

THE PARISHES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND THE HOLY TRINITY

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BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR B) SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 24TH 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 16th	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus		NO MASS		
	6.00 PM	Kitty & Bill Hornby (RIP)				
SUNDAY 17th	9.00 AM	The People of Parish	10.00 AM	Witold Luzar (RIP)	Third Sunday of Advent	
ĕĞ.B	11.00 AM	Jim Bridle (80th B'day)	12.00	The People of the Parish	Tridentine (Latin) Rite	
Couler			6.00 PM	Carol Service		
MONDAY 18th	9.30 AM	Arthur McCambridge (RIP)	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Advent Feria	
	7.00 PM	PENITENTIAL SERVICE & CONFESSIONS				
TUESDAY 19th	9.30 AM	Peter O'Brian (RIP)	9.30 AM Holy Souls		Advent Feria	
	2.00 PM	DIVINE MERCY				
	8.00 PM	RCIA SESSION			ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE	
WEDNESDAY 20th	9.30 AM	Holy Souls			Advent Feria	
THURSDAY 21st	12.00 NOON	Trehy Family (RIP)	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Advent Feria	
FRIDAY 22nd	12.00 NOON	Jude & Carolina Sonon (RIP)	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Advent Feria	
SATURDAY 23rd	10.15 AM	Bobby & Anna Duggan (RIP)			Advent Feria	
	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus				
	6.00 PM	Don Burton (RIP)				
SUNDAY 24th	OAY 24th 9.00 AM Jacob Kokore (Birthday)		10.00 AM	Holy Souls	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
	10.00 AM	BULLINGDON PRISON				
	11.00 AM	The People of Parish	12.00	People of the Parish	Tridentine (Latin) Rite	
CHRISTMAS EVE	6.00 PM	Danny, Rita & Peter Egan/John, Neil & Eddie Ward (RIP)	9.00 PM			
	11.30 PM	CAROLS				
	MIDNIGHT	Joan Bridle & Fiona Beasley (RIP)			Celebrant: BISHOP KENNEY	
CHRISTMAS DAY	9.00 AM	Brazil Family	10.00 AM	People of the Parish		
	11.00 AM	Frank Ward (RIP)	12.00			
TUESDAY 26th	12.00 NOON	People of the Parish	12.00		ST STEPHEN'S DAY	

REFLECTIONS: In today's liturgy we will hear John the Baptist say to us: "There stands one among you whom you know not". The one he speaks of is Christ our Savior. Christ is the unseen guest at our banquet. More than that - he is the host who welcomes us to this banquet given by the Father. *First Reading* (Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11). The writer declares that he has been anointed by God and sent to bring good news to the poor. Jesus used this passage to announce the program of his own ministry. *Second Reading* (1 Thess 5:16-24). St. Paul tells the Thessalonians how they ought to live as they wait for the second coming of Christ. *Gospel* (John 1:6-8, 19-28). John the Baptist makes it clear that he is not the Savior. His task is a humbler one - to prepare the way for the Savior who is already among the people, though they do not recognize him. God bless You. **Canon John Y Batthula**

Confession: **Bicester**: Saturday 's 10.45 am - 11.30 am & 5.00 pm - 5.30pm

Refreshments: Bicester: Served in John Paul II Centre after 9am & 11 am Masses. Hethe: After 10am Mass in Hall.

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.

Men's Social: From February 2018

Monthly Lunches: Tuesdays 12 .00 noon: 23rd Jan 2018. Monthly Coffee: Friday 10am-11.45am: 12th January 2018

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

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, Michael Gallagher. 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.

PIETY SHOP Christmas cards, gifts, 2018 diaries, calendars, items from the Holy Land & more!

<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. Remember that there won't be any confessions till Saturday 6th January 2018.

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.

<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.

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE The draw will take place after 11.00 am Mass on the 24th December, next Sunday! 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 Christmas Eve. Thank you.

<u>CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES</u> leaflets are available with bulletins this weekends and on our website.

<u>CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES</u> Please could Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, Welcomers and Offering Collectors please add their names to the list for Christmas and New Year. Rotas for Jan-March 2018 have been sent via email, a few copies are available a the back of church.

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u> On Tuesday, 26th December we celebrate the Feast of St Stephen. During Mass at 12.00 noon all altar servers will be renewing their commitment. Some of them will be enrolled as members into the Guild of St. Stephen. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Centre.

Teams for	47/42	24/12	31/12	7/4	44/4	21/1	
Sunday the:	17/12			7/1	14/1		
Counting (7)	1	N/A	2	3	4	5	
Cleaning (7) no 5	1	2	3	4	6	7	
Children lit. (5)	2	3	4	TBC			
Coffee 9am (14)	13	14	1	2	3	4	
Coffee 11am (8)	4	5	6	7	8	1	
Flowers	Advent	ALL	All/Sandy	All - dismantle	Kathryn	Sally	
Tradecraft	Open				Open		

Sunday 11.00 am

<u>WREATH NIGHT</u> A very successful and enjoyable evening spent making wreaths again this year. After clearing expenses a £50 donation was given towards St Chads Sanctuary.

ST CHADS SANCTUARY A huge thank you to Canon John for allowing us to make this appeal for clothing. We were able to donate 120 black bags to the sanctuary, thank you to everyone who donated and to the helpers transfering bags on and off the coach. Sr Mary was overwhelmed with the amount. Please see letter from her on th notice board.

<u>CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS</u>: The offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be for Fr. Linh and I. This is your annual gift to the priests, as is tradition. Special envelopes are available for this purpose. We thank you, in advance for your generosity.

THANK YOU: My sincere thanks to all who came for 11.00 am Mass and joined me and my family in the St John Paul II Centre for the Buffet lunch. My sincere thanks also, to those who paid for the food and drinks. God bless you all.

BISHOP KENNEY: Bishop Kenney will be the Principle celebrant at Christmas Midnight Mass. We look forward to welcoming him.

STARS

That will decorate our Christmas trees can be purchased in memory of loved ones.

These are being advertised a little later this year, but we will be able to provide them.



Please complete and return slips to welcomers / Parish Office or piety shop asap.

£3 each or two for £5.

DIARY DATES - HETHE

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

TUESDAY FILMS: 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 11.00am. Kenneth Francis MA, author and ex-agnostic, is the speaker - 'What's wrong with Atheism'.

CAROL SERVICE: The joint annual carol service with St Edmund and St George will be held at Holy Trinity Church this weekend, Sunday 17th December at 6pm and afterwards refreshments in St Phillips Hall.

The Second Collection this weekend will be for Poor Parishes.

Hethe	10/12	17/12	24/12	31/12	7/1
Lector		P Lee	R Deane	T Smart	B D Matthews
Flowers			Mrs Barnes		
Attendance	N/A				
Offerings	N/A				

Second Collections December

17th Parish Maintenance 24th Parish Maintenance



PARISH OFFERINGS

 1st GA
 £ 208.50

 1st Loose
 £ 275.22

 2nd GA
 £ 105.32

 2nd Loose
 £ 171.46

 Total
 £ 760.50

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

									Attendance
This weekend: 17/12	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	last week
Saturday 6.00 pm	J Marshall	J Latham	R Reji	J Varghese/Clergy	J Preston	S Preston	M Marrs	T Behan	100
Sunday 9.00 am	A Mutton	C St John	S Doherty	M Doherty/Clergy	E Mander	L Cleeve	Cousins	Family	60
Sunday 11.00 am	A Jones	O Panejko	S Lawrence	Clergy	TBC	N Ward	J Tuttle		104
Next weekend: 24/12								Total	264
Saturday 6.00 pm	Please add	names	to the list	at the back of	church				
Sunday 9.00 am									