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BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2019

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on **YouTube**, click on the link on our website.

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216



DECEMBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	TIME	HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SATURDAY 14TH	6.00 PM	People of the Parish			
SUNDAY 15TH	9.30 AM	Pat & Alice Beggs (RIP)	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	9.30 AM	CHILDREN'S MASS			ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
	11.00 AM	Health & Happiness of the Tett Family	11.00 AM		LATIN MASS—TRIDENTINE
	6.00 PM	A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS—CONCERT			CHURCH
MONDAY 16TH	9.30 AM 7.00 PM 7.15PM	Brian O'Neill (RIP) Penitential Service & Confessions Youth Group Yr 6	9.30 AM	Austin Owens (RIP)	Advent Feria St John Paul II Centre
TUESDAY 17TH	9.30 AM	Janet and Nichola Byrne (RIP)		NO MASS	Advent Feria
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet			Church
WEDNESDAY 18TH	9.30 AM (Chu)	Cherry Bridle (RIP)		NO MASS	Advent Feria
	4.00 PM	Funeral Service of Darren McCarthy (RIP)			Banbury Crematorium
	6.00 PM	Reception of Austin Owens (RIP)			
THURSDAY 19TH	8.00 AM (Sch)	Holy Souls		NO MASS	Advent Feria
	12 NOON	Requiem Mass of Austin Owens (RIP)			
FRIDAY 20TH	12 NOON	Jude Sonon (RIP)	9.30 AM	Austin Owens (RIP)	Advent Feria
SATURDAY 21ST	9.30 AM (BP)	Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Advent Feria
	10.15 AM	Maisie Bigland (RIP)			
	5.15 PM	ROSARY			
	6.00 PM	Don Burton			
SUNDAY 22ND	9.30 AM	John, Neil, & Eddie Ward (RIP)	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	11.00 AM	People of the Parish			



This Weekend's Liturgy of the Word:

In today's Gospel we see Jesus at work: giving sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, healing to lepers, and so on. It is a marvellous display of compassion for suffering humanity. In this Eucharist we encounter the same compassionate Christ.

First Reading (Isaiah 35: 1-6.10). This contains a thrilling message of hope for all those who may be feeling down. Isaiah says: 'Cheer up! Do not be afraid. God himself is coming to save you.'

Second Reading (James 5:7-10). St James stresses something that we all find hard, namely, patience. He urges us to be patient with one another, and patient regarding the Lord's final coming.

Gospel (Matthew 11:2-11). Jesus has tremendous words of praise for his cousin John, who is languishing in Herod's dungeon. The Gospel also shows us Jesus at work.



CONFESSIONS
Saturday
10.45 am - 11.30am
5pm - 5.30pm
ROSARY
After weekday
Masses
Divine Mercy
Tuesday 2.00pm
HOLY HOUR
Sunday 5pm
Monday 7.15 pm
COFFEE & TEA
IC Sunday's
After 9.30am and
11am Masses
HT after 8 am Mass

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATENIANS: Contact Peter Sims 01869 249638.
TRADECRAFT: Open 3rd weekend of month
100 CLUB DRAW: Last Sunday of the month
RCIA Tuesdays, in the St John Paul II from 8pm-9pm from Nov-April.
The Scripture/Prayer Group 1st and 3rd Thursday in the month. Janet Marshall on 07434930992.
CAMEO LADIES GROUP: Meet at Kings Arms, last Saturday of the month at 10.30am for coffee, cake & chat. Do join us!
COFFEE MORNINGS: Fridays 10am-11.45am:
LUNCHES: Tue 12 noon. Jan 21st.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

K Cashman, Tim Charles,
 Joyce Thornley, Mary Ashley.



CHRISTMAS STARS Stars for our Christmas Trees of Remembrance and Hope are available to buy again this year. Stars cost £3 each or 2 for £5. Slips are available at the back of church. Please return them to the Piety Shop or Parish Office by **Friday 20th Dec**. Thank you.

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE £5 a book. Please sell to family and friends, fundraising for parish funds. Draw will take place on 22nd December. Please start bringing back the counterfoils and due amount. I look forward to your generous support. Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes!

A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS' - Sunday December 15th at 6pm A fundraising concert with all proceeds going towards Parish Youth Work and The Batthula Care Trust. An award winning group of young musicians will perform a concert with a Renaissance themed first half including a tableau of vocal and instrumental music featuring guests Gabrieli Brass. This will be followed with a festive second half of the concert and candlelit Carols. Tickets available from Coles Books, The Piety Shop, St Marys RC Primary and after some Masses. Tickets cost £10.

PIETY SHOP Nativity sets, Christmas cards and gifts and lots more on sale now.

NOVEMBER 100 CLUB WINNERS Numbers remaining are: 30, 39, 43, 61, 94, 96 - contact paulcous@yahoo.com for details if you would like to join or buy a 100 club number as a Christmas gift for someone!

CAR PARK Our Parish is in a fortunate position to have its own car park next door to the church, but unfortunately we cannot accommodate *all* who attend for Masses and understand the need to park ad hoc. We therefore politely request all parishioners to be courteous and mindful of how and where they park, especially near the entrance in order not to additionally block traffic as they enter and exit, particularly at the time of Sunday morning Masses. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday, 16th December at 7.00pm followed by individual Confessions.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: It is a tradition that all collection offering over the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are for your priests. On behalf of Father Robert & myself I would like to thank you all in advance for your cards, gifts & kindness.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Bishop William will be the principle celebrant at 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve. I look forward to welcoming him to our parish.

ALTAR SERVERS: On December 26th, St Stephen's Day, all servers will be renewing their commitment as members of the guild of St Stephen during 12 Noon Mass. A couple of senior servers will be receiving silver medals. I look forward seeing you all. Mass is followed by some social in the Centre.

Teams for Sunday the:	15/12	22/12	29/12	5/1	12/1	18/1	26/1
Counting (7)	5	6	7	1	2	3	4
Cleaning (7) no 5	4	6	7	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 9am (14)	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Coffee 11am (7)	3	4	5	6	7	1	2
Flowers	None	All	water	water	Remove		
Tradecraft	Open					open	

HOLY TRINITY - HETHE



"Advent is a time of vigilance, prayer and conversion..." Pope St John-Paul II
Monday Films are taking a holiday until after Christmas.

The Christmas crib will be erected at 10.00am on Saturday 21st December. Many thanks to those who have volunteered. A few more strong men would be welcome.

Attendance: 33. 1st collection £36.42. 2nd collection (poor parishes) £49.40

Deceased parishioners: Please pray for Maria Morgan, William Boggs, Lewis Paine and Margaret Soanes whose anniversaries occur about now.

Sincere thanks to Mrs Labrosse for cleaning the church ahead of the forthcoming celebrations.

Penitential Service: Also in anticipation of the great feast to come, our sister parish at Bicester will hold a penitential service on Monday (tomorrow) at 7.00pm with visiting priests available to hear confessions.

Carol Service: We will host the village's annual carol service next Sunday, 22nd December at 6pm.

Afterwards there will be wine and snacks in St Philip's Hall.

Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve at **8.00pm**. Christmas Day at **8.00am**.

The Rosary is said after 9.30am Mass on Friday.

Hethe	15/12	22/12	29/12	5/1	12/1	18/1	26/1	2/2
Lector Counters	K D'Silva	P Lee	R Deane	J Grant	D McDermott	V Barnes	N Hasser	K D'Silva

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Bullington Prison 10.15am; Bicester 6.00pm; Hethe 8.00pm;
 Bicester: Carols at 11.30pm and 12 Midnight Mass.

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

Hethe 8.00am; Bicester 9.30am; Bicester 11.00am.

SYMPATHY We extend our very deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the families of **Austin Owens** and **Darren McCarthy**. A Service for Darren will be held at Banbury Crematorium on Wednesday 18th December at 4pm. Austin will be received into church on Wednesday, 18th December at 6pm and a Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, 19th December at 12 noon followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. *May they rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.*

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS: My sincere thanks to Jackie Flynn and her team for their continuing efforts in raising funds for the parish and providing an opportunity for people to come together and socialise. Special thanks to all who have supported the coffee mornings throughout the year. £373.63 was raised on the 6th December.

MONTHLY LUNCHES: My sincere thanks to the team and helpers for their hard work and efforts in bringing the community together for freshly cooked lunches and raising funds for the parish. The Christmas Lunch raised £607.14.



The Sower available online at

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>



SECOND COLLECTIONS

DECEMBER

15th/22nd/29th
 Parish Maintenance

24th/25th Traditional
 offerings for Parish Priests



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA: £ 55.00 Loose: £351.01

Total: £ 406.01 + Standing Orders

Poor Parishes

2nd GA: £20.97 Loose: £170.26

Total: £191.23

With thanks for all your generosity to the Parish and to charity.

This weekend: 15/12	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Offertory	Attendance last week
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	M Kelly	I Foley	M John	K Kallay	P Kallay	G & P Sims	Kelly-Soens Family		95
Sunday 9.30am	N Conway	J Castillo	M Daniel	Clergy	M Brown	E Penhallow	Maws	Family		160
Sunday 11am	M Lynch	J Hanna	Clergy	Clergy	J Willett	E Green	M Lynch	Augustine-Ohwo Family		267
Next weekend: 22/12									TOTAL	522
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	S Wilde	K Gosling	J Varghese	P Sims	J Franta	Thompson	Family	Volunteers	
Sunday 9.30am	C Hartley	A Brown	M Brown	Clergy	P Cousins	S McCarthy	A Mutton	B Nichols	Pyziak Family	
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	Clergy	Clergy	T O'Callaghan	J Hurst	Gaffney	Family	Volunteers	

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers, please add you names to the lists at the back of church for the Christmas period. Thank you.