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ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE

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BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2019

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



DECEMBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	TIME	HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SATURDAY 7TH	6.00 PM	Sr Andrea Pozholiparambil (RIP)			
SUNDAY 8TH	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	8.00 AM	Dr Edmund Wagner (RIP)	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	11.00 AM	In Thanksgiving—Castillo Family followed by refreshments			WHOLE SCHOOL MASS ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR			EXPOSITION, VESPERS & BENEDICTION
MONDAY 9TH	12 NOON 7.30 PM	Barri Martin (RIP) People of the Parish	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed V M
TUESDAY 10TH	9.30 AM	Christina Maguire (RIP)		NO MASS	Advent Feria
	12 NOON	CHRISTMAS LUNCH			ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet			Church
WEDNESDAY 11TH	9.30 AM (Chu) 11.00 AM 7.00 PM	Holy Souls Funeral Mass—David Bachelor (RIP) St Mary's Carol Concert		NO MASS	Advent Feria
THURSDAY 12TH	8.00 AM (Sch)	Holy Souls		NO MASS	Advent Feria
	12 NOON	Lily & Tommy Thompson			
FRIDAY 13TH	12 NOON	Anna & Bobby Duggan (RIP)	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Mem of St Lucy, V M
SATURDAY 14TH	9.30 AM (BP)	Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Mem of St John of the Cross, P Dr
	10.15 AM 12 NOON	Ints of James O'Kane Feeney Nuptial Mass—Eoin Carey & Bryon Livesey			
	5.15 PM	ROSARY			
	6.00 PM	People of the Parish			
SUNDAY 15TH	9.30 AM 9.30 AM	Pat & Alice Beggs (RIP) CHILDREN'S MASS	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
	11.00 AM	Health & Happiness of the Tett Family	12 NOON		LATIN MASS—TRIDENTINE
	7.00 PM	A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS—CONCERT			CHURCH



This Weekend's Liturgy of the Word:

Today in the liturgy we hear again the lonely voice of John the Baptist exhorting us to prepare a way for the Lord. At the start of this celebration let us create a little space so that the Lord can come to us.

First Reading (Isaiah 11: 1-10). This reading talks about the coming of the Messiah, and the two great gifts he would bring, two gifts the world desperately needs, namely, justice and peace.

Second Reading (Romans 15:4-9). This talks about the importance of hope, and how we should treat others in the same friendly way in which Christ has treated us.

Gospel (Matthew 3:1-12). We hear once more the voice of John the Baptist, saying to us what he said to his contemporaries: 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.'

Canon John Y Batthula - Parish Priest & Dean

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
10.45 am - 11.30am
5pm - 5.30pm

ROSARY

After weekday
Masses

Divine Mercy
Tuesday 2.00pm

HOLY HOUR
Sunday 5pm

Monday 7.15 pm

COFFEE & TEA

IC Sunday's

After 9.30am and

11am Masses

HT after 8 am Mass

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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 1st and 3rd 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:
LUNCHES: Tue 12 noon. **Christmas Lunch -Dec 10th, pre-booking required.**

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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



CHILDREN'S MASS: The next Children's Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 15th December at 9.30am in the main hall. This mass is specifically for children up to the age of 10. Parents, please leave your children in the main hall as you proceed to Church for your mass.

CHRISTMAS STARS Stars for our Christmas Trees of Remembrance and Hope are available to buy again this year. Stars cost £3 each or 2 for £5. Slips are available at the back of church. Please return them to the Piety Shop or Parish Office by Friday 20th Dec. Thank you.

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE £5 a book. Please sell to family and friends, fundraising for parish funds. Draw will take place on 22nd December. Please start bringing back the counterfoils and due amount. I look forward to your generous support.

A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS' - Sunday December 15th at 6pm A fundraising concert with all proceeds going towards Parish Youth Work and The Bathula Care Trust. An award winning group of young musicians will perform a concert with a Renaissance themed first half including a tableau of vocal and instrumental music featuring guests Gabrieli Brass. This will be followed with a festive second half of the concert and candlelit Carols. Tickets available from Coles Books, The Piety Shop, St Marys RC Primary and after some Masses. Tickets cost £10.

PIETY SHOP Nativity sets, Christmas cards and gifts and lots more on sale now.

ST CHADS SANCTUARY APPEAL: We would be grateful if every family in the parish could donate just one item of any of the following: gloves, hats and scarves. Please place them into the designated box at the back of church or speak to Jo Hurst For further information please go to: <http://stchadssanctuary.com/index.php/donations>.

NOVEMBER 100 CLUB WINNERS £100 Elizabeth Chandler 82, £50 Catherine Nugent 3, £25 Mike Jobling 31. Numbers remaining are: 30, 39, 43, 61, 94, 96 - contact paulcous@yahoo.com for details. If you would like to join.

CAR PARK Our Parish is in a fortunate position to have its own car park next door to the church, but unfortunately we cannot accommodate all who attend for Masses and understand the need to park ad hoc. We therefore politely request all parishioners to be courteous and mindful of how and where they park, especially near the entrance in order not to additionally block traffic as they enter and exit, particularly at the time of Sunday morning Masses. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



St Marys School Carol Concert here in church Wednesday, 11th December at 7pm.

Teams for Sunday the:	8/12	15/12	22/12	29/12	5/1	12/1
Counting (7)	4	5	6	7	1	2
Cleaning (7) no 5	3	4	6	7	1	2
Children lit. (5)	3	4	5	1	2	3
Coffee 9am (14)	4	5	6	7	8	9
Coffee 11am (7)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Flowers	Jo	None	All	water	water	Remove
Tradecraft		Open				

SECOND COLLECTIONS

DECEMBER

8th Poor Parishes Fund
 15th/22nd/29th
 Parish Maintenance

24th/25th Traditional offerings for Parish Priests



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA: £77.95 Loose: £399.82
2nd GA: £39.03 Loose: £134.67
Total: £651.47 + Standing Orders

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

HOLY TRINITY - HETHE



"Advent is a time of vigilance, prayer and conversion..." Pope St John-Paul II
Attendance: 27. Cash collection £24.20

Deceased parishioners: Please offer prayers for our deceased parishioners whose anniversaries occur about now: Peter Latham, Francis ('Mick') Robbins, Lillian Harris, Isobel Sweetman, Harold Gard and Gerald Unsworth.

The Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Sunday 8th December.

Christmas Masses: Tuesday 24th Dec. 8.00pm. Wednesday 25th Dec. 8.00am.

Penitential Service: Our sister parish at Bicester will hold an Advent Penitential Service at 7.00pm on Monday 16th December. Several visiting priests will be available for individual Confession. All very welcome.

Carol Service: Don't forget that we are hosting the Hethe Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December and afterwards drinks and nibbles (help please) in St Philip's Hall. Times to follow.

The Rosary is said after Mass on Fridays.

Christmas Crib: We aim to erect the crib during the week of 15th Dec. Its heavy work made light by many hands. Please volunteer to help. List on the bench by the font.

Monday Films are taking a holiday until after Christmas.

Hethe	8/12	15/12	22/12	29/12	5/1	12/1	18/1
Lector Counters	N Hasser	K D'Silva	P Lee	R Deane	J Grant	D McDermott	V Barnes

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday, 16th December at 7.00pm followed by individual Confessions. I have invited a few visiting priests to help us with hearing confessions.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Bullington Prison 10.15am; Bicester 6.00pm; Hethe 8.00pm; Bicester 11.30pm Carols and 12 Midnight.

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

Hethe 8.00am; Bicester 9.30am; Bicester 11.00am

EXTRA MASSES DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT: These Masses will be held every Thursday at 8.00am at St Marys School during the holy Season of Advent. All are invited to participate.

SEASON OF ADVENT Please take home a copy of a "Walk With Me" booklet. Children's advent calendars are also available from the back of church along with the parish programme. Readers and Extraordinary Ministers, please add you names to the lists at the back of church for the Christmas period.

SYMPATHY We extend our very deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the families of **Austin Owens** and **Darren McCarthy**. A Service for Darren will be held at Banbury Crematorium on Wednesday 18th December at 4pm. Austin will be received into church on Wednesday, 18th December at 6pm and a Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, 19th December at 12 noon followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. *May they rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.*

MONTHLY LUNCH

If you would like to book for the Christmas Lunch which will be held this coming Tuesday, 10th December at 12 noon, please see Sr Sani in the JP II Office or tel: 01869 324307 asap! Price £7.50pp.



This weekend: 8/12	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Extrao. Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Offertory	Attendance last week
Saturday 6pm	Sr Sherly	Sr Rose	S Jacob	M Thompson	A Hall	L Halja	Golland	Family	M Green	128
Sunday 9.30am	Sr Sani	A Hall	J Flynn	Clergy	Children	Children	M Nugent	D Tims	Volunteers	211
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	H King	Clergy	Clergy	T Lane	N Ward	Kokore	Family	Volunteers	187
Next weekend: 15/12									TOTAL	526
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	M Kelly	I Foley	M John	K Kallay	P Kallay	G & P Sims	Kelly-Soens Family		
Sunday 9.30am	N Conway	J Castillo	M Daniel	Clergy	M Brown	E Penhallow	Maws	Family		
Sunday 11am	M Lynch	J Hanna	Clergy	Clergy	J Willett	E Green	M Lynch	Augustine-Ohwo Family		

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