



# THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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## First Sunday of Advent

BREVIARY: WEEK OF PSALTER (YEAR A)  
Saturday 26th November to Sunday 4th December 2016



### Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
<b>Saturday 26th November</b>		
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	<i>Feria</i>
6.00 pm	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.	
<b>Monday 28th November</b>		
No Mass		
7.15 pm	Youth Meeting	
<b>Tuesday 29th November</b>		
No Mass		
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Wednesday 30th November</b>		
No Mass		
<b>Thursday 1st December</b>		
		<i>Feast of St Edmund Campion, P, M</i>
8.00 am (Sch)	Staff Intentions	
7.00pm	Robert Edgar (RIP) & Ints of Shirley Jacob (birthday)	
<b>Friday 2nd December</b>		
		<i>Advent Feria</i>
12 noon	Mary Jacob (RIP) (15th Anniversary)	
<b>Saturday 3rd December</b>		
		<i>Mem of ST Francis Xavier, P</i>
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Hawke & French Families	
11am-2pm	Christmas Bazaar at the John Paul II Centre	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
<b>Sunday 4th December</b>		
		<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
9.00 am	Ints of the Hartley Family	
11.00 am	Deceased members of the Clancy, Murray & Kennedy families	

Walk with Me Advent booklets -  
Season of Love—available now.

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

Today we begin the Church's liturgical year. This gives us a chance to make a fresh start. Advent is not a time for sleep. Today's readings urge us to wake up. Let us begin by asking the Lord's forgiveness and help.

**First Reading** (Isaiah 2:1-5) With its vision of universal peace, this reading is surely one of the most inspiring in the Bible. But it also challenges Christians to work for this new world which was inaugurated by Christ.

**Second Reading** (Rom 13: 11-14) St Paul urges us to wake up; to turn away from the darkness of evil, and to walk in the light of Christ.

**Gospel** (Matt 24:37-44) This Gospel urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour when Christ will return.

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Parish Priest

**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/>

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** *M.Smyth, B.Hunt, C.Whitehead, B.Shepard, Sr.Alma, P.Harris, G.Newton, C.Busby, E.Browne, E.Cotter, F.Ostrowski, S.Clark, J.Fowler, J.James, P.Mears, B.&D.Weaver, S.Sidston, N.Southeby, E.Scornell, A.McCambridge, J.Calver, J.James, J.O'Rourke, M.Lewandowski, M.May, A.Davies, N.Cahill, Mrs.Curzon, M.Kilby, J.Calnan, C.Brown, M.Stanetz, E.Batchelor, K.Cashman, J.Hurst, P.Dean, L.Lambert, R.Adams, Sr. Mary Humbert, C.B.Copus, M.Delos Saincos, A.Blakeley, W.Babington, J.Wickens, A.Doniselli Morgan, W.Scornell, J.Ray, I.Cook, M.Smith, D.Deele, M.Wallace, Julie Chapman, John Busby, John Knox, Marian Last, Peter O'Brian.* Please contact the parish 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** Our next Coffee morning is on 9th December Why don't you bring your friend along with you for a cuppa?

**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.

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

**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.

**TRAIDCRAFT** Christmas cards and gifts are now available from the Traidcraft stall. If you would like to place an order for cards or gifts please take a look at the catalogue at the back of church. Please support Traidcraft, a Christian response to poverty, helping the poorest through Fair Trade.

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

**SYMPATHY** We extend our very deepest sympathy and assurance our of prayers to the family of Ellen Batchelor. Ellen's body will be received on Thursday 8th December at 5.30pm and a Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Friday 9th December followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. *May she rest in peace.*

## 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.

**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

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 3rd December 2016, 11-2pm.

Please sign up at the back of the church if you can help on any stalls. Perhaps you could help serve mince pies and mulled wine?? Donations of bottles, teddies, unwanted type presents, cakes, chocolate—please deliver to the John Paul II Centre. Come along for some festive fun - there will be lots of stalls, Christmas Café, BBQ. And of course Santa - he has even built his own grotto for the occasion—come and see it!

Only £3 to see Santa!



## 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 or piety shop required to book. Refundable if event cancelled. If you would like to help—contact Lucia.



## 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.



Teams For	27/11	04/12	11/12	18/12
Counting (8) No 7	3	4	5	6
Cleaning (7) no 5	7	1	2	3
Children lit. (5)	5	1	2	tbc
Coffee 9am (14)	1	2	3	4
Coffee 11am (8)	6	7	8	1
Flowers	Jo	advent	advent	advent
Traidcraft				Open

## Collections

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

The 2nd collection next weekend will be for the **Poor Parishes Fund**



## PARISH OFFERINGS

1<sup>st</sup> GA £346.00

1<sup>st</sup> Loose **£357.70**

**£703.70**

## Catholic Youth Service

2<sup>nd</sup> GA £154.82

2<sup>nd</sup> Loose **£192.92**

Total: **£347.74**

27th November	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
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	
4th December								
Saturday 6pm	M Mellett	M Mellett	volunteer	volunteer	L Hook	J Latham	Sr Elizabeth	Kathy
Sunday 9am	N Conway	E Conway	S Doherty	M Doherty	K Gore	R Weaver	Anita	Barbara
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	N St John	M Lynch	E King	J Hanna	Mary	

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 186, Sunday 9.00 am: 140, 11.00 am: 290, Total: 616