

THE PARISHES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND THE HOLY TRINITY

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BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR B) SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2017

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on YouTube, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live

| DECEMBER | | BICESTER | | НЕТНЕ | OTHER |
|----------------|---------------|---|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| SATURDAY 9th | 5.15 PM | Rosary, Litany & Angelus | | NO MASS | |
| | 6.00 PM | In Thanksgiving (FN) | | | |
| SUNDAY 10th | 9.00 AM | People of Parish & Garrison | 10.00 AM | Holy Souls | Second Sunday of Advent |
| | 11.00 AM | Alfred Smith (RIP) followed by Celebration Buffet for Canon John in the John Paul II | 12 NOON | The People of the Parish | Tridentine (Latin) Rite |
| | | | 5.00 PM | Holy Hour (last until new year) | VESPERS AND BENEDICTION |
| MONDAY 11th | 12 NOON | Carol Hall (sick) | 9.30 AM | Holy Souls | Advent Feria |
| | 7.15pm-8.30pm | YOUTH GROUP | | | |
| TUESDAY 12th | 9.00 AM | Holy Souls | 8.30 AM | Holy Souls | Advent Feria |
| | 2.00 PM | DIVINE MERCY | | | |
| | 7.30 PM | Reception of Body - Louisa Hook (RIP) | | | |
| | 8.00 PM | RCIA SESSION | | | ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE |
| WEDNESDAY 13th | 11.00 AM | Interment of Ashes—Pat Dyson (RIP) | | NO MASS | Mem of St Lucy, V, M |
| | 12.00 noon | Requiem Mass—Louisa Hook (RIP) | | | |
| | 7.00 PM | St Mary's School Carol Concert | | | |
| THURSDAY 14th | 8.00 AM (SCH) | ADVENT MASS - Holy Souls | 9.30 AM | Holy Souls | Mem of St John of the Cross, P, |
| | 7.00PM | Cherry Bridle (RIP) | | | |
| FRIDAY 15th | 12.00 noon | Pat & Alice Beggs (RIP) | 9.30 AM | Holy Souls | |
| | 7.30PM | Men's Social | | | |
| SATURDAY 16th | 8.30 AM (BP) | Welfare of Prisoners & their families | | NO MASS | Advent Feria |
| | 10.15 AM | Janet, Nicholas & Derek Byrne (RIP) | | | Third Sunday of Advent |
| | 5.15 PM | Rosary, Litany & Angelus | | | |
| | 6.00 PM | Kitty & Bill Hornby (RIP) | | | |
| SUNDAY 17th | 9.00 AM | People of Parish & Garrison - School Mass | 10.00 AM | Witold Luzar (RIP) | |
| | 11.00 AM | Jim Bridle (80th Bitthday) Baptism | 12 NOON | People of the Parish | Tridentine (Latin) Rite |
| | | | 6.00 PM | Carol Service | |

REFLECTIONS: In today's liturgy the Church enables us once again to hear the lonely voice of John the Baptist calling us to repentance, urging us to prepare a way so that Christ our Savior can come to us. *First Reading* (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11). This contains a piece of good news. God is coming to save his people. The people are urged to prepare a way for him. *Second Reading* (2 Peter 3:8-14). If the Lord appears to be slow in coming. Peter says it is only so that people may have a chance to repent and so be ready to meet him when he comes. *Gospel* (Mark I: 1-8). John the Baptist appears on the scene to announce to the people the imminent coming of their Savior and to prepare them for his coming. God bless You. **Canon John Y Batthula**

Confession: Bicester: Saturday 's 10.45 am - 11.30 am & 5.00 pm - 5.30 pm Hethe: Next Sunday from 5.00 pm to 5.45 pm Refreshments: Bicester: Served in John Paul II Centre after 9am & 11 am Masses. Hethe: After 10am Mass in Hall. Chaplaincy Duty at Bullingdon Prison: Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday.

DIARY DATES - BICESTER

CATENIANS meet every second Thursday of the month – contact 01869 249638.

TRADECRAFT Stall open every 3rd weekend of the month.

YOUTH GROUP Mondays 7.15 pm–8.30 pm Term time.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday at 9.00 am Mass.

100 CLUB DRAW After 9.00 am Mass last Sunday of the month.

Men's Social Fridays at 7.30 pm at the John Paul II: 15th December.

Monthly Lunches: Tuesdays 12 noon: 23rd January 2018.

Monthly Coffee: Friday 10.00 am-11.45 am: new dates for 2018 out soon.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: R Admans, Sr Alma, W Babington, C Brown, E Browne, C & J Busby, N Cahill, J Calver, K Cashman, S Caswell. J Chapman., S Clarke, I Cook, C B Corpus, E Cotter, J & P. Coughlan, Mrs Curzon, A Davies, P Dean, D Dee'le, M Delos Saintos, J Fowler, P Harris, M Hargrave., Sr. M Humbert, B Hunt, J Hurst, J James, A Kirby-Hall, M Kilby, T Kirby, M Lewandowski, M Last, M May, P Mears, A Mutton, G Newton, J O'Rourke, F Ostrowski, B Shepard, S Stidston, N Southey, M Smyth, E & W Stonell, M Smith, Sr Teresa SSM, M Wallace, B & D Weaver, J Wickens, T Berg, M McMahon, Carol Hall. Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the list.

RCIA AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CATHOLIC ADULTS Tuesdays, from 8.00 pm to 9.15 pm in St John Paul II Centre. Please see notice board or website for further details.

MISSIO RED BOXES Please could all box holders empty and return their donations asap so that contributions can be banked before the end of year.

APPEAL FOR DIOCESAN REFUGEE CENTRE Thank you to everyone who donated items of clothing for this appeal. We were able to deliver a mountain of bags , 100+, on Friday!

<u>PIETY SHOP</u> Christmas cards, gifts, 2018 diaries, calendars & more!

<u>WALK WITH ME</u> Journey of Prayer through Advent Booklets and advent calendars are available. £1 donations for booklets gratefully receive into candle money boxes -thank you.

PARISH CELEBRATION SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER To celebrate CANON JOHN'S INSTALLATION AS A CHAPTER CANON. All parishioners along with St Mary's School pupils, their families and staff are invited to Mass on Sunday, 10th December at 11.00 am followed by a buffet reception afterwards at the John Paul II Centre.

<u>CAROL CONCERT</u> St Mary's School Carol Concert. Wednesday 13th, December at 7.00 pm here in church. All Welcome.

<u>ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE</u> Will take place on Monday 18th December at 7.00 pm. A number of priests will be present to her confessions.

ADVENT MASSES Will be held in school on Thursdays at 8.00 am.

CHRISTMAS EVE 6.00 PM MASS Canon John would like the acted gospel that is normally said at the 9am Mass on Christmas Morning now be said at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve due to the number of families that attend this Mass. With this in mind, we would like to invite year 6 children to let Miss Grant know if they are intending to be at this Mass to enable her to choose the roles. A small rehearsal may be needed for the main roles but further details will follow. All other children are invited to come to Mass dressed as angels and shepherds. We will need a variety of ages so that some of the older children can guide the younger ones. If there are any questions please feel free to contact Jan Hartley 0771 8006645. We would love to see the sanctuary full of angels and shepherds.

TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND READERS Saturday 16th December commencing with Mass at 10.15 am. Followed by course until 2.30 pm at the John Paul II Centre. Still places available.

<u>CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS</u> If you subscribe to the papers via church please ensure that all newspaper payments for 2017 are paid up by the end of the year. Thank you.

| Teams for | 10/12 | 17/12 | 24/12 | 24/42 | -/4 | 444 | 24.44 |
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| Sunday the: | | | | 31/12 | 7/1 | 14/1 | 21/1 |
| Counting (7) | 7 | 1 | N/A | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Cleaning (7) no 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| Children lit. (5) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | TBC | | |
| Coffee 9am (14) | 12 | 13 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Coffee 11am (8) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 |
| Flowers | Advent | Advent | ALL | All/Sandy | All - dismantle | Kathryn | Sally |
| Tradecraft | | Open | | | | Open | |

YOUTH GROUP Christmas Party at the Parish Centre Monday,

11th December from 19.15-21.00. We really look forward to seeing you.

<u>CHRISTMAS BAZAAR</u> Many thanks to all who came along and supported the bazaar last weekend. Special thanks to all the stall helpers, St Marys children for their beautiful singing and to anyone who helped to set up and clear away. The total raised will be announced in due course. The winner of the Hamper Raffle was Miss Patricia Pickering.

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Please take away raffle tickets to sell to family & friends to raise funds for our Church Maintenance Fund, and remember to return stubs and payments in good time before the draw on Christians Eve. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

<u>Christmas Eve – Sunday 24th December</u>

Immaculate Conception, Bicester - 9.00 am
Holy Trinity, Hethe – 10.00 am
Bullingdon Prison - 10.00 am
Immaculate Conception, Bicester - 11.00 am
Holy Trinity, Hethe – 12.00 noon (Latin Mass)

Immaculate Conception, Bicester – 6.00 pm

Holy Trinity, Hethe – 9.00 pm

Immaculate Conception, Bicester – 11.30 pm Carols Immaculate Conception, Bicester – Midnight (12.00 midnight)

<u>Christmas Day – Monday 25th December</u>

Immaculate Conception, Bicester - 9.00 am
Holy Trinity, Hethe – 10.00 am
Immaculate Conception, Bicester - 11.00 am
Holy Trinity, Hethe – 12.00 noon (Latin)

St. Stephen's Day – Tuesday 26th December

Immaculate Conception, Bicester – 12.00 noon Holy Trinity, Hethe – 12.00 noon

DIARY DATES - HETHE

SICK Please remember the following in your prayers: Becky Moyce.

TUESDAY FILMS: The final session in this series of our catechetical programme for adults will discuss *The Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders* and is on Tuesday 12th December at 10.00 am in St Philip's Hall. Fresh coffee and biscuits served and the DVD is 30 minutes followed by brief discussion. All Welcome. The series will recommence after Christmas.

TALKS IN ST PHILIP'S HALL/LIBRARY OF CATHOLIC BOOKS: The next meeting is on Saturday, 20th January 2018 at 11.00 am. Kenneth Francis MA, author and ex-agnostic, is the speaker - 'What's wrong with Atheism'. COFFEE MORNING Monday, 11th December at 10.00 am at St Phillips Hall.

All villagers and parishioners warmly welcome!

CAROL SERVICE Our annual joint Carol Service with St Edmund and St George's Church will be held in St Phillips Hall at 6.00 pm on Sunday, 17th December. Refreshments afterwards.

The Second Collection this weekend will be for Poor Parishes.

| Hethe | 3/12 | 10/12 | 17/12 | 24/12 | 31/12 | 7/1 |
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| Lector | | K D'Silva | P Lee | R Deane | T Smart | B D Matthews |
| Flowers | | Mrs Evans & Mrs Owens | | Mrs Barnes | | |
| Attendance | 52 | | | | | |
| Offerings | £102.96 | | | | | |

Second Collections December

10th Poor Parishes Fund 17th Parish Maintenance 24th Parish Maintenance



PARISH OFFERINGS

 1st GA
 £ 347.50

 1st Loose
 £ 342.95

 2nd GA
 £ 156.48

 2nd Loose
 £ 142.48

 Total
 £ 989.41

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

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| This weekend: 10/12 | Extraordinary Min | Extraordinary Min | Extraordinary Min | Extraordinary Min | Lector | Lector | Welcomer | Welcomer | last week |
| Saturday 6pm | B Thompson | M Kelly | R Reji | I Foley/Clergy | A O'Neill | A O'Neill | J Marshall | | 84 |
| Sunday 9am | Clergy | B Crook | K Riley | J Flynn | L Weaver | R Weaver | Volunteer | Volunteer | 164 |
| Sunday 11am | H King | J Hanna | E King | Clergy | St Marys | Children | St Marys | Children | 152 |
| Next weekend: 17/12 | | | | | | | | Total | 400 |
| Saturday 6pm | J Marshall | J Latham | R Reji | J Varghese/Clergy | J Preston | S Preston | M Marrs | T Behan | |
| Sunday 9am | A Mutton | C St John | S Doherty | M Doherty/Clergy | E Mander | L Cleeve | Cousins | Family | |
| Sunday 11am | A Jones | O Panejko | S Lawrence | Clergy | TBC | N Ward | J Tuttle | | |