



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR B)

Sunday 17th May to Saturday 23rd May 2015

Masses & Events during this week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 16th May		
5.30 pm	Rosary, Litany & Regina Caeli	Easter feria
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)	
Monday 18th May		
9.30 am	Rory O'Rourke (RIP)	Easter feria
12 Noon	Funeral Service of Joyce Foley (RIP)	
7.15 pm	Youth Meeting in Pope John Paul II Centre	
7.30 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting in Pope John Paul II Centre	
Tuesday 19th May		
9.30 am	Ints. of Danny	Easter feria
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 20th May		
9.30 am	(School Prayer Garden) Maggie Ryan - get well	Easter feria
12 Noon	Wedding of Jolena O'Brien & Larry Laurence	
Thursday 21st May		
9.30 am	Elise Rawicz -Szczerbo (RIP)	
Friday 22nd May		
12 Noon	Rory O'Rourke (RIP)	Easter feria
Saturday 23rd May		
10.15 am	Mary Gallagher (RIP)	Easter feria
5.30 pm	Rosary, Litany & Regina Caeli	
6.00 pm	Elise Rawicz -Szczerbo (RIP)	
7.30 pm	Indian Cuisine Evening - Pope John Paul II Centre	
Sunday 24th May		
Solemnity of Pentecost		
9.00 am	People of the Parish and Garrison- Children's Liturgy	
11.00 am	Lily Nebsan Alip (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 JP II Centre.		

Dear Parishioners

We might compare the feast of the Ascension to the passing of a baton from one runner to another in relay race. On this day, more than 2000 years ago, Jesus passed the baton of continuing his work on earth to his followers. The way we complete that work is by witnessing to our faith, and proclaiming it to others.

The words of the Gospel are very encouraging: "The disciples went out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it."

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 17 TH MAY 11AM MASS

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.

God Bless You
Fr. John Y Batthula
Parish Priest



Margarida Antunes Marques	Neha Jiji
Kian Brown	Erwan-Tony Kemdjeu
Tatiana Bucke-Baute	Ciara Kumari O'Brien
Mia Busby	Serena McArdele
Isabel Conway	Ursula-Joyce Ngankati
Juliana De Leon	Alanna O'Neill
Olivia Dunkley	Carlo Niedzielski
Isla Estrada	Lucia Robeson Perez
Charlotte Gore	Lexy-Serena Perram Guet
Evelyn Hilton	Matthew Sabong
Austin Jiji	Ellen Stokes

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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 Coter, J Hurst, L Lambert, F Ostrowski, S Clarke, P Lurney, 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 Adams, Sr. Mary Humbert, C B Corpus, A Kustra, M Delos Santos, M J Murray, I Cook, G O'Byrne, Aml Blakeley, Paul Mears. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the sick list.**

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, . So please join in this noble cause. Thank you.

INDIAN CUISINE EVENING - ON SATURDAY 23RD MAY: 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 10am. Please contact Pat Garforth if you have any items you would like to donate prior to delivering.

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MONDAY'S IN POPE

JOHN PAUL II CENTRE

Pastoral Committee members will meet on 18th May at 7.30pm.

Social & Fundraising Committee members will meet on 1st June at 7.15pm.

MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: On Saturday 27th of June at 12 noon. More information to follow in the next 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 Weds 27th May at 11.00am at 9 Church Lane, Evenley, NN13 5SG. 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.

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, will be commissioned this Sunday during 9.00 am Mass.

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 JPIL. 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.

23rd May: Father John's Indian Cuisine Evening

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

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

13th June: Summer Fete at School

27th June: Healing Mass - all sick & housebound will be invited

14th June: Bishop Robert will celebrate 11 am Mass

21st June: Father's Day Celebrations

5th July: Summer Family Festival & Presentation of the Certificates

20th September: International Mass & shared Lunch

SYMPATHY We extend our sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the family and friends of Hubert Starrett. Hubert's body will be received into church on Thursday, 28th May at 6pm and a Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 29th May at 12 noon followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

MAY COFFEE MORNING On this occasion this will be held in the Convent chapel on the 29th May from 10am-11.45am. Please use entrance through the garden gate at the rear. Everyone is welcome. £2 entry includes drink and cake.

BISHOP ROBERT BYRNE: Bishop Robert will be celebrating 11 am Mass on Sunday 14th June. At that Mass, Nick St. John and two other candidates who are under training will be receiving the ministry of Acolyte. Let us keep them in our prayers.

PIETY SHOP OPENING TIMES: Every Friday before (30 min) & after (30 min) 12 noon Mass and every weekend at all Masses. Variety of Mass cards, Rosary beads, prayer cards and bookmarkers etc. You may also leave Mass offering envelopes.

BLESSED GEORGE NAPIER SCHOOL A big thank you to all the parishioners who kindly donated money to the Lourdes pilgrimage. Charlotte Riley is happy to take any petitions with her to leave at the appropriate box at the grotto. Please deliver any petitions in an envelope marked "Lourdes petition" to the parish office by Thursday 21st May.

UKULELE NIGHT Thank you to everyone who supported the Ukulele evening and enjoyable time was had by all, and the amazing sum of £735.90 was raised for parish funds. Special thanks go to Oonagh and helpers for organising the event.

APF/MISSION BOX Please could all red Mission Box holders empty and/or return the contents of their boxes to the parish office or welcomers. Please remember to include your name when delivering your donation. Empty boxes can be found at the back of church if required. Thank you.

HEATING FUND TO DATE

Total Funds **£10,257.23**

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.

Teams For Sunday the:	17/5 1st HC	24/5	31/5	7/6	14/6
Counting (8) (no team 5)	6	7	8	1	2
Cleaning (7)	4	5	6	7	1
Children lit. (5)	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 9am, 11am (7) no 4/6	1/7	2/1	3/2	4/3	5/5
Flowers	Bernadette & Sally	Sandy	Lucia	Lucia & Sally	Bernadette
Tradecraft	open				

Collections

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

Next weekend's
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – This 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

Next Weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: C Hamilton, B Thompson, M Thompson, M Edgar

Sun. 9.00 am: J Flynn, B Crook, J Varghese, volunteer

Sun. 11.00 am: J Hanna, B Jurczyk, M Jurczyk-Pinder, R Lee-Heung

Copies of new rota available now.

LECTORS - This weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: C & A Hall

Sun. 9.00 am: M Daniels, E Green

Sun. 11.00 am: M Lawrence, R Evans

Next Weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: P Sims, S Haydon

Sun. 9.00 am: J Vaughan, E Penhallow

Sun. 11.00 am: I Ziegart, I Cook

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WELCOMERS

This weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: Sr Elizabeth & Brendan

Sun. 9.00 am: Conway family & Donna

Sun. 11.00 am: St Mary's children

Next Weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: Fred & Teni

Sun. 9.00 am: K Riley, P & B Crook

Sun. 11.00 am: Pat & Julia

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 6.00 pm: 135, Sunday 9.00 am: 190, 11.00 am: 580 Total: 905