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BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR A)

SUNDAY 5TH TO SUNDAY 12TH 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

[YouTube Immaculate Conception Bicester](#)

APRIL	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SUNDAY 5TH	9.30 am	James Carey (Sick)	PALM SUNDAY
	11.00 AM	People of the Parish	
	5.00PM- 5.30 PM	EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT	VESPERS, REFLECTIONS & BENEDICTION
MONDAY 6TH	9.30 AM	Don Gregory Chillman (RIP)	HOLY WEEK
TUESDAY 7TH	9.30 AM	Michael Delmelle (RIP)	HOLY WEEK
	12 NOON	EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & MIDDAY PRAYERS	
WEDNESDAY 8TH	9.30 AM	Terence Thompson (RIP)	HOLY WEEK
	12 NOON	EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & MIDDAY PRAYERS	
THURSDAY 9TH	7.30PM	People of the Parish	MAUNDY THURSDAY
	TILL 11PM	WATCH AND PRAY	
FRIDAY 10TH	3.00 PM	Good Friday Liturgy	GOOD FRIDAY
	7.00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
SATURDAY 11TH	7.00PM	Fiona Beasley (RIP) & People of the Parish	HOLY SATURDAY
SUNDAY 12TH	9.30 AM	Margaret Forsyth (RIP)	EASTER SUNDAY
	11.00 AM	Brenda Dunn (RIP)	

This Weekend's Liturgy of the Word: Holy Week, which begins today, is the greatest week in the Church's year. It is made holy by the death of Christ, the Good Shepherd who died for his flock. He died because of sin. Since we are all sinners, each of us can truthfully say that we had a hand in his death. But Christ died so that we might die to sin and rise to a new life of holiness and grace.

First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7). The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission. But he is sustained by the firm belief that God will not abandon him.

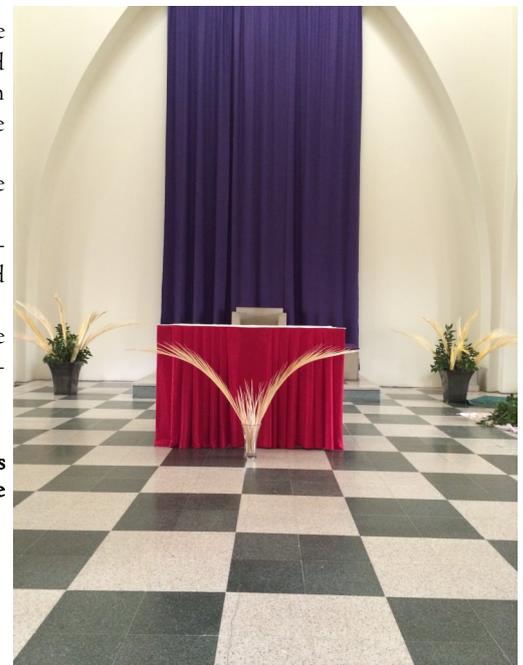
Second Reading (Philippians 2 :6-11). Because Jesus took on him-self our human condition, and accepted death on a cross. the Father has raised him up and made him Lord of heaven and earth.

Gospel (Matthew 26: 14-27:66). St Matthew shows the passion as fulfilling the prophecies of Scripture, and portrays Jesus, because of his foreknowledge and free decision, as being in complete control of the situation.

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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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.

PALM SUNDAY: please put a branch on the door of your house or on the window to celebrate Palm Sunday. It could be any green branch you can get. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks. We may be physically isolated but not separated. We are united as the body of Christ.

DURING THIS TIME SET UP A STANDING ORDER TO CONTINUE GIVING TO YOUR PARISH:

If you have internet banking you don't need to fill in the standing order section of the form, please see our parish bank details and set up a new standing order online. God bless you, THANK YOU and keep safe. **Account Number: 02342731 Sort Code: 517015 NatWest**

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.

SYMPATHY We extend our very deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the family of Terence Thompson who passed away on Tuesday 24th March 2020, aged 73 years. Funeral Service will be taking place on Tuesday 21st April at Banbury Crematories. *May he rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.*

HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

CORONA VIRUS : Please see details on the Parish website

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*

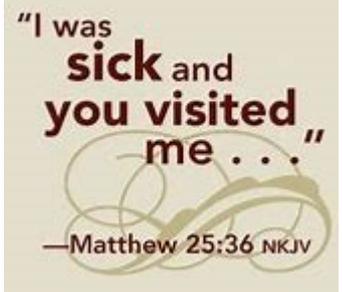
PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED

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*

Dear Parishioners [All public Masses are suspended until further notice](#). 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: [Immaculate Conception Bicester](#)

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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



PARISH OFFERINGS

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