



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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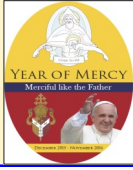
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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR C)
 Saturday 3rd September to Sunday 11th September 2016



Masses & Events During This Week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 3rd September		
1.00 pm	Nuptial Service - Stephen Huntley & Jasmin Smith	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	
6.00 pm	Ellen Hawkins (RIP)	
Sunday 4th September <i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
9.00 am	People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Geoffrey & Nanette Kelly (RIP)	
Replacement of church doors commences this week. Please use side entrance via Foynes Memorial Garden or via John Paul II Centre.		
Monday 5th September		
9.30am	Alfred Smith (RIP)	
Tuesday 6th September		
9.30 am	Celebrant's Intentions	<i>Feria</i>
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 7th September		
No Mass		
Thursday 8th September <i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
11am	(School Prayer Garden) Ints of Staff & Governors	
Friday 9th September		
10am-11.45am	Coffee Morning	<i>Feria</i>
12 noon	Jimmy & Mary Lynch - Anniversary	
Saturday 10th September <i>Ride & Stride</i> 10am—6pm <i>Feria</i>		
8.30 am (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners families	
10.15 am	Service of the Word with Communion	
2.00 pm	Nuptial Service - Sean McPherson & Julie-Anne Cullinan	
5.15 pm	Rosary, Litany and Angelus	
6.00 pm	Kitty & Bill Hornby (RIP)	
Sunday 11th September <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
9.00 am	People of the Parish & Garrison	
11.00 am	Teresita Diaz (RIP)	

Confessions: Saturday's: & 5.00pm - 5.30pm
Refreshments served in John Paul II Centre
 after 9.00 am and 11 am Masses.



This weekend's reflections in brief...

First Reading (Wisdom 9: 13-18) Faced with the mysteries of the universe, the meaning of history, and the mind of God, we are ignorant. But God has not left us in our ignorance. He has given us the gift of knowledge.

Second Reading (Philemon 9-10, 12-17) Philemon was a Colossian, converted by Paul. His slave Onesimus ran away and somehow reached Paul in prison, where he was converted. Paul urges Philemon to take him back, not as a slave, but as a brother.

Gospel (Luke 14:25-33) This contains two very short parables dealing with the theme of self-renunciation or the cost of discipleship.

You can measure a person's commitment to a cause by what he or she is prepared to pay for it. We cannot hope to be genuine followers of Christ without making sacrifices and paying a price. What does it mean for me to be a Christian? How does it affect my life? What does it cost me?

Fr. John Y Batthula - Parish Priest

PRIESTLY SILVER JUBILEE OF FR JOHN

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2016.

The Parish will be celebrating the Priestly Silver Jubilee celebration for Fr John. There will be a Mass held at 7.30pm with a reception in the John Paul II afterwards. Please see the church notice board for further details and lists.

All parishioners are warmly welcome to come and celebrate and enjoy this occasion!

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

Your prayers are requested for our sick parishioners and friends, especially those whose names appear below:

SICK OR 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, L Lambert, F Ostrowski, S Clarke, J Fowler, J James, P Mears, B & D Weaver, S Stidson, P Dean, N Southey, E Stonell, A McCambridge, J Calver, J James, J O'Rourke, M Lewandowski, M May, A Davies, N Cahill, Mrs Curzon, M Kilby, J Cahnan, A Kistru, C Brown, M Starrett, E Batchelor, K Cashman, R Adams, Sr. Mary Humbert, C B Corpus, M Delos Sainios, A Blakeley, W Babington, J Wickers, A Doniselli Morgan, W Stonell, Julie Chapman, John Busby. Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.

FOOD BANK Please leave donations in sacristy kitchen.

APF BOXES Please deliver to the welcomers or piety shop.

PIETY SHOP Open around weekend Masses. Mass ints cards, get well, sympathy, baptism, Jubilee cards now available, as well as new stock of baptism gifts, grave lamps, candles.

TEDDIES! If you have any (that are clean and in good condition) to donate for a forthcoming fundraiser, please deliver to the church or parish office. Thank you.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE If joining this group interests you please come along to a meeting on Thursday 20th October at 2pm at the John Paul II Centre. More information on <http://www.catholicwomensleague.org/index.php/about/> or contact Janet Marhsall on 07434930992.

100 CLUB WINNERS - AUGUST, 2016, drawn on Sunday 28/8/16. The winners are: -£100 - 90 - Bell Family, £50 - 71 - Chris Hartley, £25 - 36 - Sister Elizabeth Murray.

LIBRARY OF CATHOLIC BOOKS Saturday October 8th: Fr Jerome Bertram C.O will speak on *Martin Luther's Reformation*. Sat. October 29th: Dr Andrew Hegarty will speak on *The Catholic Reformation*. Coffee and books from 11.00am Holy Trinity, Hardwick Rd, Hethe, OX27 8AW.

CAFOD Stories from Bolivia Thursday 22 September, 10.30am- 12.45pm at St Thomas More parish, 142 Oxford Road, Kidlington (OX5 1DZ) Join us to learn more about CAFOD's work in Bolivia and how you can get involved this Harvest Fast Day! All very welcome whether a long-standing or new supporter. Light refreshments provided. For more information please contact Elizabeth Wignall on ewignall@cafod.org.uk or 01922 722944.

Candles and newspapers - we respectfully request that you pay for these items. Candles money into the candle stand money boxes, newspapers - parish office.

Thank you.

CAKE SALE

Due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no cake sale this weekend.

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.

9th September : Coffee Morning 10am-11.45am

23rd September: Father John's Silver Jubilee celebrations (evening)

27th September: Harvest Lunch at 12 noon

12th October: Opening of Deanery Parish Visitations at St. John's Banbury

3rd December: Christmas Fayre

4th March 2017 - Confirmations

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

Please see red leaflets with more information on all events.

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*

Bullington Prison Chaplaincy Duty

Every Thursday 8.30 am - 5.30 pm. Every Friday 8.30 am - 11.30 am.
Every Saturday 8.30 am - 3.00 pm.

Teams For Sunday the:	4/9	11/9	18/9	25/9	2/10	9/10
Counting (8)	7	8	1	2	3	4
Cleaning (7)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Children lit. (5)	3	4	5	1	2	3
Coffee 9am (14)	3	4	5	6	7	8
Coffee 11am (7/8)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Flowers	Anne/Eileen	Lucia	Anne	All Jubilee	Carolyne	Sandy
Tradecraft			Open			

Collections

The 2nd collection this Weekend- Fr John's Jubilee Gift.

The 2nd collection next weekend will be for Catholic Education Council.



PARISH OFFERINGS

GA	£290.60
Loose	£374.10
2 nd GA	£106.24
2 nd Loose	£159.38
Total	£ 930.32

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

	4th September	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Extr. Minister	Reader	Reader	Welcomer	Welcomer
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	J Latham	L Hook	M Kelly	C Hall	A Hall	Janet	Louisa	
Sunday 9am	A Mutton	J Varghese	J Mutton	J Flynn	K Gore	R Weaver	Arienne	Mark	
Sunday 11am	R Lee-Heung	D Johnson	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	T Lane	N Ward	Kokore family		
11th September									
Saturday 6pm	M Mellett	M Maher	H Johnson	M Mellett	H Lawlor	A Nelson	Thompson	family	
Sunday 9am	K Coffey	B Crook	K Riley	F Ostrowski	L Taylor	A Mutton	Volunteers		
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	N St John	M Lynch	J Willett	C Cahill	J Tuttle		

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 93, Sunday 9.00 am: 85, 11.00 am: 130 Total: 308