

THE PARISHES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND THE HOLY TRINITY

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BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR B) SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2017

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on YouTube, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live

NOVEMBER		BICESTER		нетне	OTHER
SATURDAY 2nd	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus		NO MASS	
	6.00 PM	Bridey O'Callaghan (RIP) 3rd Anniversary			
SUNDAY 3rd	9.00 AM	People of the Parish & Garrison	10.00 AM	Canon Michael Griffiths (RIP)	First Sunday of Advent
	11.00 AM	Maria Collison (RIP) 14th Anniversary	12 NOON	The People of the Parish	Tridentine (Latin) Rite
	5.00 PM	Holy Hour			VESPERS AND BENEDICTION
MONDAY 4th	9.30 AM	Bernard Santiago - Birthday	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Feria
	7.15pm-8.30pm	YOUTH GROUP			
TUESDAY 5th	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	9.30AM	Holy Souls	Feast of Sr Birinus, B
	2.00 PM	DIVINE MERCY			
	8.00 PM	RCIA SESSION			ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
WEDNESDAY 6th	9.30 AM- 7.00PM	DAY OF For Vocations - ALL DAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Benediction	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Feria KS2 attending Mass
THURSDAY 7th	8.00 AM (SCH)	ADVENT MASS - Holy Souls	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Mem of St Ambrose, B,Dr
	7.00PM	In Thanksgiving - New job (ADT)			
FRIDAY 8th	7.30PM	In thanksgiving—Rodeluuin Family		NO MASS	Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception
SATURDAY 9th	8.30 AM BP	Welfare of Prisoners & their families		NO MASS	Feria
	10.15 AM	Ints of Florence Banoolily			Second Sunday of Advent
	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	In Thanksgiving (FN)			
SUNDAY 10th	9.00 AM	People of Parish & Garrison	10.00 AM	Holy Souls	
	11.00 AM	Alfred Smith (RIP)	12 NOON	People of the Parish	Tridentine (Latin) Rite
			5.00 PM	Holy Hour	VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

REFLECTIONS: Today we start a new liturgical year. During it the whole of Christ's life and teaching will pass before us. We've made the journey before; even so, we must try to embark on it as if for the very first time. Advent, the beginning of the journey, calls us to wake up, to look at our service of God. We are his servants in whom he has placed enormous trust for our own lives, for those of others, and for the whole of his creation. How are we fulfilling this trust?

First Reading (Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8): This reading recalls God's past goodness to his people, while freely admitting the people's sinfulness. The dominant note, however, is one of confidence in God who alone can save his people.

Second Reading (I Cor 1:3-9): As we await the coming of Christ in glory, the Holy Spirit will keep us steadfast as we bear witness to him in our lives. Gospel (Mark 13:33-37): This urges us to stay awake at our appointed tasks, because we simply do not know the day or the hour when the Master will return. God bless You. Canon John Y Batthula

> Confession: Bicester: Saturday's 10.45 am - 11.30 am & 5.00 pm - 5.30pm Hethe: Next Sunday from 5.00 pm to 5.45 pm 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.

 $\label{thm:continuous} \textbf{TRADECRAFT} \ \text{Stall open every 3rd weekend of the month.}$

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. **6th December:** Day of Prayer for Vocations. 9.30am-8pm.

Men's Social Fridays at 7.30pm at the JPII: 15th Dec. Monthly Lunches: Tuesdays 12 noon: 23rd Jan 2018.

Monthly Coffee: Friday 10am-11.45am: new dates for 2018 out soon.

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 Saintos, 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. A Kearsley, Carol Hall. Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the list.

RCIA AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CATHOLIC ADULTS Tuesdays, from 8.00 pm to 9.15 pm in St John Paul II Centre. Please see notice board or website for further details.

MONTHLY LUNCH £515.40 was raised at Tuesdays lunch. An enormous thank you to all the ladies & gent who regularly provide the lunches and to all who come along to enjoy! Next one Jan 23rd 2018.

<u>COFFEE MORNING</u> Raised £245, thank you to all who came out on this cold morning to support us!

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

100 CLUB NOVEMBER WINNERS

£100 Paul Chrisp 100. £50 Chris Hartley

71. £25 Malcolm Bulpitt 49.

APPEAL FOR DIOCESAN REFUGEE CENTRE Last of our collections will be made this weekend of 2nd/3rd December. Please do not deliver after this date

<u>PIETY SHOP</u> Advent calendars, Christmas cards and wrapping paper, 2018 diaries and calendars & more!

<u>WALK WITH ME</u> Journey of Prayer through Advent Booklets and advent calendars are available this weekend. £1 donations for booklets gratefully receive into candle money boxes -thank you.

FATHER JOHN'S INSTALLATION AS CANON FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Please arrive at 9.15 am as the coach will leave promptly at 9.30 am.

PARISH CELEBRATION SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER To celebrate CANON JOHN'S INSTALLATION AS A CHAPTER CANON. All parishioners along with St Mary's School pupils, their families and staff are invited to Mass on Sunday, 10th December at 11am. A buffet will take place afterwards at the JPII Centre. Buffet food will be available, however, please add your names to the list at the back of church if you are able to bring some along to share. This will be an opportunity for the parish to congratulate Canon John on this special occasion.

<u>CAROL CONCERT</u> St Mary's School Carol Concert. Wednesday 13th, December at 7pm here in church. All Welcome.

ADVENT MASSES Will be held in school on Thursdays at 8am.

YOUTH GROUP The youth club will be going to the cinema to see Paddington 2 on Monday, 4 December. Cost will be £9.00. Parents to drop their children off inside Bicester cinema, after buying the ticket for them and signing the usual consent form at 19:15 and to collect them at 21:15.

CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM MASS Canon John would like the acted gospel that is normally said at the 9am Mass on Christmas Morning now be said at the

Teams for	26/44	3/12	10/12	47/40	24/42	24/42	7/4
Sunday the:	26/11			17/12	24/12	31/12	7/1
Counting (7)	5	6	7	1	N/A	2	3
Cleaning (7) no 5	4	6	7	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	4	5	1	2	3	4	TBC
Coffee 9am (14)	10	11	12	13	14	1	2
Coffee 11am (8)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Flowers	Jo	Lucia/Sally	Advent	Advent	ALL	All/Sandy	All - dismantle
Tradecraft				Open			

6pm Mass on Christmas Eve due to the number of families that attend this Mass. With this in mind, we would like to invite year 6 children to let Miss Grant know if they are intending to be at this Mass to enable her to choose the roles. A small rehearsal may be needed for the main roles but further details will follow. All other children are invited to come to Mass dressed as angels and shepherds. We will need a variety of ages so that some of the older children can guide the younger ones. If there are any questions please feel free to contact Jan Hartley 0771 8006645. We would love to see the sanctuary full of angels and shepherds.

<u>CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS</u> 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.

SYMPATHY We offer our condolences and prayers to the family of Louisa Hook. A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, 13th December at 12 noon. May she rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.

<u>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS</u> Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

DIARY DATES - HETHE

<u>SICK</u> Please remember the following in your prayers: Becky Moyce. <u>TUESDAY FILMS</u> The catechetical series for adults continues on Tuesday after 9.30am Mass when the subject is "Penance and Anointing of the Sick". The DVD runs for 29 minutes followed by short discussion. Coffee from 10.00am. All welcome.

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'. CLEANING UP! Please volunteer to be included on the new Church Cleaning Rota. The more volunteers the less frequent the chore! So please sign the list at the back of church.

COFFEE MORNING Monday, 11th December at 10am at St Phillips Hall. All villagers and parishioners warmly welcome!

<u>CAROL SERVICE</u> Our annual joint Carol Service with St Edmund and St George's Church will be held in St Phillips Hall at 6pm on Sunday, 17th December at 6pm. Refreshments afterwards.

Hethe	26/11	3/12	10/12	17/12	24/12	31/12	7/1
Lector		M Manetta	K D'Silva	P Lee	R Deane	T Smart	B D Matthews
Flowers			Mrs Evans & Mrs Owens		Mrs Barnes		
Attendance	56						
Offerings	£111.16 CY £23.50						

Second Collections December

3rd: Parish Maintenance 10th Poor Parishes Fund 17th Parish Maintenance 24th Parish Maintenance



PARISH OFFERINGS

 1st GA
 £ 364.60

 1st Loose
 £ 286.02

 2nd GA
 £ 158.64

Total £809.26
Spiritians £624.79
In thanksgiving to God and for the work of His Church.

This weekend:3/12	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance
Saturday 6pm	D Zanre	S Haydon	S Jacob	S Wilde/Clergy	K Kallay	P Kallay	K Gosling		136
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	K Coffey	M Daniel/clergy	R McDonald	L Taylor	M Nugent		146
Sunday 11am	C St John	J Kokore	J Kokore	M Lynch/Clergy	R Evans	I Cook	R Reji		163
Next weekend: 10/12								Total	445
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	M Kelly	R Reji	I Foley/Clergy	A O'Neill	A O'Neill	J Marshall		
Sunday 9am	Clergy	B Crook	K Riley	J Flynn					
Sunday 11am	H King	J Hanna	E King	Clergy	St Marvs	Children	St Marvs	Children	