



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) Saturday 2nd to Sunday 10th September 2017

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on YouTube, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live

MASSES & EVENTS DURING THIS WEEK

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 2nd September		<i>Feria</i>
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
Sunday 3rd September	<i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	Mary O'Donnell (RIP)	
11.00 am	Margaret Hanna (RIP) followed by Baptisms	
Monday 4th September		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Nicholas Hook RIP & family	
Tuesday 5th September		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Ron Hawke RIP	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 6th September		<i>Feria</i>
9.30am	The Heath Family	
Thursday 7th September		<i>Feria</i>
9.30 am	Nicholas Hook RIP	
Friday 8th September	<i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
10.00 am - 11.45 am	Monthly Coffee morning	
12 noon	Ron Hawke RIP	
Saturday 9th September		<i>Feria</i>
8.30 am	Mass at H M P Bullingdon	
10.15 am	Richard & Ellen Hawkins RIP	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Intentions of Deacon Nick St John	
Sunday 10th September	<i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
9.00 am	The People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Wasył & Stefania Hawryluk (RIP)	

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE: SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND

Confession: Saturday's from 10.50 am - 11.30 am & 5 pm - 5.30pm.
Other times by appointment.

Refreshments: Served in John Paul II Centre after 9am & 11 am. Masses. All Welcome!

Chaplaincy Duty: Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday.

Scriptural Reflections

First Reading (Jeremiah 20:7-9): Jeremiah has come to his wits' end. Speaking God's message to the people has brought him nothing but insults. Yet, somehow, he cannot remain silent.

Second Reading (Romans 12:1-2): St Paul urges the Romans not to live like the people around them. Instead they should strive to do the will of God.

Gospel (Matthew 16:21-27): Jesus foretells his suffering and death at the hands of the religious leaders. He tells his disciples that they too must be prepared to face hardship and suffering.

Today's Gospel contains some of the most serious words of Christ. He says to his disciples and to us: 'What good will it do you, even if you gain the whole world, if you lose your soul?' These words surely cannot fail to make us stop and think. We should recall them whenever we are faced with important decisions, when we have tough choices to make, and when we are setting goals for our lives. People can be faced with very difficult choices. To follow Christ is to suffer. But there are also great rewards. Without God we can do nothing. Let us turn to the Lord.

God bless you

Canon John Y Batthula

Parish Priest

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING: Our Monthly Coffee morning is on Friday, 8th September from 10.00 am. Why don't your bring your friend for a cuppa? Hope that you will support our community event. It's open to all.

INSTALLATION AS CANON: I will be installed a Chapter Canon on Friday, 8th December 2017, during Midday Mass at St Chad's Cathedral in the presence of His Grace, the Most Reverend Bernard Longley. A buffet lunch will be held after Mass. I would like to invite you to share in my joy as I am being installed as Canon. Although the first coach has been filled, we will endeavour to get enough coach seats for everyone who wishes to attend, so please add you names to the list by the 24th September at the latest.

INTERNATIONAL MASS & SHARED LUNCH: I would like to request if Parishioners can volunteer to bring their traditional food to be shared on Sunday, 24th September after 11.00am Mass. Our diverse parish consist of more than 30 nations and it is a great opportunity to come together to celebrate our faith and community. There is a list on the notice board, please write your name and what you can bring and approximately how many it will feed. *Thank you.*

HOLY LAND: From 22nd—29th November 2017. Cost of the Pilgrimage is £879 (Half Board, flights from Luton) if you would like to join the group, a few more places are available. So hurry up and contact me as soon as possible.

WELCOME: I would like to welcome back all the staff and pupils of St Mary's School. Let us pray that this new school year will be a year of blessing. I also would like to welcome back parishioners from their summer holidays and look forward to seeing you all at the weekend Masses.

TRAIDCRAFT is the UK's leading FairTrade organisation. The parish Traidcraft stall is open after all masses on the third weekend of each month, selling tea, coffee, food items and gifts. Additional items can be ordered directly from Traidcraftshop.co.uk or by placing an order with the stall holder. If you would like more information or could help manage the stall occasionally please contact Ann Poole on 07768241174 annipoole@yahoo.co.uk.



FLOWER FESTIVAL 22nd - 24th September



'Nations within our Parish Community'

To be held in the church and John Paul II Centre.
Doors will open from 10am for viewing arrangements.
Along side flower displays other events will take place. See poster/leaflets at the back of 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. None during Summer hols.

PRESENTATION ASSOC. Monthly meetings first Monday of month.

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

22nd-24th Sept: Flower Festival—3 days of flowers and events!

24th Sep: Multilingual Mass & Shared Lunch from around the World

Men's Social Fridays at 7.30pm at the JP11 15th Sept/ 13th Oct /17th Nov/15th Dec.

Monthly Lunches: Tuesdays 12 noon: 26th Sept; 24th Oct; 28th Nov.

Monthly Coffee: Fridays 10am-11.45am: 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec .

WINNERS 100 CLUB FOR AUGUST 2017: £100 Christine Tett-84, £50 Roger Mall-39, £25-Patrick Cracroft-Brennan- 93.

OHCT RIDE & STRIDE SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 10AM TO 6PM.
Contact Tim Lane on 01869 277523.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR ANNE MOOR MARTIN [RIP] FORMER HEAD TEACHER OF ST MARY'S SCHOOL:

Wednesday, 13th September at 9.30 am in School Hall. All parents, parishioners and former staff members and governors are invited. We assure the family of our prayers. *May she rest in peace.*

SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Lt Colonel Brian Lickman**. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 13th September at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Oxford Cemetery. *May he rest in peace.*



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 & ever. Amen .

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, C B Corpus, E Cotter, J & P. Coughlan, Mrs Curzon, A Davies, P Dean, D Dee'le, M Delos Santos, J Fowler, P Hamis, M Hargrave, Sr M Humbert, B Hunt, J Hurst, J James, A Kirby-Hall, M Kilby, T Kirby, M Lewandowski, M Last, M May, P Mears, A Mutton, G Newton, J O'Rourke, F Ostrowski, B Shepard, S Siddon, N Southey, M Smyth, E & W Stonell, M Smith, Sr Teresa SSM, M Wallace, B & D Weaver, J Wickens, C Whitehead T Berg, Stanley Appleton & family. Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.

Teams for Sunday the:	3/9	10/9	17/9	24/9	1/10	8/10	15/10
Counting (7)	7	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cleaning (7) no 5	3	4	6	7	1	2	3
Children lit. (5)	2	3	4	5	1	2	3
Coffee 9am (14)	12	13	14	1	2	3	4
Coffee 11am (8)	5	6	7	8	1	2	3
Flowers	Kathryn	Sally	Sandy	none	none	none	Anne
Traidcraft			Open				Open

**September
Second Collections**
3rd & 10th - Parish Maintenance
17th - Catholic Evangelisation
24th - Fr Hudson's Society



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA £263.50
1st Loose £308.79
2nd GA £110.80
2nd Loose £161.06
Total £844.15

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

3rd September	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	R Reji	M Thompson	I Foley	J Vaughan	P Simms	Thompson	
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	W Hartley	M Daniels	W Mander	K Riley	Family
Sunday 11am	C St John	O Panejko	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	T O'Callaghan	J Hurst	M Lynch	Crook family
10th September								
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	M Antoney	R Reji	J Varghese	A Nelson	J Latham	Lazarus	family
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	B Crook	M Daniel	E Mander	L Cleeve	Conway	Family
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	M Lynch	Clergy	S Grose	I Ziegart	J Tuttle	

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 169, Sunday 9.00 am: 130, 11.00 am: 130 Total: 429