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BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH TO SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 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 search link

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| MARCH | TIME | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY | INFORMATION |
|---------------|-----------------|--|---|
| SUNDAY 29TH | 9.30 am | People of the Parish | 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT |
| | 11.00 AM | Bernard Chellar (RIP) | |
| | 5.00PM- 5.30 PM | EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT | VESPERS, REFLECTIONS & BENEDICTION |
| MONDAY 30TH | 9.30 AM | Don Gregory Chillman (Unwell) | Lent Feria |
| TUESDAY 31ST | 9.30 AM | | Lent Feria |
| WEDNESDAY 1ST | 9.30 AM | Matthew Joseph (RIP) | Lent Feria |
| THURSDAY 2ND | 9.30 AM | | Lent Feria |
| FRIDAY 3RD | 9.30 AM | Victims of COVID 19 | Lent Feria |
| SUNDAY 5TH | 9.30 AM | James Carey (Sick) | 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT |
| | 11.00 AM | People of the Parish | |
| | 5.00PM- 5.30 PM | EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT | VESPERS, REFLECTIONS & BENEDICTION |



Holy Trinity Hethe



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: In today's Gospel we see a scene which is all too common in our own world - people weeping over the death of a loved one. Jesus is at the heart of this sad scene, for it is his good friend Lazarus who is dead. In the midst of the darkness Jesus shines the light of hope. He tells Lazarus' sisters that those who believe in him never really die. He says the same to us.

First Reading (Ezekiel 37:12-14). The exile of the people to Babylon is described in terms of death. And their return home is described in terms of resurrection and spiritual renewal.

Second Reading (Romans 8: 8-11). It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Now this same Spirit lives in us. Therefore, we have no need to be afraid of death.

Gospel (John 11: 1-45) By raising his friend Lazarus from the dead, Jesus shows that he is Lord of life and death.

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

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Let us pray for our health workers

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.

Dear Parishioners

All public Masses are suspended until further notice.

In the light of the Prime Minister's statement all churches are sadly now closed for private prayers. Be assure that Mass is still being celebrated and live streamed as normal (weekday 9.30 am and Sunday 9.30am & 11 am).

Masses can be view Livestream on YouTube search:

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Keeping you all in our prayers.

May God be with us today and always.

Canon John & Fr. Robert

HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

Attendance:

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.

Parish Helpers



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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.

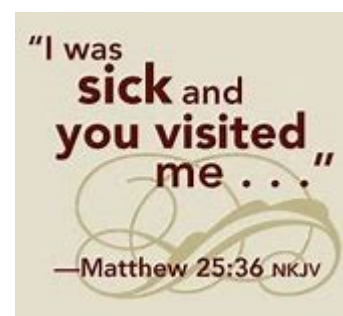
PRAYER FOR HEALTH STAFF

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*



PARISH OFFERINGS



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