

# CATHOLIC BICESTER

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## HOLY TRINITY

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## ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE

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## BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 8TH 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 30TH	6.00 PM	Marysia Gerald (RIP)			
SUNDAY 1ST	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	11.00 AM	Alfred Smith (RIP) followed by Baptisms			
	5.00PM	HOLY HOUR			EXPOSITION, VESPERS & BENEDICTION
MONDAY 2ND	12 NOON	Funeral Mass of Eileen Cafferky (RIP)	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Advent Feria
TUESDAY 3RD	9.30 AM	Mary Jacob (RIP)		NO MASS	Mem of St Francis Xavier, P
	2.00 PM	<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>			Church
WEDNESDAY 4TH	9.30 AM (Chu)	Birthday Thanksgiving—C T Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 6.00pm		NO MASS	<b>OUR DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS</b> Advent Feria
	6.00PM	<b>VESPERS AND BENEDICTION</b>			
THURSDAY 5TH	8.00 AM (Sch)	Holy Souls		NO MASS	Feast of St Birinus, B
	12 NOON	Peter King (RIP)			
FRIDAY 6TH	10am-11.45am	<b>COFFEE MORNING</b>			
	12 NOON	Elizabeth Patulot	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Advent Feria
SATURDAY 7TH	9.30 AM (BP)	Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Mem of St Ambrose, B, Dr
	10.15 AM	Teranca Byrne (RIP) Followed by altar servers training			
	5.15 PM	<b>ROSARY</b>			
	6.00 PM	Sr Andrea Pozholiparambil (RIP)			
SUNDAY 8TH	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	8.00 AM	Dr Edmund Wagner (RIP)	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	11.00 AM	In Thanksgiving—Castillo Family			WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR			EXPOSITION, VESPERS & BENEDICTION



### This Weekend's Liturgy of the Word:

Today we begin the Church's liturgical year. This gives us a chance to make a fresh start. Advent is not a time for sleep. Today's readings urge us to wake up. Let us begin by asking the Lord's forgiveness and help

**First Reading** (Isaiah 2:1-5). With its vision of universal peace, this reading is surely one of the most inspiring in the Bible. But it also challenges Christians to work for this new world which was inaugurated by Christ.

**Second Reading** (Romans 13: 11-14). St Paul urges us to wake up; to turn away from the darkness of evil, and to walk in the light of Christ.

**Gospel** (Matthew 24:37-44). This Gospel urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour when Christ will return.

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  
**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.  
**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: Dec 6th.  
**LUNCHESES:** Tue 12 noon. **Christmas Lunch -Dec 10th, pre-booking required.**  
**The Scripture/Prayer Group** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month. Janet Marshall on 07434930992.

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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



**CHILDREN'S MASS:** The next Children's Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 15th December at 9.30am in the main hall. This mass is specifically for children up to the age of 10. Parents, please leave your children in the main hall as you proceed to Church for your mass.

**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.

**A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS' - Sunday December 15th at 6pm** A fundraising concert with all proceeds going towards Parish Youth Work and The Bathula 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** Advent candles, nativity sets, Christmas cards and gifts and lots more on sale now.

**MONTHLY LUNCH:** My sincere thanks to all who organised and supported the lunch last Tuesday. £362.40 was raised. If you would like to book for the Christmas Lunch which will be held on Tuesday 10th December at 12 noon, please see Sr Sani in the JP11 Office. Price £7.50pp

**ST CHADS SANCTUARY APPEAL:** Needed: **men's** gloves, hats and scarves. Please place them into the designated box at the back of church or speak to Jo Hurst For further information please go to: <http://stchadssanctuary.com/index.php/donations>.



**DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** Wednesday, 4th December. Starting with Mass at 9:30am and finishing with Vespers and Benediction at 6pm. Kindly make sure there is always 1 person or more present with the Eucharist Lord throughout the day.

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:** On Saturday, 7th December after 10.15am Mass. All servers who have started to serve in the past two or three years are asked to come along as Deacon Michael will hold a training session in order to maintain the high standards of serving at the altar especially during our busy seasons of Advent and Christmas.

# HOLY TRINITY - HETHE



"Advent is a time of vigilance, prayer and conversion..." Pope St John-Paul II  
**Attendance:** 34. Cash collection £66.00. 2nd collection £8.40.

**Christmas crib:** We aim to erect the crib during the week of 15th December. It takes about an hour. If you can help with this quite heavy work please telephone Breff Kelly (01280 702500) or enter your name and contact details on the list by the font. Many hands really do make light work.

**Village Coffee Morning** will be in St Philip's Hall on Monday 9th December so there will be no films on that day. Mary Evans will be grateful for some cakes and scones.  
**Monday Films:** This week we will show the first part of Franco Zeffirelli's film *Jesus of Nazareth* which culminates with the Nativity. It is a beautiful film and all are welcome to come along. Coffee from about 10.00am.

**Carols:** Please make a diary note that we will be hosting the annual village Carol Service on the evening of Sunday 22nd December. Gifts of wine and snacks will be gratefully received.

Hethe	1/12	8/12	15/12	22/12	29/12	5/1	12/1	18/1
Lector Counters	V Barnes	N Hasser	K D'Silva	P Lee	R Deane	B Kelly	D McDermott	V Barnes

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** Light refreshments will be served after the 11am Mass on Sunday, 8th December to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All welcome!

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** Monday, 16th December at 7.00pm followed by individual Confessions. I have invited a few visiting priests to help us with hearing confessions.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

### Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

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

### Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

Hethe 8.00am; Bicester 9.30am; Bicester 11.00am

**EXTRA MASSES DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT:** These Masses will be held every Thursday at 8.00am at St Marys School during the holy Season of Advent. All are invited to participate.

**SEASON OF ADVENT** Please take home a copy of a "Walk With Me" booklet. Children's advent calendars are also available from the back of church along with the parish programme. Readers and Extraordinary Ministers, please add you names to the lists at the back of church for the Christmas period.

**CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS:** If you would like to help decorate the church this Christmas please contact the office or Anne Kearsley to give your name and contact details. There will be a meeting in the church next Tuesday, 3rd December at 7.30pm to plan flower arrangements.

**SYMPATHY** We extend our very deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the family of **David Batchelor** who died a week ago. His funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday, 11th December at 11am followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. May he rest in peace. *Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.*

*St Marys School Carol Concert here in church Wednesday, 11th December at 7pm.*



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

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### DECEMBER

1st/ 15th/22nd/29th  
 Parish Maintenance  
 8th Poor Parishes Fund

24th/25th Traditional offerings for Parish Priests



## PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA: £140.18 Loose:£545.39  
**Total: £ 685.57** + Standing Orders

### Youth Services

2nd GA: £58.41 Loose:£193.92 total **£252.33**

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

This weekend: 1/12	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Offertory	Attendance last week
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	J Marshall	S Wilde	K Gosling	J Varghese	J Vaughan	P Sims	Kelly-Soens	Family	<b>L &amp; J Readings</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	L Weaver	R Weaver	A Kirby-Hall	Clergy	S Joseph	R Silvy	Wieczorek	Family	<b>A Dziasek</b>	<b>255</b>
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	Sr Rose	Sr Sherly	Clergy	Clergy	P Rybka	A Kearsley	Pestana	Family	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>Next weekend: 8/12</b>									<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>648</b>
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	Sr Sherly	Sr Rose	S Jacob	M Thompson	A Hall	L Halja	Golland	Family	<b>M Green</b>	
<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	Sr Sani	A Hall	J Flynn	Clergy	Children	Children	M Nugent	D Tims	<b>Volunteers</b>	
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	F Thornley	H King	Clergy	Clergy	T Lane	N Ward	Kokore	Family	<b>Volunteers</b>	

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