



THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE MONTH OF APRIL IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR B)

Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th April 2015

Masses & Events during this week

<u>Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Feasts</u>
Saturday 18th April		Easter feria
10.15 am	Josie ODwyer (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)	
Monday 20th April		Easter feria
9.30 am	Sr Marie Lavin (RIP)	
7.15 pm	Youth Meeting in JP II Centre	
Tuesday 21st April		Easter feria
9.30 am	Pat Trafford	
2.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Wednesday 22nd April		Easter feria
9.30 am	(Sch) Emma	
Thursday 23rd April	Solemnity of St George, M Patron of England	
9.30 am	Elise Rawicz-Szczerbo (RIP)	
Friday 24th April		Easter feria
12 Noon	In thanksgiving (AS)	
Saturday 25th April		Feast of St Mark, E
10.15 am	Elise Rawicz-Szczerbo (RIP)	
11.30 am	Baptism	
5.30 pm	Rosary, Litany & Angelus	
6.00 pm	People of the Parish and Garrison	
Sunday 26th April		
9.00 am	Molly & Paddy (RIP) - Children's Liturgy	
11.00 am	Breda & Jesse Smith (RIP) followed by Baptisms	

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.



When we are struggling with our faith, we might be tempted to think that as long as we are 'good people' that will suffice. So what sets 'good people' and Christians apart.

The other disciples were really not so very different from Doubting Thomas. When they saw Jesus in their midst, they took some convincing that it really was Jesus and not a ghost that had come to visit them. The gospel outlines three pieces of proof that Jesus uses to convince them that he really has risen from the dead. He shows them the marks on his hands and feet, he invites them to touch and check that he is flesh and blood, and he shares a meal with them. But it is only when Jesus opens their minds to understanding the scriptures that they come to believe in him. By interpreting what has happened, the risen Christ draws the disciples out of their confusion. Amongst some of his famous last word to them, were words of encouragement to go and preach his message and a reminder of prophecies fulfilled and promises made.

Being a Christian today isn't easy, and simply accepting the Jesus we have grown up with sometimes isn't enough to sustain us. Understanding the difference between living life simply as a good person, and living life as a Christian comes of believing in the risen Jesus. Very often a good person is someone who simply avoids doing anything bad. As Christians we are continually striving to follow Christ's example. Today, through prayer, scripture debate, and putting faith into action, we continually work for the same enlightenment and understanding that Jesus gave his early disciples.

God Bless You

Fr. John Y Batthula

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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 Admans, 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 next Saturday, 25th April. **Last chance to get tickets this weekend!**

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.

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.

INDIAN CUISINE EVENING: Tickets are available 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.

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.

LIBRARY OF CATHOLIC BOOKS The next meeting will be at St Philip's Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Hethe, OX27 8AW at 11.00am on Saturday 25th April. Dr Timothy Kelly is the speaker:

"Do you take offence at this?" (Jn6:61), *The Incarnation & the sacrament of His life giving flesh.*

Teams For Sunday the:	19/4	26/4	3/5	10/5	17/5
Counting (8) (no team 5)	1	2	3	4	6
Cleaning (7)	7	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	2	3	4	5	1
Coffee 9am(1), 11am(7)no 4/6	9/1	10/2	11/3	12/5	1/7
Flowers	Carolyne & Viki	Anne & Jo	Anne & Jo	Bernadette & Sally	Bernadette & Sally
Tradecraft	open				open
Piety			open		

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.

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

28th April: Spring Lunch 12 noon at the John Paul II Centre

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

EWAN GORDON will be running a number of Marathons this year in memory of the late Thomas Laurie & for a few charities. If you would like to sponsor his efforts please complete the form on the notice board at the back of church.

SPRING LUNCH

The next Spring Lunch will be held on Tuesday 28th April at 12 noon. If you haven't tried it 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. If you own a ukulele, bring it along! Tickets only £5 and now on sale from Oonagh Hawke, parish office or welcomers.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND



The weekend of 3rd & 4th May, the 2nd collection will be towards the Archdiocese of Birmingham Clergy Training Fund. Let us pray for vocations and thank you for your financial support.



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 Windows & Heating 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**

Collections

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

Next weekend's 2nd collection will be for **Heating Fund.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – This weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: M & M Mellett, 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

Next Weekend:

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

Sun. 9.00 am: K Riley, E Hawkins, S & M Doherty

Sun. 11.00 am: E King, S Lawrence, J Hanna, B Jurczyk

LECTORS - This weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: S Haydon, L Hook

Sun. 9.00 am: A Mutton, P Cousins

Sun. 11.00 am: J Willett, S Grose

Next Weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: P & K Kallay

Sun. 9.00 am: L & R Weaver

Sun. 11.00 am: T O'Callaghan, J Hurst

MINISTRY OF WELCOME: This weekend

Sat. 6.00 pm: Thompson family

Sun. 9.00 am: K Riley & Crook family

Sun. 11.00 am: Kokore family

Next Weekend:

Sat. 6.00 pm: S Wilde, S Drury

Sun. 9.00 am: K Moyse, M Daniel

Sun. 11.00 am: Schutz family