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BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 29TH 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 21ST	5.15 PM	ROSARY			
	6.00 PM	Don Burton			
SUNDAY 22ND	9.30 AM	John, Neil, & Eddie Ward (RIP)	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	11.00 AM	People of the Parish			
MONDAY 23RD	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	9.30 AM	Aussy Ownes (RIP)	Advent Feria
TUESDAY 24TH	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet			Church
CHRISTMAS EVE	6.00 PM	Bill & Kitty Hornby & Angela Nelson (RIP)	8.00PM	Ints of Jean Withers	Advent Feria
	11.30 PM Midnight	Carol Service Fiona Beasley & Joan Bridle (RIP)			Christmas Eve
WEDNESDAY 25TH	9.30 AM	Frank Ward (RIP)	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	SOLEMNITY OF THE
CHRISTMAS DAY	11.00 AM	People of the Parish			NATIVITY OF THE LORD
THURSDAY 26TH	12 NOON	Ints of Sally Trench		NO MASS	Feast of St Stephen, M
FRIDAY 27TH	9.30 AM	Ints of Leo & Jo Hurst		NO MASS	Feast of St John, A, E
SATURDAY 28TH	9.30 AM (BP)	Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Feast of the Holy Innocents, M
	10.15 AM	Service of the Word with Holy Communion			
	5.15 PM	ROSARY			
	6.00 PM	Ints of James Carey			
SUNDAY 29TH	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
	11.00 AM	Patrick McCartan (RIP) followed by Baptism			

This Weekend's Liturgy of the Word:

We are getting very close to Christmas, and the pace of things getting busier. There are so many things calling for our time and attention. The result could be that the spiritual side of Christmas hardly gets a look in. Let us pause to make room in our minds and hearts so that Christ may come to us during this Mass.

First Reading (Isaiah 7: 10- 14). This reading foretells the birth of a very special child - a child who will be called Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Second Reading (Romans I: 1-7). This contains the opening lines from St Paul's letter to the Christians at Rome. In them he refers to the human and divine 'roots' of Christ.

Gospel (Matthew 1: 18-25). Joseph, the just man is told that Mary's child was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit and the mission of this child is to save his people from their sins.



CONFESSIONS
Saturday
10.45 am - 11.30am
5pm - 5.30pm
ROSARY
After weekend
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

Canon John Y Batthula - Parish Priest & Dean

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.
LUNCHES: Tue 12 noon. Jan 21st.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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



CHRISTMAS STARS Thank you to all who bought stars for their loved ones, £315 has been raised.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR The Christmas Bazaar that was held at St Mary's School raised £2000 to be divided between the school and parish. Many thanks to St Marys PTFA and staff who willingly accommodated the bazaar at school due to the last minute change in venue. Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped in any way and supported on the day!

A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS: My sincere thanks to Catherine Underwood, the brass band and all staff and pupils for presenting us an amazing Christmas Concert. Total raised was £1030. I thank those who have supported.

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE The draw will take place this Sunday, 22nd December. Please collect your prizes from the sacristy. Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes!

HOLY BIBLES: During this 'Year of the Word' I would like to encourage parishioners to read the Holy Bible everyday, consider maybe reading before your evening meal with your family. Bibles are for sale in the Piety Shop, at £12.00 each.

READERS More readers for Masses are needed, especially for the Saturday, 6pm Mass. Please speak to any of the clergy or contact the parish office if you are able to or need any more information.

PARISHIONER FORMS If you are new to the parish we would love to know that you are here! Please take a moment to fill out the form which can be found a the back of church and deliver completed to any of the clergy or parish office. Thank you.

PIETY SHOP Nativity sets, Christmas cards, gifts & lots more on sale now.

100 CLUB Numbers remaining are: 30, 39, 43, 61, 94, 96 - contact paulcous@yahoo.com for details if you would like to join or buy a 100 club number as a Christmas gift for someone!

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: It is a tradition that all collection offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are for your priests. On behalf of Father Robert & myself I would like to thank you all in advance for your cards, gifts & kindness.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Bishop William will be the principle celebrant at 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve. I look forward to welcoming him to our parish.

ALTAR SERVERS: On December 26th, St Stephen's Day, all servers will be renewing their commitment as members of the Guild of St Stephen during 12 Noon Mass. A couple of senior servers will be receiving silver medals. I look forward seeing you all. Mass is followed by refreshments in the Centre.



Teams for Sunday the:	22/12	29/12	5/1	12/1	18/1	26/1
Counting (7)	6	7	1	2	3	4
Cleaning (7) no 5	6	7	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	5	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 9am (14)	6	7	8	9	10	11
Coffee 11am (7)	4	5	6	7	1	2
Flowers	All	water	water	Remove		
Tradecraft					open	

HOLY TRINITY - HETHE



"Advent is a time of vigilance, prayer and conversion..." Pope St John-Paul II
Attendance: 25. Cash Collection £40.00

Deceased parishioners: Please pray for our parishioner whose anniversaries occur about now, Alban Harris, Elizabeth Redding, Jane Adams and Edith Slatter.

Christmas Masses: Mon. 23rd Dec 9.30am. Tuesday 24th Dec 8.00PM. Weds 25th Dec 8.00AM.

Christmas Carols: This evening at 6.00pm we will host the village's annual carol service and afterwards snacks in St Philip's hall. Please come along to welcome our guests and to make this a festive occasion.

Hethe	22/12	29/12	5/1	12/1	18/1	26/1	2/2
Lector Counters	P Lee	R Deane	J Grant	D McDermott	V Barnes	N Hasser	K D'Silva

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Bullington Prison 10.15am; Bicester 6.00pm; Hethe 8.00pm; Bicester: Carols at 11.30pm & 12 Midnight Mass.

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

Hethe 8.00am; Bicester 9.30am; Bicester 11.00am.



Wishing you all a very, holy and happy

Christmas & peaceful New Year.

God bless you

Canon John Batchula, Fr Robert Carey and

all the Parish Clergy



SECOND COLLECTIONS

DECEMBER

22nd/29th

Parish Maintenance

24th/25th Traditional offerings for Parish Priests



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA: £92.90 **Loose:** £444.65

2nd GA: £43.41 **Loose:** £163.31

Total: £744.27 + Standing Orders

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

This weekend: 22/12	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Offertory	Attendance last week
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	S Wilde	K Gosling	J Varghese	P Sims	J Franta	Thompson	Family	Volunteers	109
Sunday 9.30am	C Hartley	A Brown	M Brown	Clergy	P Cousins	S McCarthy	A Mutton	B Nichols	Pyziak Family	143&63
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	Clergy	Clergy	T O'Callaghan	J Hurst	Gaffney	Family	Volunteers	187
Next weekend: 29/12									TOTAL	502
Saturday 6pm	Sr Sherly	Sr Rose	S Jacob	M Thompson	A Hall	K Kallay	M Marrs	T Behan	Volunteers	
Sunday 9.30am	K Riley	M Doherty	Volunteer	Clergy	K Gore	C St John	Chivers	Family	Volunteers	
Sunday 11am	S Lawrence	M Rowley	Clergy	Clergy	I Ziegart	I Cook	volunteer	volunteer	Volunteers	

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers, please add you names to the lists at the back of church for the Christmas period. Thank you.