



# CATHOLIC BIC



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
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**HOLY TRINITY**  
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## BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)

### SATURDAY 22ND MARCH TO SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2020

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

All the Masses & Expositions below can be viewed live on YouTube, click on the link below:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg\\_yS\\_grbqgt7f2jg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live)

MARCH	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SUNDAY 22ND	11.00 AM	Malachy McKeon (RIP) Breda Smith (RIP)	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
	5.00PM- 5.30 PM	EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT	VESPERS, REFLECTIONS & BENEDICTION
MONDAY 23RD	9.30 AM		Lent Feria
TUESDAY 24TH	9.30 AM		Lent Feria
WEDNESDAY 25TH	9.30 AM	Victims of COVID 19	Solemnity of The Annunciation of The Lord
THURSDAY 26TH	9.30 AM	Claramma Joseph (RIP)	Lent Feria
FRIDAY 27TH	9.30 AM		Lent Feria
SUNDAY 29TH	11.00 AM	People of the Parish Bernard Chellar (RIP)	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
	5.00PM- 5.30 PM	EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT	VESPERS, REFLECTIONS & BENEDICTION



### Prayer during a time of illness

O God, our refuge and our shield, even when we walk in the shadow of death  
you are there at our side.

Be with your people in this time of danger:

Bring strength to the afflicted and protection to those untouched by disease.  
Give us love and courage, that we may trust in your power to save and reach  
out to all who need our care.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

Today's Gospel tells about the cure of a man born blind. We all suffer from different forms of blindness. Our sins are a form of blindness. We all have many blind spots. But there is hope for us if we are willing to admit them.

**First Reading** (1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7,10-13). God chose David the least of Jesse's sons, to be king of Israel. This shows that, whereas people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.

**Second Reading** (Ephesians 5:8-14). Paul tells the Christians at Ephesus that once they were in darkness but now Christ has en-lightened them. Therefore, they must adopt a lifestyle which is appropriate to their new state.

**Gospel** (John 9: 1-41). Jesus is the light of the world. He not only gives sight to those who are physically blind, but the light of faith to those who are spiritually blind, provided they are open to receive it.

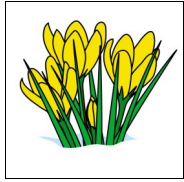
Let us pray for all those who are suffering with COVID-19 and for all Key Workers who are taking care of the sick, the elderly and also for those who are ensuring that we have sufficient food and other essentials available.

*God bless you all*

*Canon John Y Batthula - Parish Priest & Dean*

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wishing all the ladies of the parish a very Happy Mothering Sunday



## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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



**REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO OUR LADY:** Rededication of England to Our Lady will take place during livestream Mass on Sunday 29th March.

**100 Club** renewals for the next 12 months are due from 1 April with the first draw in the new financial year taking place on Sunday, 26 April. The annual fee remains at £60 per annum, payable in full by cheque or monthly standing order. In the coming year there will be three prizes each month - £100, £50 and £25 and a £100 Christmas bonus in December. If you currently pay by Standing Order no further action is necessary. With sincere thanks for your support, both in the past and in future.

**NEW GIFT ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDERS:** Thank you for those of you who have so far responded to my letter. There is still time to sign up to gift aid your contributions. If you are a tax payer we can claim whatever you give. 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 standing order forms are available from the Parish office or from the back of the church, alternatively speak to me.

**WANTED** Gift bags in clean reusable condition are needed for fundraising events. Please deliver to the JPII Centre or directly to Jackie Flynn.

**PIETY SHOP** Unless we are in lock down situation, the piety shop will be open weekdays from 12noon-12.30pm for anyone wishing to purchase religious literature to help them during these difficult times.

## Parish Helpers

If anyone is willing to join a What's App group to help our elderly and more vulnerable parishioners in these unprecedented times with doorstep deliveries of essential items or 'Phone For a Chat' calls, then please email the parish office with your mobile number.

Please ring this number **07387 281 861** and leave a message if you need assistance and we will try our best to assist.

*Keep well and safe.*

## PARISH OFFERINGS

1st Collection: GA:£63.00 Loose:£437.11  
2nd Collection:£ 27.82 Loose:£115.15  
Total: **£643.08**+£811 Standing Orders

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



## CHURCH CLEANING

It would be appreciated if church cleaners could continue to clean as long as the church continues to be open, as long as they are able to under the circumstances.

God Bless and thank you.

# HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

**Attendance:** 30. Cash collection £25.

**CORONA VIRUS :** Please see details on the Parish website

**Deceased parishioners:** Please pray for the deceased parishioners whose anniversaries occur about now: Suzanne Kibble, Katherine Morton Saner, Dina Howard, Elizabeth Tothill, George Bicknell.

**Monday Films** are postponed until further notice.

## Dear Parishioners

All public Masses as well as Sacraments and sacramental preparations, parish meetings, groups and events, have been suspended from Friday evening (20<sup>th</sup> March) until further notice.

Masses will be celebrated without a public congregation behind locked doors in church on Weekdays at 9.30am and Sunday at 11am.

These Masses can be viewed Livestream on YouTube search:

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The church, will remain open to the public every day from dawn till dusk apart from during the celebration of non-public Masses.

We will endeavour to keep you informed via our website with any details of rearrangements to reschedule meeting and events.

Keeping you all in our prayers.

May God be with us today and always.

*Canon John & Fr. Robert*

## PRAYER FOR HEALTH STAFF

Wonderous god, author of life, you fashioned us in your likeness and breathed into us the life which is your own. Be with those whose special care is the health of mind and body. Fill their hearts with awe for the life which is your gift and sustain them daily in your service, that their hands may bring to others the comfort of your healing touch. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

## PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED

Merciful God, come to the help of your people.

Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer, the ravages of this disease and assist those whose skill and art can put to an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

"I was sick and you visited me . . ."

—Matthew 25:36 NKJV

Teams for Sunday the:	22/3 Mothering Sunday	29/3	5/4 Palm	12/4 Easter	26/4	3/5
Cleaning (7) no 5	7	1	2	3	4	6