



Holy Trinity Hethe



# THE PARISHES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND THE HOLY TRINITY

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## BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR B) SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2017

*Sunday Masses* can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg\\_yS\\_grbqgt7f2jg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live)

DECEMBER	BICESTER		HETHE		OTHER
<b>SATURDAY 23rd</b>	10.15 AM	Bobby & Anna Duggan (RIP)			Advent Feria
	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	Don Burton (RIP)			
<b>SUNDAY 24th</b>	9.00 AM	Jacob Kokore (Birthday)	10.00 AM	Holy Souls	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	10.00 AM	<b>BULLINGDON PRISON</b>			
	11.00 AM	The People of Parish	12 NOON	People of the Parish	Tridentine (Latin) Rite
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	6.00 PM	Danny, Rita & Peter Egan/John, Neil & Eddie Ward (RIP)	9.00 PM		
	11.30 PM	<b>CAROLS</b>			
	<b>MIDNIGHT</b>	Joan Bridle & Fiona Beasley (RIP)			Celebrant: <b>BISHOP KENNEY</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	9.00 AM	Brazil Family	10.00 AM	People of the Parish	Solemnity of the Nativity of The Lord
	11.00 AM	Frank Ward (RIP)	12 NOON	Holy Souls	Tridentine (Latin) Rite
<b>ST STEPHEN'S DAY</b>	12 NOON	Louisa Hook (RIP)	12 NOON		The First Martyr
<b>WEDNESDAY 27th</b>	12 NOON	Louisa Hook (RIP)		No Mass	Feast of St John, A, E
<b>THURSDAY 28th</b>	12 NOON	Francis Denvir (102 yrs old)	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Feast of Holy Innocents
<b>FRIDAY 29th</b>	12 NOON	Int. of St John Paul Centre Volunteers	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Feast of St Thomas Becket, B, M
<b>SATURDAY 30th</b>	9.30 AM BP				Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
	10.15 AM	Francis Denvir (102 yrs old)			
	6.00 PM	Tom Hattam (RIP)			
<b>SUNDAY 31st</b>	9.00 AM	The People of Parish	10.00 AM	Int. of Parish Volunteers	Feast of the Holy Family
	11.00 AM		12 NOON	People of the Parish	Tridentine (Latin) Rite
<b>MONDAY 1st JAN 18</b>	12 NOON	Canon John's Intentions	9.30 AM		Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

**REFLECTIONS:** As the birth of a child draws near, naturally all attention focuses on the mother. We are nearing the celebration of the birth of Christ. Hence it should come as no surprise to find that Mary his Mother is at the Centre of today's Gospel. Mary was a very humble person. A mere "handmaid of the Lord" was how she saw herself. Her only concern was to do the will of God in her life.

**First Reading** (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11,16). We read how King David had hoped to build a house (a temple) for God. But he is informed that it is God who will build a house (a dynasty) for him. **Second Reading** (Romans 16:25-27). God's plan of salvation for Jews and Gentiles has come to fulfillment in Christ. The good news must be broadcast everywhere. **Gospel** (Luke 1:26-38). Mary gives her consent to become the mother of the Redeemer, though she does not fully understand what is being asked of her.

**Wishing you all a very happy and joyful Christmas & a prosperous happy New Year**

God bless You.

**Canon John Y Batthula**

**Confession: Bicester:** Saturday's from 5.00 pm - 5.30pm

**Refreshments: Bicester:** Served in John Paul II Centre after 9am & 11 am Masses. **Hethe:** After 10am Mass in Hall.

**Chaplaincy Duty at Bullingdon Prison:** Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday.

## DIARY DATES - BICESTER

**CATENIANS** meet every second Thursday of the month – contact 01869 249638.

**TRADECRAFT** Stall open every 3rd weekend of the month.

**YOUTH GROUP** Mondays 7.15 pm–8.30 pm Term time.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** Sunday at 9.00 am Mass.

**100 CLUB DRAW** After 9.00am Mass last Sunday of the month.

**Men's Social** : From February 2018

**Monthly Lunches**: Tuesdays 12 noon: 23rd Jan 2018.

**Monthly Coffee**: Friday 10am-11.45am: 12th January 2018

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**: R Admans, Sr Alma, W Babington, C Brown, E Browne, C & J Busby, N Cahill, J Calver, K Cashman, S Caswell, J Chapman., S Clarke, I Cook, C B Corpus, E Cotter, J & P. Coughlan, Mrs Curzon, A Davies, P Dean, D Dee'le, M Delos Santos, J Fowler, P Harris, M Hargrave., Sr. M Humbert, B Hunt, J Hurst, J James, A Kirby-Hall, M Kilby, T Kirby, M Lewandowski, M Last, M May, P Mears, A Mutton, G Newton, J O'Rourke, F Ostrowski, B Shepard, S Stidston, N Southey, M Smyth, E & W Stonell, M Smith, Sr Teresa SSM, M Wallace, B & D Weaver, J Wickens, T Berg, M McMahon, Carol Hall, Michael Gallagher. Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the list

**BISHOP KENNEY**: Bishop Kenney will be the Principle celebrant at Christmas Midnight Mass. We look forward to welcoming him.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Please could all box holders empty and return their donations asap so that contributions can be banked before the end of year.

**PIETY SHOP** Christmas cards, gifts, 2018 diaries, calendars, items from the Holy Land & more! Diocesan Directories for 2018 £5 now available.

**CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS** If you subscribe to the papers via church please ensure that all newspaper payments for 2017 are paid up by the end of the year. Thank you.

**GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** *The draw will take place after 11am Mass this weekend.*

**CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES** Please could Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, Welcomers and Offering Collectors please add their names to the list for Christmas and New Year. Rotas for January-March 2018 have been sent via email, a few copies are available a the back of church.

**ALTAR SERVERS** On Tuesday, 26th December we celebrate the Feast of St Stephen. During Mass at 12.00 noon all altar servers will be renewing their commitment. Some of them will be enrolled as members into the Guild of St. Stephen. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Centre.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**: The offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be for Fr. Linh and I. This is your annual gift to the priests, as is tradition. Special envelopes are available for this purpose. We thank you, in advance for your generosity.

**THANK YOU**: My sincere thanks to all volunteers who give their time so generously to the Parish and to St John Paul II Centre. Without your generous support we wouldn't be able to do what we are doing. I express my deepest gratitude to each and every volunteer. I would like to thank Lucia and Trudi for all their hard work in the Parish Office. My sincere thanks to Frankie for all his hard work in the Centre and Parish. I thank Claire St John for coordinating the sacramental programme and grateful to all Catechists, people involved in different ministries. Special thanks to our Choirs, Wardens, Cleaning Teams, Coffee and Tea's Teams, Children's Liturgy Group, and welcomers. God bless you all abundantly.

**PARISH WEBSITE AND PHOTOS**: I express my sincere thanks to Marek for taking care of our Parish website and making sure that photos are taken at every celebration. And I would like to thank Reji for taking photos at our Parish celebrations and making them available for our website. God bless them.

<i>Teams for Sunday the:</i>	24/12	31/12	7/1	14/1	21/1	28/1
Counting (7)	N/A	2	3	4	5	6
Cleaning (7) no 5	2	3	4	6	7	1
Children lit. (5)	3	4	TBC	5	1	2
Coffee 9am (14)	14	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 11am (8)	5	6	7	8	1	2
Flowers	ALL	All/Sandy	All - dismantle	Kathryn	Sally	
Tradecraft				Open		

**PARISH DEACONS**: On behalf of the Parish I would like to thank Deacon Michael and Deacon Nick for their ministry in the Parish. I am very grateful to them for their dedication and commitment. My sincere thanks also, to Orissia, Claire and their families for their support to them.

**PARISH OFFICE**: Will be closed during this Festive Season. Please phone before you come to the office in case of any emergency.

**HOLY GHOST FATHERS** Would like to sincerely send their thanks and gratitude for our parish's generosity in response to their Mission Appeal by Fr Eamonn. £624.79 was raised.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT BULLINGDON PRISON**: I thank both Choirs and other parishioners who are going to sing at Mass, which is being celebrated by Bishop Kenney and Fr. Linh. God bless them.

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**SICK** Please remember the following in your prayers: Becky Moyce.

**TALKS IN ST PHILIP'S HALL/LIBRARY OF CATHOLIC BOOKS**: The next meeting is on Saturday, 20th January 2018 at 11.00am. Kenneth Francis MA, author and ex-agnostic, is the speaker - '*What's wrong with Atheism*'.

**THANK YOU**: I thank all our volunteers and supporters in the Parish, without their help we wouldn't be able to maintain our parish. Very special thanks to everyone who is involved in preparing the Church and Crib for Christmas. God Bless You.

**FATHER ANTHONY TALBOT**: I am happy to let you know that Fr. Anthony will be moving in the Presbytery during the first week of January and I would like to welcome and assure him of my support. He will not have any pastoral responsibilities in the Parish, except to help me with the celebration of the Tridentine (Latin) Rite on Sunday's. I look forward to involving him in Parish life at Bicester and Hethe. The present (Hethe) Parish telephone number will be become Fr. Anthony's personal contact number. To get in touch with the Parish Priest (Canon John), please contact on 01869 253 277 (Bicester Parish Office) as well as for all enquiries and appointments. I do hope that, with regards to the pastoral responsibilities of the parish, the arrangements have been made clear.

**CAROLS**: A sincere 'thank you' to all our parishioners who contributed to the success of the ecumenical Carol Service on Sunday. Over 40 people attended and following the service of Carols and Readings they enjoyed a delicious buffet in St Philips Hall. Thanks are due especially to all who prepared the food, provided the wines and, of course, those who stayed behind to wash up afterwards! The raffle raised over £35 which will be donated towards the cost of flowers for the forthcoming celebration of Christmas.

10.00 am Mass - £75.48 and 49 attendees. Noon Mass - £45.48 and 8 attendees. Second Collection for Poor Parish fund was £54.60.

Hethe	17/12	24/12	31/12	7/1
Lector	P Lee	R Deane	T Smart	B D Matthews
Flowers		Mrs Barnes		

### Second Collections December

**24th Parish Maintenance**



#### PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA        £ 427.00  
1st Loose    £ 361.52  
2nd GA       £ 155.33  
2nd Loose    £ 168.70  
**Total £ 1112.55**

**Christmas Bazaar £771.89**  
*In thanksgiving to God and for the work of His Church.*

This weekend : 24/12	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance last week
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	<b>Please add</b>	<b>names</b>	<b>to the list</b>	<b>at the back of</b>	<b>church</b>				<b>87</b>
<b>Sunday 9am</b>	<b>Please add</b>	<b>names</b>	<b>to the list</b>	<b>at the back of</b>	<b>church</b>				<b>128</b>
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	<b>Please add</b>	<b>names</b>	<b>to the list</b>	<b>at the back of</b>	<b>church</b>				<b>120</b>
<b>Next weekend: 31/12</b>								<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>
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