross, and how in the midst of it he brought hope and salvation to one of the thieves crucified with him. Today we honour Christ as our King. We honour him best, however, by helping to spread his Kingdom. We should do this collectively, as members of the Church, and also individually. Christ wants us to be messengers of his love to others, but especially to the poor and the needy. What kind of a messenger am I?



Fr John Y Batthula  
Parish Priest  
**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**  
**December 8th**

Masses will be celebrated at 9.30am and 7.30pm. This year I have invited Fr Paul Martin to join us for our Parish Feast and he will be the Principle Celebrant at the 7.30pm Mass. A social will be held in the John Paul II Centre afterwards.

**Confession:** Saturdays: 10.50 - 11.30 am & 5.00 pm - 5.30pm & other times by appointment.

**Bullington Prison Chaplaincy Duty:** Weekly on Thursday 8.30 am - 5.30 pm, Friday from 8.30 am - 1.30 pm and Saturday 8.30 am - 3.00 pm.

**Refreshments** served in John Paul II Centre after 9.00 am and 11 am Masses. All Welcome!

**Sunday Masses** can be viewed live on YouTube, go to:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg\\_yS\\_grbqgt7f2jg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live)  
to subscribe and view.

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**Let us pray for the SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** J Ray, I Cook, M Smith, D Dee'le, M Wallace, M Smyth, B Hunt, C Whitehead, B Shepard, Sr Alma, P Harris, G Newton, C Busby, E Browne, E Cotter, J Hurst, P Dean, L Lambert, F Ostrowski, S Clarke, J Fowler, J James, P Mears, B & D Weaver, S Stidston, N Southey, E Stonell, A McCambridge, J Calver, J James, J O'Rourke, M Lewandowski, M May, A Davies, Mrs Curzon, M Kilby, J Calnan, C Brown, M Starrett, E Batchelor, K Cashman, R Adams, Sr Mary Humbert, C B Corpus, M Delos Santos, A Blakeley, W Babington, J Wickens, A Doniselli Morgan, W Stonell, Julie Chapman, John Busby, John Knox, Marian Last, Peter O'Brien. *Please contact the office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.*

**PIETY SHOP** Now in stock - Advent candles and calendars, colouring books, gifts and Christmas cards. 2017 calendars & dairies. Lots more!

**COFFEE MORNING** . Next Coffee morning is on 9th December Why don't you bring your friend along with you for a cuppa?

**FESTIVE LUNCH:** Our next Lunch is on Tuesday 22nd November 2016 in St. John Paul II Centre at 12 noon. Raffle too!

**CRAFT FAYRE** Saturday 26th November from 10-2pm at the John Paul II Centre. In aid of the Batthula Trust. Come along to grab a bargain.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BUFFET** A (hot) Christmas buffet will be held on Sunday 18th December after the 11am Mass at the JP II Centre. Tickets £10 per person. We need at least 45 for this event to go ahead. Deadline 1st December. £5 deposit to the parish office required to book. Refundable if event cancelled. If you would like to help—contact Lucia.

**FRONT PORCH:** The uncompleted work in the porch will commence on Monday 21st November and please use the side Door to enter the Church. Apologies for any inconvenience it may cause.

**ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENING** Tuesday 22nd November. Light hearted evening making advent wreaths for the home for advent. Materials and refreshments provided. 7 pm till 9 pm. Details can be found on the notice board.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS:** Are now available, please take a handful and sell, sell, sell! I look forward to your generous support.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY ST MARY'S:** On Wednesday 14th December in Church at 7.00pm. All are invited

**ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION:** On Monday 19th December at 7.00pm.

**CHARITY BALL:** On Saturday 11th February. Ticket cost £50 (includes a drink on arrival, three course meal and entertainment) Contact Parish Office, Helen Johnson, Kate Gore or Ellen Conway to book.

**HOLY LAND BOOKLETS** Are ready for collection from the piety shop for those travelling on Wednesday.

**STARS** Stars in memory of loved ones can be bought, these will decorate our church Christmas trees. £3 each or 2 for £5. Forms available with bulletins this weekend.

**ADVENT EARLY MASSES:** Tuesday's at 7.00 am in Church and Thursday's at 8.00 am in School. We look forward to celebrating Mass with you and your family.

## DIARY DATES

**Cake and Produce Sale** - First Sunday of the month.

**TRADECRAFT** Stall open every 3rd weekend of the month.

**YOUTH GROUP** -2nd,3rd,4th, Mondays in month. 7.15 pm-8.30 pm Term time only.

**BABY AND TODDLER** Term time Thursday 9.15-10.45am at Presentation Convent.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**- Sunday at 9.00 am Mass.

**PRESENTATION ASSOC.** Monthly meetings first Wednesday of month.

**100 CLUB DRAW** After 9.00am Mass last Sunday of the month.

**22nd November:** Festive Lunch at 12 noon

**3rd December:** Christmas Fayre 11am -2pm at the John Paul II Centre

**8th December:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Fr. Paul Martin

**9th December:** Coffee Morning 10am - 11.45 am

**10th December:** Filipino Day of Prayer - 3.30pm

**14th December:** Carol Service - St. Mary's School

**4th March 2017:** Confirmations

**30th March:** Closing celebrations of Deanery Parish Visitations at 7pm

## Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father & the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

*Blessed John Henry Newman - Pray for us -Blessed Dominic Barberi - Pray for us*

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**, has requested that on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November we are ready to stand in solidarity with other faith groups as a tribute to those who have suffered injustice and risked their lives for their faith. Prayer resources are available. Find out more on [www.acnuk@redwednesday](mailto:www.acnuk@redwednesday).

**CHURCHES IN BICESTER** in collaboration with the Oxford councils are looking to assist in the placement of Syrian families. If you would like to help or learn more please contact Janet Marshall on 07434930992.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** Saturday 3rd December 2016, 11-2pm.

Please sign up at the back of the church if you can help on any stalls. Donations of bottles, teddies, unwanted type presents, cakes, chocolate—please deliver to the John Paul II Centre.

*Our Christmas Bazaar—Saturday 3rd December 11am -2pm - See poster and list on the notice board for details.*


Teams For Sunday the:	20/11	27/11	04/12	11/12
Counting (8) No 7	2	3	4	5
Cleaning (7) no 5	6	7	1	2
Children lit. (5)	4	5	1	2
Coffee 9am (14)	14	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (8)	5	6	7	8
Flowers	Jo	Jo	advent	advent
Tradecraft	open			

**Collections**

The 2nd collection this weekend will be for **Catholic Youth Services**.

The 2nd collection next weekend will be for **Society of African Missions (SMA)**

**PARISH OFFERINGS**



GA	£ 354.05
Loose	£ 319.17
GA	£ 113.73
Loose	£ 219.55
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 1006.50</b>

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

	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
<b>20th November</b>								
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	D Zanre	M Thompson	I Foley	A Nelson	H Lawlor	Janet	Louisa
Sunday 9am	A Mutton	J Varghese	J Mutton	F Flynn	L Weaver	J Coffey	Mark	Arianne
Sunday 11am	C St John	P Pickering	E King	H King	St Mary's	St Mary's	Mary	St Mary's
<b>27th November</b>								
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	J Latham	L Hook	M Kelly	T Berg	F Berg	Mandy	Tish
Sunday 9am	K Coffey	B Crook	C St John	K Riley	P Cousins	S McCarthy	Cath	Maureen
Sunday 11am	R Lee-Heung	D Johnson	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	E Green	R Evans	Ruben	

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 143, Sunday 9.00 am: 150, 11.00 am: 161, Total: 454