



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR B)

Sunday 10th May to Saturday 16th May 2015

Masses & Events during this week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 9th May		
5.30 pm	Rosary, Litany & Regina Caeli	
6.00 pm	Paul Selwood - sick	
Sunday 10th May		6th Sunday of Easter
9.00 am	People of the Parish and Garrison- Children's Liturgy	
11.00 am	First Holy Communion Paul & Jeremy Durrant (RIP)	
Monday 11th May		Easter feria
9.30 am	Holy Souls	
7.15 pm	Parish Finance Meeting	
7.15 pm	Youth Meeting	
Tuesday 12th May		Easter feria
9.30 am	Elise Rawicz-Szczerbo (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 13th May		Easter feria
9.30 am	(Chu) Thomas Kirby (RIP)	
Thursday 14th May		Feast of St Matthias, A
9.30 am	Elise Rawicz -Szczerbo (RIP)	
6.00 pm	Reception of Rory O'Rourke RIP	
Friday 15th May		Easter feria
10.00 am	Requiem Mass of Rory O'Rourke RIP	
12 Noon	Elsa Mansell (RIP)	
Saturday 16th May		Easter feria
10.15 am	Anne Rafferty- Get well	
5.30 pm	Rosary, Litany & Regina Caeli	
6.00 pm	Eileen Burton (RIP)	
Sunday 17th May		Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
9.00 am	People of the Parish and Garrison- Children's Liturgy	
11.00 am	First Holy Communion - Bronwen Burgess (RIP)	
Confessions: Saturday 10.50 to 11.30 am & 5.00 - 5.30 pm & on call.		
Coffee & Tea after 9.00 am & 11.00 am Masses in John Paul II Centre.		

Dear Friends; A lamp that gives no light is useless. A fruit tree that produces no fruit is worthless. A Christian who doesn't love his neighbour is in the same category. But it was God who first loved us. He wants us to repay his love by loving one another. We know we fail to love others as we should. *First Reading:* Tells how Cornelius a Roman Centurion became the first pagan to receive the grace of Baptism. It shows that God is not selective in his love. His salvation is offered to all. *Second Reading:* Contains what is probably the most important statement ever made about God, namely, that he is love. *Gospel:* Jesus is talking to his friends the night before he died. He leaves them his supreme commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you".

God Bless You Fr. John Y Batthula
Parish Priest

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 10 TH MAY 11AM MASS

Kenny Ayers
Keri Chattey
Abigail Chilvers
Julian Cox
Gabriele Degli Esposti
Joseph Johnson
Goncalo Lapa
Rhys Lewis
Grace Mander
Lucy Mitchell
Joseph Morgan
Jack Murphy
Libby O'Flynn
Alex Sinfield
Patrick Slaweniak
Emma Smyth
Riccardo Sozzi
Lily Taylor



CONGRATULATIONS! To all those who are to receive their First Holy Communion at the 11 am Mass.

Congratulations also to their families, teachers and catechists who have helped prepare them for this special occasion in their lives. Pray that Christ will bless them and may they and all who receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord come to know even more deeply the love of God.

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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: M. Wallace, M Smyth, G Marchant, C Whitehead, H Starrett, B Hunt, B Shepard, P Harris, F J Smith, G Newton, P Davies, C Busby, M Smith, E Browne, E Cotter, J Hurst, L Lambert, F Ostrowski, S Clarke, P Lunney, J Fowler, J James, B & D Weaver, N Southey, P Dean, E Stonell, A McCambridge, J Calver, P Selwood, J James, J O'Rourke, C Burns, M Lewandowski, M May, A Davies, N Cahill, Mrs Curzon, J Calnan, C Brown, C Morgan, E Hawkins, M Starrett, E Batchelor, M Bokhari, K Cashman, R Admans, Sr. Mary Humbert, C B Corpus, A Kustra, M Delos Santos, M J Murray, I Cook, G O'Byrne, Amal Blakeley. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sicklist.**

SCRIPTURE GROUP Thursday 8-9.30pm. If you would like to join us, contact Nick and Clare StJohn.

BATTHULA CARE TRUST: Can you spare £10 a month to give a bright future to a poor and less privileged child? Would you like to support a family suffering with Leprosy? If you would like to give a donation, take a flyer from our Parish Information Stand. Every pound you donate goes to the Trust's charitable work. Your £10 per month can make a difference. You can set up a Standing Order with Barclays Bank. So please join in this noble cause. Thank you.

DBS (Disclosure Barring Service) If you are a parishioner currently coming into contact with children as part of your voluntary work in the parish and are not CRB checked please contact our safeguarding representative, Elizabeth Green asap on email: safeguarding@immaculate-conception.org.uk

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 - 16 MAY: Please can you give an hour of your time to distribute and collect envelopes in a street near you. Please sign-up for a street using the form at the church entrance. Or if you can't do a street collection please take 5 envelopes home for friends or family to make a donation. There are also a few hour long slots free for a bucket collection at the railway station. If you can help in any way please contact Neil or Ann Poole.

INDIAN CUISINE EVENING - ON SATURDAY 23RD MAY: Tickets are available from the Parish Office, School Office, and Hilary King. It is another occasion which provides an opportunity to come together as a parish community. I look forward to your support. All Funds towards our Heating System. Tickets price: Adults £15; Children £5; Family £35 (2 adults & up to 3 children). **Raffle prizes gratefully received, please deliver to Fr John or Parish Office.** Thank you.

CHURCH TABLE TOP SALE Will be held on Saturday 6th June at 9am. Please contact Pat Garforth (01869 360 005) if you have any items you would like to donate prior to delivering.

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MONDAY'S

Finance Committee members will meet on 11th May at 7.15 pm.
Pastoral Committee members will meet on 18th May at 7.30pm.
Social & Fundraising Committee members will meet on 1st June at 7.15pm.

CAKE & PRODUCE SALE Raised £106.75 at last weekend's sale, thank you to the bakers and buyers!

100 CLUB APRIL £100 - No 46 Patrick Fitz-Gibbon, £50- No 63 Elizabeth Green, £25- No 57 John Hanna.

DIARY DATES

Cake and Produce Sale - First Sunday of the month after both Sunday Masses
TRADECRAFT Stall open every 3rd weekend of the month.

YOUTH GROUP- Mondays 7.15 pm – 8.30 pm at John Paul II Centre. After Easter break.

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.

29th May - Coffee Morning 10am at the Presentation Convent

10th & 17th May: First Holy Communions at 11am Mass

23rd May: Father John's Indian Cuisine Evening

26th May: Spring 'May time Lunch' at 12 noon

13th June: Summer Fete at School

June: Healing Mass - all sick & housebound will be invited

14th June: Bishop Robert will celebrate 11 am Mass

21st June: Father's Day Celebrations

MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: On Saturday 27th of June at 12 Noon. More information to follow in the couple of weeks.

NEWSPAPERS We politely request that parishioners only take their own newspapers that have been individually marked with their names. If you would like to place a regular order for a Catholic newspaper, please contact the Parish Office.

LIBRARY OF CATHOLIC BOOKS Wednesday, 27th May at 11.00am. Dr Alan Fimister will speak on *Evidence for the Resurrection*. All most welcome.

SUMMER FETE The joint fete on Saturday 13th June will be held at school this year. Can you help on the day or with donations? Please add your details to the list on the church notice board if you can. At the moment there are plans for a cafe, bar and live music, but more stalls are needed.

BANK TRANSFERS TO THE PARISH ACCOUNT: If you are giving any donations to the Parish Maintenance or Heating Fund via Bank Transfer, please will you let the office or me know so that we can claim gift aid.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION TO THE GARTH PARK: I would like to invite all the children who are making their First Holy Communion and their families to participate in Mass on Sunday 7th June at 11.00 am. All children should wear their First Holy Communion outfit and will lead the Blessed Sacrament Procession. Let us seek the Eucharistic Lord to bless Bicester and surrounding villages.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Those who were not commissioned on Holy Thursday, can I request them to come next Sunday for 9.00 am Mass to be commissioned.

LEGACIES & LAST WILL

Have you thought of including the parish in your last will? In the past Parishes were left with legacies. If you would like to leave a legacy to the parish, please contact me.

HEATING FUND TO DATE

Last week's donations	£ 80.02
Total Funds	£ 10,257.23

Teams For Sunday the:	10/5 1st HC	17/5 1st HC	24/5	31/5	6/6
Counting (8) (no team 5)	4	6	7	8	1
Cleaning (7)	Volunteers please	4	5	6	7
Children lit. (5)	5	1	2	3	4
Coffee 9am ⁽²⁾ 11am ⁽⁷⁾ no 4/6	12/5	1/7	2/1	3/2	4/3
Flowers	Bernadette & Sally	Bernadette & Sally	Sandy	Lucia	Lucia & Sally
Tradecraft		open			
Piety					

Collections

This weekend's
2nd collection will be for
Nepal Earthquake Victims

Next weekend's
2nd collection will be for
Parish Maintenance

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – This weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: M Kelly, S Haydon, S Wilde, J Latham
Sun. 9.00 am: B Nichols, C St John, S & M Doherty
Sun. 11.00 am: P Pickering, F Ostrowski, M Lynch, J Maud

Next Weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: M & M Mellett, I Foley, M Maher
Sun. 9.00 am: L Dixon, K Riley, S & M Doherty
Sun. 11.00 am: P Pickering, H King, E King, S Lawrence
Copies of new rota available now.

LECTORS - This weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: C Hamilton B Kirwan
Sun. 9.00 am: C Moyses, R McDonald
Sun. 11.00 am: E King, J Hanna

Next Weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: C & A Hall
Sun. 9.00 am: M Daniels, E Green
Sun. 11.00 am: M Lawrence, R Evans
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MINISTRY OF WELCOME

This weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: Lazarus family
Sun. 9.00 am: Cousins family
Sun. 11.00 am: St Mary's children

Next Weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: Sr Elizabeth & Brendan
Sun. 9.00 am: Conway family & Donna
Sun. 11.00 am: St Mary's children

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 124, Sunday 9.00 am: 146, 11.00 am: 160 Total: 430