

# CATHOLIC BICES

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
HENLEY HOUSE, 12 CAUSEWAY,  
BICESTER OX26 6AW

**HOLY TRINITY**  
HARDWICK ROAD, HETHE  
Near BICESTER OX27 8AW

**ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE**  
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**Dean of Banbury Deanery & Parish Priest:**  
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## BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 1ST 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



FEBRUARY	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	TIME	HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SATURDAY 22ND	5.15 PM	<b>ROSARY</b>			
	6.00 PM	Private Intention			
SUNDAY 23RD	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	<b>7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
	11.00 AM	Fiona Beasley (RIP)			
	5.00 PM	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>			<b>VESPERS, REFLECTIONS &amp; BENEDICTION</b>
MONDAY 24TH	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	9.30 AM	Holy souls	Feria in Ordinary Time
	7.00 PM	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	10 AM	<b>Finance Committee</b>	ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
	7.15 PM	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b>			
TUESDAY 25TH	9.30 AM	Thanksgiving - Sr Elvira (Golden Jubilee)			Feria in Ordinary Time
	2.00 PM	<b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET</b>			Church
<b>WEDNESDAY 26TH</b>	9.30 AM (Ch)	People of the Parish	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
	12 NOON	Father Brian Doolan (RIP)			
	7.30 PM	Father Bob Wright (Sick)			
THURSDAY 27TH	8.00 AM (SCH)	Father Brian Doolan (RIP)		NO MASS	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	12 NOON	Intentions of Joyce Thornley			
FRIDAY 28TH	12 NOON	Mary Fitzpatrick (RIP)	9.30AM	Holy Souls	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	7.00 PM	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>			
SATURDAY 29TH	9.30 AM (BP)	Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	10.15 AM	Canon Gerry Breen (RIP)			
	5.15 PM	<b>ROSARY</b>			
	6.00 PM	Canon Gerry Breen (RIP)			
SUNDAY 1ST	9.30 AM	In Thanksgiving (KL)	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	<b>1ST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	11.00 AM	People of the Parish			
	5.00 PM	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>			<b>VESPERS, REFLECTIONS &amp; BENEDICTION</b>



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

*In today's Gospel Christ says to us: 'Love your enemies.' We tend to take these words with a grain of salt, as if they were meant for the saints, not for us. But they are meant for us. We all have some enemies. Let us think about how we treat them.*

**First Reading** (Leviticus 19: 1-2,17-18). Moses is ordered by God to tell the people they must be holy. What does this imply? It means they are not to hate anyone or bear a grudge against anyone.

**Second Reading** (1 Cor 3: 16-23). Paul reminds the Corinthians that the Holy Spirit dwells among them. They are the temple of God and, therefore, should be holy.

**Gospel** (Matthew 5:38-48). This contains one of the most revolutionary things ever said. All revolutionaries have said that enemies must be destroyed. But Christ said: You must not destroy your enemies; you must love them.

*Canon John Y Batthula - Parish Priest & Dean*

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday  
10.45 am -  
11.30am  
5pm – 5.30pm  
**ROSARY**

After weekend  
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** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Feb 14th, March 13th, April 3rd, May 8th, June 12th.

**LUNCHESES:** Tuesdays 12 noon. Feb 26th, 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 1st 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. The first lunch will be on the 27th February, hosted by Christine Tett. For further details contact Janet Marshall on 244 893.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Will meet on Monday, 24th February 2020 at 7.00 pm in St John Paul II Centre. All members are requested to attend.

**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.

**MONTHLY LUNCH:** This coming Wednesday's monthly lunch is cancelled. My sincere apologies for any inconvenience it may cause you.

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** "Rise, Take your Mat and Walk" will take place on Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> 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 and reflection. All are welcome, refreshments will be available.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** This year we celebrate Ash Wednesday on 26th February and it is to be observed as a day of penance in the whole Church, one of both abstinence and fasting. Mass Times: **9.30 am** at Bicester & Hethe; **12 Noon** and **7.30pm** at Bicester.

Teams for Sunday the:	23/2	1/3	8/3	15/3	22/3
Counting (7)	1	2	3	4	5
Cleaning (7) no 5	2	3	4	6	7
Children lit. (5)	4	5	1	2	3
Coffee 9.30am (14)	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 11am (7)	6	7	1	2	3
Flowers	Kath	None	None	none	None
Tradecraft					

This weekend: 23/2	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	A Halja	J Franta	Golland	Family	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	G Andrade	N Andrade	A Mutton	Clergy	A Mutton	M Ohwo	M Nugent		<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	F Thornley	H King	Clergy	Clergy	R Evans	I Ziegart	M Lynch		<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>Next weekend: 1/3</b>									<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>451</b>
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	C St John	P Pickering	Sr Rose	Clergy	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	<b>Confirmandi</b>	
<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	C Conlon	C Conlon	B Nichols	Clergy	M Brown	E Penhallow	Dinis	Family	<b>Volunteers</b>	
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	M Lynch	J Hanna	Clergy	Clergy	H King	M Lawrence	J. Tuttle	Volunteer	<b>Volunteers</b>	

# HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

**Attendance:** 19. Cash collection £30

**Deceased parishioners:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Palmer, Thomas Nevin, Sarah Ricketts and Daisy Lake whose anniversaries occur about now.

**Monday Films:** There will be no films to-morrow.

**Finance & Pastoral Committee** will meet to-morrow in St Philip's Hall after the 9.30am Mass.

**Ash Wednesday:** Lent commences this Wednesday 26th February. There will be Mass at 9.30am.

**Lenten Devotions:** On Fridays during Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held after the 9.30am Mass.

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

**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 and to reflect on the Word of God.

**RETREAT FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** Saturday 29th February in St John Paul II centre starting from 12 Noon and finishing with 6.00pm Mass. I encourage all candidates to attend the retreat and all their families to join at 6.00pm Mass.

**CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day** on Friday 6 March is the 60<sup>th</sup> 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 collect your 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>

## 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**

***St Chad's Cathedral Flower Festival 2020: The God Who Speaks - 12/06/2020***

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### FEBRUARY

Parish Maintenance

### MARCH

1st Cathedral Maintenance

8th CAFOD

15th/22nd/29th Parish Maintenance



## PARISH OFFERINGS

**1st GA:** £114.85 Loose: £ 344.68

**2nd GA:** £36.64 Loose: £117.85

+ £ 811.75 Standing Orders

**Total: £ 1425.77**

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