

CATHOLIC BICES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
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BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 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



FEBRUARY	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	TIME	HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SATURDAY 15TH	5.15 PM	ROSARY			
	6.00 PM	People of the Parish			
SUNDAY 16TH	9.30 AM	Dr John B Coughlan (RIP)	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00 AM	Mass for Couples Preparing for Marriage			
	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR			VESPERS, REFLECTIONS & BENEDICTION
MONDAY 17TH	9.30 AM		9.30 AM	Private Intentions	
TUESDAY 18TH	8.00 AM	Vocations to the Priesthood			Feria in Ordinary Time
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet			Church
WEDNESDAY 19TH	9.30 AM (Ch)	Fiona Conboy (RIP)		NO MASS	Feria in Ordinary Time
THURSDAY 20TH	9.30 AM	Ian Winter (RIP)		NO MASS	Feria in Ordinary Time
	1.00 PM	Funeral Service - Patrick McGarry (RIP)			
FRIDAY 21ST	12 NOON	Ian Winter (RIP)	9.30AM		
SATURDAY 22ND	9.30 AM (BP)	Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Feast of the Chair of St Peter A
	10.15 AM	Dude Cele - Special Intentions			Feria in Ordinary Time
	11 AM-1PM	Parish Baptism Course			St John Paul II Centre
	5.15 PM	ROSARY			
	6.00 PM				
SUNDAY 23RD	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00 AM	Fiona Beasley (RIP)			
	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR			VESPERS, REFLECTIONS & BENEDICTION

***This Weekend's Liturgy of the Word:** Many people who confess their sins, confess only the things they have done wrong. But Christ tells us that we can sin even if we never commit the external act. We can sin in our thoughts, desires, motives, and attitudes. Sin comes from within, and it has deep roots in each of us.*

***First Reading** (Eccles 15: 15-20). God wants us to do good, not evil. Nevertheless, he leaves us free to choose one or the other. With the help of his grace, however, we can choose the good.*

***Second Reading** (I Cor 2:6-10). Paul says a beautiful thing which should fill us with joyful hope. He says: 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard all that God has prepared for those who love him.'*

***Matthew** (5: 17-37). The Scribes and Pharisees were considered to be models of virtue. Yet Christ said: 'Unless your virtue goes deeper than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will not see the Kingdom of Heaven.'*

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
IC Sunday's
After 9.30am
and 11am
Masses
HT after 8am
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.

Feb 14th, March 13th, April 3rd, May 8th, June 12th.

LUNCHES: Tuesdays 12 noon. Feb 26th, March 24th, April 21st, May 19th, June 16th.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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



HOLY BIBLES: During this 'Year of the Word' I would like to encourage all families parish to read the Holy Bible everyday. Bibles are for sale in the Piety Shop, at £12.00 each.

BAPTISMS Anyone wishing to have their child baptised this year are advised to have a read of the new course structure that will be implemented this year. Leaflets are available at the back of church and details on our website. Courses and Rites must be completed before Baptisms take place.

Baptism course will be held on Saturday 22nd February in the St John Paul II Centre from 11am-1pm.

Please arrive by 10.50am for a prompt start at 11am.

Car parking is available in the church car park.

The Sessions will consist of:

A video on Baptism

Q & A time with Clergy & Catechists

Meeting with Clergy

Confirmation of Rite date

Confirmation of Baptism date

NEW GIFT ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDERS: I would like to remind all new parishioners who haven't signed a gift aid form, please contact Sr Sani or Sr Anu to get the gift aid declaration form. I would like to encourage those presently giving their offering to the Church through the envelope mode, to change to standing order as well as the new parishioners. The forms for the standing order with our Parish Bank account are available from the Parish office or from the back of the church.

ACCOUNTS FOR 2019: It is the time of the year when I usually present the annual accounts to the parish and this year I am hoping that one of the Finance Committee members will be presenting our accounts at all Masses of the weekend of 1st March and to remind the parishioners who financially don't support of their responsibility in assisting financially.

PRESBYTERY AND CHURCH WORKS: In the next few months, we hope that the works in the Presbytery and Church windows will start when the Parish Finance Committee will receive approval from the archdiocese.

SOUP LUNCHES IN LENT Soup Lunches will take place on Thursdays during Lent in various local locations. If you would like to host a lunch then please add your name and contact details to the list (and venue if you wish) alongside the date. Donations are requested at the lunches and all money raised will go towards CAFOD and the Batthula Care Trust. If no venue is stated then please ring the number if you wish to attend. The first lunch will be on the 27th February, hosted by Christine Tett. For further details contact Janet Marshall on 244 893.

Teams for Sunday the:	16/2	23/2	1/3	8/3
Counting (7)	7	1	2	3
Cleaning (7) no 5	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	3	4	5	1
Coffee 9.30am (14)	14	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (7)	5	6	7	1
Flowers	Sally	Kath	None	None
Tradecraft	Open			

SECOND COLLECTIONS

FEBRUARY

Parish Maintenance

MARCH

1st Cathedral Maintenance

8th CAFOD

15th/22nd/29th Parish Maintenance



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA: £ 87 Loose:£ 337.30

2nd GA:£31.38 Loose:£157.04

Total: **£ 612.72+** Standing Orders

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

Attendance: 24. Cash collection £

Deceased Parishioners: Please pray for our deceased parishioners whose anniversaries occur about now: Evangelina Rearden, Thomas Sweetman, Ellen Wrighton, Vincent Golder, Gregory Adams.

Monday Films will resume to-morrow 17th Feb after the 9.30am Mass. Coffee from 10.00am. All welcome.

Flowers: Our small team of flower arrangers will warmly welcome new volunteers. Please sign up on the list at the back of church.

Finance & Pastoral Committee: The next meeting will be on Monday 24th February after the 9.30am Mass.

Ash Wednesday: A reminder that Lent opens on Wednesday 26th February so now is a good time for us to make some firm resolutions.

Hethe	16/2	23/2	1/3	8/3	15/3
Lector Counters	R Deane	J Grant	D McDermott	V Barnes	N Hasser

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING ON VALENTINE'S DAY: My sincere thanks to all those who came along to support and Jackie and her team for all their hard work. Total amount raised £399.71

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Will meet on Monday, 24th February 2020 at 7.00 pm in St John Paul II Centre. All members are requested to attend. The agenda and minutes will be set in the coming week.

PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE: Will meet on Tuesday, 3rd March 2020 in St John Paul II Centre at 7.30pm. All members are requested to attend. The minutes and agenda will be sent to you in the coming week.

MONTHLY LUNCH: Our next monthly lunch will be held on Wednesday, 26th February 2020 from 12 noon in St John Paul II Centre.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER "Rise, Take your Mat and Walk" will take place on Friday March 6th at 10.30am in the John Paul centre. The women of Zimbabwe have prepared this service. It is an opportunity to reflect on the difficulties and unrest in this country. This is an international inter-church organisation and is celebrated in 170 countries. So we invite you to join us in Prayer and reflection. All are welcome, refreshments will be available.

ASH WEDNESDAY: This year we celebrate Ash Wednesday on 26th February and it is to be observed as a day of penance in the whole Church, one of both abstinence and fasting. **Mass Times:** 9.30 am at Bicester & Hethe; 12 Noon and 7.30pm at Bicester.

HOLY SEASON OF LENT: During the season of Lent every Thursday a special Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am in School & every Friday the Way of the Cross will be said in Church at 7.00pm. I would like to encourage you all to make use these opportunities to make this Lent a meaningful one by participating in these celebrations.

HOLY HOUR: Every Sunday Holy Hour is taking place in our Church from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. As we are in "the Year of Word", may I encourage you to come along to pray with the Eucharistic Lord and to reflect on the Word of God.

*[St Chad's Cathedral Flower Festival 2020:](#)
[The God Who Speaks - 12/06/2020](#)*

This weekend: 16/2	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	A Jiji	P Kallay	Ursuline	Sisters	Volunteers	102
Sunday 9.30am	K Riley	S Doherty	M Doherty	Clergy	S Joseph	R Silvy	Conway	Family	Volunteers	321
Sunday 11am	O Panejko	F Ostrowski	Clergy	Clergy	T O'Callaghan	J Hurst	T & N Lane		Volunteers	127
Next weekend: 23/2										550
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	S Wilde	K Gosling	J Varghese	A Halja	J Franta	Golland	Family	Volunteers	
Sunday 9.30am	G Andrade	N Andrade	A Mutton	Clergy	A Mutton	M Ohwo	M Nugent		Volunteers	
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	H King	Clergy	Clergy	R Evans	I Ziegart	M Lynch		Volunteers	