



# CATHOLIC BIC



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
HENLEY HOUSE, 12 CAUSEWAY,  
BICESTER OX26 6AW

**HOLY TRINITY**  
HARDWICK ROAD, HETHE  
Near BICESTER OX27 8AW

**ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE**  
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## BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) SATURDAY 14TH MARCH TO SUNDAY 22TH MARCH 2020

*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

MARCH	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	TIME	HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SATURDAY 14TH	5.15 PM	<b>ROSARY</b>			
	6.00 PM	<b>Confirmation Mass</b> Bill & Kitty Hornby & Angela Nelson (RIP)			
SUNDAY 15TH	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
	11.00 AM	Jose Jacob (RIP) followed by Baptism			
	5.00 PM	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>			<b>VESPERS, REFLECTIONS &amp; BENEDICTION</b>
MONDAY 16TH	9.30 AM	John O'Grady (RIP)	9.30AM		<b>Lent Feria</b>
	7.15 PM	<b>NO YOUTH GROUP</b>			St John Paul II Centre
TUESDAY 17TH	9.30 AM			NO MASS	<b>Feast of St Patrick, B</b>
	2.00 PM	<b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET</b>			Church
WEDNESDAY 18TH	9.30 AM		6.00 PM	ROSARY	<b>Lent Feria</b>
THURSDAY 19TH	8.00 AM (SCH)			NO MASS	<b>Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
FRIDAY 20TH	9.00 AM	Father Bob Wright (RIP)	9.00AM		<b>Lent Feria</b>
	7.00 PM	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	9.50AM	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	
SATURDAY 21ST	9.30 AM (BP)	Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	10.15 AM	David Batchelor & Joan Smith (RIP) followed by interment of their ashes into the Foynes Memorial Garden			
	5.15 PM	<b>ROSARY</b>			
	6.00 PM	People of the Parish			
SUNDAY 22ND	9.30 AM	Malachy McKeon (RIP) Reconciliation Rite	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	<b>4TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
	11.00 AM	Breda Smith (RIP)			
	5.00 PM	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>			<b>VESPERS, REFLECTIONS &amp; BENEDICTION</b>



**This Weekend's Liturgy of the Word:** *The Gospel today tells of a woman who was searching for a water that would quench her thirst for happiness. Right out of the blue she encountered a person who told her that he could provide her with that water. The person was Christ. We are all looking for the elusive 'something' that will make us happy. We come here this morning to encounter the only person who can give us what we are looking for. Let us pause a while to draw close to him.*

**First Reading** (Exodus 17:3-7). *Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert.*

**Second Reading** (Romans 5: 1-2.5-8). *God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.*

**Gospel** (John 4:5-42). *This contains the account of one of the most touching encounters of the Gospel - Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well.*



God bless you all  
**Canon John Y Batthula** - Parish Priest & Dean

**CONFESSIONS**  
Saturday  
10.45 am -  
11.30am  
5pm – 5.30pm  
**ROSARY**  
After weekday  
Masses  
**Divine Mercy**  
Tuesday 2.00pm  
**COFFEE & TEA**  
Suspended until  
further notice

# 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** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

April 3rd, May 8th, June 12th.

**LUNCHES:** Tuesdays 12 noon March 24th cancelled, April 21st, May 19th, June 16th.

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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



**CORONA VIRUS** As the cases of corona virus in the UK have grown, we have been advised to take preventative measures. We respectfully ask that you: Refrain from the physical sign of peace, especially anyone with cold or flu symptoms, and for all to receive Holy Communion on the hand only. The distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ has been suspended, therefore Extraordinary Ministers are not required until further notice. Please also take your copy of the bulletin & hymn sheet home to dispose of. Regular cleaning of church and JPPII Centre surfaces e.g. door handles etc. are being done on a daily basis. In the last week it has also been advised to suspend the use of hymn books, hymn sheets will be issued. Coffees after Masses and Youth Group has also been suspended until further notice.

**MARCH MONTHLY LUNCH** (24th) Regrettably this has been cancelled.

**NEW GIFT ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDERS:** Thank you for those of you who have so far responded to my letter. There is still time to sign up to gift aid your contributions. If you are a tax payer we can claim whatever you give. I would like to encourage those presently giving their offering to the Church through the envelope mode, to change to standing order and I would urge the same with the new parishioners. The standing order forms are available from the Parish office or from the back of the church, alternatively speak to Srs Sani or Anu.

**ACCOUNTS FOR 2019:** It has been decided to postpone the presentation of accounts due next weekend 21st/22nd March to a later date.

**SOUP LUNCHES IN LENT** No Soup Lunch will be held this week (19th March) The next one will be on Thursday, 26th March at Janet Marshall's house, please phone to confirm Tel:244 893. Donations are requested at the lunches and all money raised will go towards CAFOD and the Bathula Care Trust.

**PIETY SHOP** Bibles are for sale at £12.00 each, as well as St Patricks and Mothering Sunday cards and gifts. Small selection of Holy Communion items available now, more to come.

**REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO OUR LADY:** Rededication of England to Our Lady will take place at all Masses on the weekend of 28th/29th March after post communion prayer.

**THE SOWER** The Lent edition of the Diocesan publication *The Sower* is now online <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>. Free copies are now available at the back of church.

**WANTED** Paper gift bags in clean reusable condition are needed for fund-raising events. Please deliver to the JPPII Centre or directly to Jackie Flynn.

**SPRING COFFEE MORNING:** My sincere thanks to all those who came along to support our monthly coffee morning. Very grateful to the organisers. Total raised £332.56.

# HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

**Attendance:** 30. Cash collection £57.20. 2nd Collection £107.40.

**Stations of the Cross** will be said after 9.30am Mass on Fridays during Lent.

**CORONA VIRUS:** Please see details in the Bicester section.

**Deceased parishioners:** Please pray for the deceased members of the parish whose anniversaries occur about now: Elizabeth Sweetman, Francis Leighton, Augustine Fathers, Christopher Emmett, Bernard Bennett.

**Re-dedication of England:** In 1381 King Richard II and Anne of Bohemia offered England to Our Lady as her dowry (a 'dowry' is something set apart, an endowment). On 29th March the bishops of England and Wales will renew the dedication through offering Our Lady the personal gift of the people of England. In preparation for this event we will pray the rosary at **6.00pm on Wednesday 18th March** at Holy Trinity. On **Wednesday 25th March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, there will be Mass at Holy Trinity at 9.30am** which will be followed by re-dedication and rosary. All are welcome. Please do come if you can.

**Monday Films** resume tomorrow, 16th March, in St Philip's after the 9.30am Mass.

Hethe	15/3	23/3	29/3	5/4	12/4	26/4	3/5
Lector	N Hasser	K D'Silva	P Lee	R Deane	J Grant	D McDermott	V Barnes
Counters							

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION—RECONCILIATION:** If your child would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) please come along to the Enrolment Evening which will be held on Tuesday, 24th March at 7pm in the JPPII Centre. The first session for non St Marys children will take place on Saturday, 28th March and the Rite (for all children) will take place on Sunday, 29th March at the 9.30am Mass. Please note that no late applications will be accepted. More details can be found under 'Sacraments' on our website.

**MILESTONE MARRIAGES** are to be celebrated once again in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, with two Thanksgiving Masses planned for May. Following last year's overwhelming success at the first such event, couples celebrating significant anniversaries this year are now being invited to take part, along with those preparing to marry. This year's two Thanksgiving Masses will be held at St Chad's Cathedral and tie-in with Marriage Week 2020. The first takes place on Saturday 9 May at midday with celebrant Bishop William Kenney. The second takes place on Saturday 16 May at midday with celebrant Bishop David McGough. So if you are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, whether it is your 1st anniversary or every 5th year up to 60th (and every year after 60), please join one of the Masses. If you would like to go, please send an email to: [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org)

## Prayer for the "Year of the Word"

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. **Amen**

**V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.**

R. This day and every day.

**Our Lady of the Annunciation - Pray for us**

**St Matthew - Pray for us**

**St Jerome - Pray for us**

Teams for Sunday the:	15/3	22/3 Mothering Sunday	29/3	5/4 Palm	12/4	26/4
Counting (7)	4	5	6	7	1	2
Cleaning (7) no 5	6	7	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	2	3	4	5	1	2
Coffee 9.30am (14) Coffee 11am (7)	None	until	further	notice		
Flowers	None	None	None	Sisters		
Tradecraft	Open				Open	

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### MARCH

15th/22nd/29th  
Parish Maintenance



## PARISH OFFERINGS

**1st Collection: GA:£71.10 Loose:£349.04**

**Total: £420.14+£811 Standing Orders**

**CAFOD £244.12**

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

This weekend: 15/3	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Offertory	Attendance last week
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	The distribution of Precious	Clergy	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Volunteers	Volunteers	Confirmandi	<b>121</b>
<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	Blood has	Clergy	K Gore	C St John	Conway	Family	Volunteers	<b>126</b>
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	been suspended,	Clergy	P Rybka	A Kearsley	Ohhwo	Family	Volunteers	<b>187</b>
<b>Next weekend: 22/3</b>	therefore Extraordinary							<b>454</b>
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	Ministers are not required	Clergy	A Jiri	A Hall	Thompson	Family	Volunteers	
<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	until further notice.	Clergy	L Taylor	S Taylor	A Dziasek	volunteer	R Porebyn	
<b>Sunday 11am</b>		Clergy	T Lane	N Ward	Ursuline	Sisters	Volunteers	