



CATHOLIC BIC



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
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BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 8TH 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 29TH	5.15 PM	ROSARY			
	6.00 PM	Canon Gerry Breen (RIP)			
SUNDAY 1ST	9.30 AM	In Thanksgiving (KL)	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
	11.00 AM	People of the Parish			
	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR			VESPERS, REFLECTIONS & BENEDICTION
MONDAY 2ND	8.00 AM	Susan O'Reilly (RIP)	9.30 AM	NO MASS	Feast of St Chad, B
	7.15 PM	YOUTH GROUP Year 8			St John Paul II Centre
TUESDAY 3RD	9.30 AM	In Thanksgiving		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	2.00 PM	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET			Church
	7.30 PM	PASTORAL COMMITTEE			St John Paul II Centre - Main Hall
WEDNESDAY 4TH	9.30 AM (Ch)			NO MASS	Lent Feria
THURSDAY 5TH	8.00 AM (SCH)	Private Intentions PP		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	12 NOON				
FRIDAY 6TH	12 NOON		9.30AM	Todd Maxwell (RIP)	Lent Feria
	7.00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	9.50	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
SATURDAY 7TH	9.30 AM (BP)	Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	10.15 AM				
	5.15 PM	ROSARY			
	6.00 PM	Fr Robert Wright (sick)			
SUNDAY 8TH	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
	11.00 AM	Bobby Duggan (RIP)			
	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR			VESPERS, REFLECTIONS & BENEDICTION



This Weekend's Liturgy of the Word: In today's Gospel we see Christ in the desert, struggling with the tempter. Through prayer, fasting, and fidelity to the word of God he emerges victorious. We all have to face temptations. Lent provides us with a great opportunity to intensify our efforts to overcome them. Let us reflect for a moment on our worst and constant temptation. Through the grace of Christ, we too can be victorious over our temptations.

First Reading (Genesis 2:7-9;3: 1-7). This deals with the tempting of Adam and Eve. In spite of all God did for them, at the first suggestion of the tempter, they disobeyed him.

Second Reading (Romans 5:12-19). By his obedience to God, Christ undid the harm done by the disobedience of Adam.

Gospel (Matthew 4:1-11). This Gospel shows that, like us, Jesus had to struggle against evil. He was tempted in every way that we are but he did not succumb.

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
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.

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

LUNCHESES: Tuesdays 12 noon. 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 in the parish to read the Holy Bible everyday. Bibles are for sale in the Piety Shop, at £12.00 each.

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 and I would urge the same with 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 22nd March and to remind the parishioners who financially don't support of their responsibility in assisting financially.

SOUP LUNCHESES 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. One last date not yet filled, 19th March, if you can volunteer please add your name to the list. For further details contact Janet Marshall on 244 893.

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 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 & reflection. All are welcome, refreshments are served.

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 Stations of the Cross will be said in Church at 7.00pm. I would like to encourage you all to participate.

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.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESE: Thursday 5th March, at the home of Leo & Jo Hurst, 48 Brashfield Rd. Tel: 241 067 (at 12.30 pm)

HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

Attendance: 24. Cash collection £ 16.10

Deceased parishioners: Please pray for the repose of the souls of parishioners whose anniversaries occur about now: George Bicknell, Elizabeth Tothill, Dina Howard, Suzanne Kibble, Katherine Morton Saner, Doris Wall, Kathleen Horset, Mary Hammond.

Please note: There will be NO Mass to-morrow, 2nd March and so **Monday Films are also cancelled.** The Hethe Village Coffee Morning will be held in St Philip's Hall on 9th March and so our next **Monday Films is on 16th March** after the 9.30am Mass.

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

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

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day on Friday 6 March is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please use Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.

HMP Hewell Chaplain. HMP Hewell seeks a RC Chaplain, which may be a lay person. Please use the following link for the advertised post: <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-15/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/32278-32278-Roman-Catholic-Ordained-Deacon-Religious-Brother-or-Sister-Lay-Person/en-GB>

SYRIAN REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP require a storage area for items of furniture. If you help contact Janet Marshall on 244893. The Lent edition of the Diocesan publication *The Sower* is now available online <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>. Copies will be available

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

St Chads Cathedral will be having a flower festival in June with the theme of Matthew's gospel. This is to support the Year of the Word. The diocesan web site has links to all number of resources for the Year of the word - the God who speaks.

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:	23/2	1/3	8/3	15/3	22/3 Mothering Sunday	29/3	5/4 Palm
Counting (7)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cleaning (7) no 5	2	3	4	6	7	1	2
Children lit. (5)	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 9.30am (14)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee 11am (7)	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
Flowers	Kath	None	None	None	None	None	Sisters
Tradecraft				Open			

SECOND COLLECTIONS

MARCH

1st Cathedral Maintenance
8th CAFOD
15th/22nd/29th Parish Maintenance



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA: £80.22 Loose: £401.15
2nd GA: £35.87 Loose: £152.06 (£669.30)
+ £811 Standing Orders
Total: £1480.30
With thanks for all your generosity to the Parish and to charity.

This weekend: 1/3	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Offertory	Attendance last week
Saturday 6pm					Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	131
Sunday 9.30am					M Brown	E Penhallow	Dinis	Family	Dinis Family	168
Sunday 11am					H King	M Lawrence	J. Tuttle	Volunteer	Volunteers	153
Next weekend: 8/3										452
Saturday 6pm					P Kallay	Volunteer	McArdle	Family	Volunteers	
Sunday 9.30am					P Cousins	S McCarthy	M & A Brown		Knowles Family	
Sunday 11am					J Hanna	E King	Kokore	Family	Volunteers	