



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE MONTH OF APRIL IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR B)

Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th April 2015

Masses & Events during this week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 11th April		Easter Saturday
5.30 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Bill & Kitty Hornby (RIP)	
Sunday 12th April		DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
9.00 am	People of the Parish and Garrison-Children's Liturgy	
11.00 am	Brenda Dunn (RIP)	
3.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction	
Monday 13th April		Easter feria
9.30 am	Patrick Sondenheimer (RIP)	
7.15 pm	Youth Meeting in JP II Centre	
Tuesday 14th April		Easter feria
9.30 am	Beryl & John Durrant (RIP)	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 15th April		Easter feria
9.30 am	(Sch) Michael Holly (RIP)	
12 Noon	Requiem Mass of Susan Condon RIP	
Thursday 16th April		Easter feria
9.30 am	Elise Rawicz-Szczerbo (RIP)	
Friday 17th April		Easter feria
12 Noon	Dominga Agner & Martino Lanteri (RIP)	
Saturday 18th April		Easter feria
10.15 am	Josie ODwayer (RIP)	
5.30 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	Elise Rawicz-Szczerbo (RIP)	
Sunday 19th April		
9.00 am	People of the Parish and Garrison-Children's Liturgy	
11.00 am	William Swanson (RIP)	

Confessions: Saturday's 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.



DIVINE MERCY

In 1933, God gave Sister Faustina a striking vision of His Mercy, Sister tells us: "I saw a great light, with God the Father in the midst of it. Between this light and the earth I saw Jesus nailed to the Cross and in such a way that God, wanting to look upon the earth, had to look through Our Lord's wounds and I understood that God blessed the earth for the sake of Jesus."

Of another vision on Sept. 13, 1935, she writes: "I saw an Angel, the executor of God's wrath... about to strike the earth...I began to beg God earnestly for the world with words which I heard interiorly. As I prayed in this way, I saw the Angel's helplessness, and he could not carry out the just punishment...." The following day an inner voice taught her to say this prayer on ordinary rosary beads: *First say one 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary', and 'I believe'.* Then on the large beads say the following words: *'Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.'*

On the smaller beads you are to say the following words: *'For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.'* In conclusion you are to say these words three times: *'Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.'* Jesus said later to Sister Faustina: "Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy...." "....When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior".

God Bless You

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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: T. Tagliacferro, 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, 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. Adams, Sr. Mary Humbert, C. B. Corpus, A. Kustra, M. Delos Santos, M. J. Murray, I. Cook, G. O'Byrne.

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: Is a Charity founded by myself almost 12 years ago with an intention of providing an opportunity for education to children who are economically from poor families and as well as helping people who are suffering with leprosy. If you would like to give a donation, please visit our website: www.bcaretrust.com or 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. So please join in this noble cause. Do get in touch with me if you would like to give any financial help. Thank you.

SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT! 'Carl and Dave's Comedy Magic and Illusion Show' at the JP II Centre on Saturday, 25th April. Tickets on sale now. It is going to be evening full of laughter and joy. Don't miss the opportunity, come on, get your ticket and don't forget to let your friends know about it. I look forward to your support.

100 CLUB renewals for the next 12 months are due from 1 April with the first draw in the new financial year taking place on Sunday, 26 April. The annual fee is £60 per annum payable in full by cheque or monthly standing order. In the coming year there will be three prizes each month - £100, £50 & £25 with a bonus draw of a further £100 in December & members of the Catenian Association will be present at each Mass on the first three weekends of April to accept renewed or new subscriptions. If you currently pay by Standing Order no further action is necessary. Please support this major Parish fund raiser if you possibly can and make it a real 100 Club in 2015/16. Thank you.

COFFEE MORNING: Our next Coffee Morning is on Friday 17th April 10-11.45am. £2 includes Tea/coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome.

PHOENIX SINGERS 'Voices of Light' 18th April at 8pm here in church. Highlights from the Creation - Haydn. Tickets £10, under 16's free. Tickets from Richard Evans or online www.phoenixsingers.org

SKILLED TRADES We are always in need of tradespeople to maintain the up keep of the church. If you are a skilled tradesperson who can volunteer to do work and to save costs for *your* church, please add your details the list on the notice board in the porch. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR LOURDES Please support BGN youth, especially our young people that will be travelling to Lourdes on a pilgrimage. The second collection on the 18th/19th April will go towards their trip.

MARCH 100 CLUB WINNERS: £100 - 84 - Christine Tett, £50 - 63 - Elizabeth Green, £25 - 19 - Richard Evans.

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 JP II. 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.

17th April: Coffee Morning 10am at the JP II

25th April: 'Carl & Dave's Comedy' - (organiser: Tim Lane)

28th April: Spring Lunch 12 noon at the JP II

8th May Ukulele Night (organiser: O Hawke) Tickets available now

10th & 17th May: First Holy Communions

23rd May: Father John's Indian Cuisine Evening

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

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

INDIAN CUISINE EVENING: Tickets will be available from the weekend of 12th April. You may get them from the Office or Hilary King. It is another occasion which provides an opportunity to come together as a family. I look forward to your support.

SPRING LUNCH The next Spring Lunch will be held on Tuesday 28th April at 12 noon. If you haven't tried yet, why don't you come along and taste our delicious Lunch.

UKULELE NIGHT A super sing-a-long evening with the Haddenham Ukulele Band. Friday 8th May, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets only £5 and now on sale from Oonagh Hawke, parish office or welcomers.

EASTER RAFFLE Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.

£708.50 was raised. A list of winners can be found on the notice board.

Please collect prizes from Father John.

RCIA/SEEKERS. The last meeting of the current season will be on Tuesday 28th April at 8-00 pm in the John Paul II Centre. A big thank you from the catechists to all who have helped or attended during the last year and made it such an enjoyable experience.

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.

Donations to date for Heating/windows Fund:

Gift Aid £17,576 - Non Gift Aid £6,595

Total £ 24,171.00

Target amount £ 70,789.00 **We still need £ 46,618.00**

Teams For Sunday the:	12/4 Divine Mercy	19/4	26/4	3/5	10/5
Counting (8) (no team 5)	8	1	2	3	4
Cleaning (7)	6	7	1	2	3
Children lit. (5)	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 9am ₁₀ , 11am _{(7)no 4/6}	8/7	9/1	10/2	11/3	12/5
Flowers	Kath, Carolyne, Viki	Carolyne & Viki	Anne & Jo	Anne & Jo	Bernadette & Sally
Tradecraft		open			
Piety				open	

Collections

This weekend's

2nd collection will be for **Parish Maintenance.**

Next weekend's 2nd collections will be for **BGN Lourdes trip.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – This weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: M Kelly, S Haydon, S Wilde, J Latham

Sun. 9.00 am: B Crook, C Hartley, A Mutton, B Nichols

Sun. 11.00 am: C Tah, F Ostrowski, D Johnson, F Thornley

Next Weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: M & M Mellell, I Foley, M Maher

Sun. 9.00 am: C St John, L & R Weaver, L Dixon

Sun. 11.00 am: M Lynch, J Maud, J Dunn, H King

LECTORS - This weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: L Hook, A Nelson

Sun. 9.00 am: E Penhallow, C St John

Sun. 11.00 am: A Kearsley, C Peixoto

Next Weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: S Haydon, L Hook

Sun. 9.00 am: A Mutton, P Cousins

Sun. 11.00 am: J Willett, T Lane

MINISTRY OF WELCOME: This weekend

Sat. 6.00 pm: M Marrs, M Hardy

Sun. 9.00 am: Holliday family

Sun. 11.00 am: S Grose, S Matairatu

Next Weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: Thompson family

Sun. 9.00 am: K Riley & Crook family

Sun. 11.00 am: Kokore family

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 8.00 pm: 167, Sunday 9.00 am: 254, 11.00 am: 279 Total: 700