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BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR C) SATURDAY 20TH APRIL TO SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 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

APRIL 2019	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	TIME	HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
EASTER VIGIL 20TH	8.00 PM	Fiona Beasley (RIP) Bill & Kitty Hornby (RIP)			
EASTER SUNDAY 21ST	9.00 AM	People of the Parish	10.00 AM	Stasia Gajewska (RIP)	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
	11.00 AM	Zacarius Jr & Dominga Agner (RIP)			
EASTER MONDAY 22ND	12 NOON	Ints of Nobby Clarke	9.30AM	People of the Parish	Solemnity
TUESDAY 23RD	9.30 AM	Intentions of Kathy & Gabby O'Grady		NO MASS	Solemnity
	12.00 NOON	Monthly Lunch			St John Paul II Centre
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet			Church
WEDNESDAY 24TH	9.30AM	Martino Lanteri (RIP)		NO MASS	Solemnity
THURSDAY 25TH	9.30AM	Ints of Dermot Cawley		NO MASS	Solemnity
FRIDAY 26TH	12.00NOON	Simon Payet (RIP)	9.30 AM		Solemnity
SATURDAY 27TH	9.30 AM (BP)	Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Solemnity
	10.15AM	Pedro Lusabia (RIP)			
	6.00 PM	Rory Edward O'Rourke (RIP)			
SUNDAY 28TH	9.00 AM	People of the Parish	10.00 AM	People of the Parish followed by Baptism	Second Sunday of Easter DIVINE MERCY
	11.00 AM	Fiona Beasley (RIP) followed by Baptisms	3pm - 5pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction

Reflections: Many people will tell you that “based on human logic” the Resurrection makes no sense. The first thing we need to remember is that “human logic” is not omnipotence. God makes it very clear that “(His) ways are not our ways, nor are His thoughts our thoughts” ([Isaiah 55:8-9](#)). What is illogical is to think that “man” is the centre of the universe. The truth is that Christianity is far more logical than many people give it credit for, certainly more logical than atheism or agnosticism.

The second thing we should remind people of is that any conversation about God is going to necessitate a degree of Faith. If people are not willing to humbly admit that they don't have all the answers, then the conversation will go nowhere. God's Truth and human pride do not co-exist in the same space; that is the nature of sin. Humility and grace go hand-in-hand, as do pride and sin. So, let's remember that any conversation about the existence of God or the truth about Christ's resurrection necessitates a humble admission that “it is possible that God exists” and that “we are not God.”

When it comes to Easter Sunday, however, and the glorious truth about the Resurrection, to say that there is no logical truth to this belief, is not only ignorant, it is absurd.

Let us live the lives of Resurrection people; We are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord Who loves us in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life.

God bless you.

Canon John Y Batthula
Parish Priest & Dean

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
10.45 am - 11.30am
5 pm - 5.30pm

ROSARY

Mon.-Thur. 9.30am
Fri. 12.30 pm
Sat. 10.45am

HOULY HOUR

BICESTER
SUNDAYS 5-6pm
First Friday of the
month 7pm

Divine Mercy

Tuesday 2.00pm

Youth Group

(Term Time)
Monday 7.15 pm

COFFEE & TEA

IC Sunday's
After 9am and
11am Masses

HT after 10 am Mass



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATENIANS: Contact Peter Sims
01869 249638.

TRADECRAFT: Open 3rd weekend of month
100 CLUB DRAW: Last Sunday of the month
MEN'S NIGHT: Third Friday of the month
RCIA Tuesdays, in the St John Paul II from
8pm-9pm.

CAMEO LADIES GROUP: Meet at Kings
Arms, last Saturday of the month at 10.30am
(28/4) for coffee, cake & chat. Do join us!

COFFEE MORNINGS: Fridays 10am-11.45am:
May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th,
Sept 13th, Oct 11th, Nov 8th, Dec 6th.

LUNCHESES: Tuesdays 12 noon. April 23rd, May
28th, June 25th, July 23rd, Aug - none, Sept
24th, Oct 22nd.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

K Cashman, C Hall,
Mary Anne Last, Tim Charles,
Joyce Thornley.

Due to the **New Data Protec-
tion Regulations** anyone wish-
ing to be listed here will need to
contact the Parish Office
personally by email to:
admin@immaculate-
conception.org.uk or if you are
unable to email then by phone:
01869 253 277.

PIETY SHOP Children's books, Candles, Reconciliation & Holy Commu-
nion cards, gifts, rosaries, CTS booklets & Mass booklets and lots more.

100 CLUB The annual fee, now due, is £60 per annum, payable in full by
cheque or monthly standing order using reference: 100 CLUB/
SURNAME. Three prizes each month - £100, £50 and £25 and a £100
Christmas bonus. Members of the Catenian Association will be present at
Masses this weekend to accept renewed or new subscriptions, thereafter
please deliver your payments to the Parish Office. **If you currently pay
by Standing Order no further action is necessary, however please
do make yourself know as all members need to sign a GDPR form.**
Thank you in advance for your support with this fundraiser.

EASTER RAFFLE Tickets are now on sale, £1 each or £5 a book. Enter
to win some great prizes! The draw will take place on Divine Mercy
Sunday, 28th April. Any raffle donations gratefully received.

ANOTHER ZZAP! DAY SATURDAY, 27th APRIL 2019 AT JP II CENTRE.
Tickets £5 per person, now on sale, from piety shop or parish office.

LENTEN LUNCHESES The Lenten lunches raised £650, to be split between
CAFOD and the Batthula Trust. Grateful thanks to all who provided and
supported the lunches.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS A commemorative brick can be purchased
to celebrate! It could be for an individual, family, anniversary, business,
or purely to celebrate that you are a parishioner. Forms are available at
the back of church, please complete and return to the parish office.
Bricks cost £250, payments in five instalments also accepted. The bricks
will continue to 'grow up' the wall in the St John Paul II Centre and adorn
it for generations to come. *Why not become a part of history of the par-
ish?*

CHURCH FLOWERS The new church flower rota for the forthcoming
year will be prepared soon. New volunteers are needed to help with
church flowers, no experience needed, if you can place flowers in a vase
then perhaps you can help 3 times a year? Contact the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Jiri Franta, Jolene Smith and Marion Twynham
who were received into the Catholic Church & to Krizha Kaye Ramos
who was confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass. Many thanks also the RCIA
catechists who have prepared and supported them on their journeys to
join our church community. May God bless you all.

MONTHLY LUNCH Tuesday April 23rd at 12 noon.
Only £5 for 2 courses and a hot drink. All Welcome!

Teams for Sunday the:	21/4 Easter	28/4 Divine M	5/5	12/5	19/5	26/5	2/6
Counting (7)	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
Cleaning (7) no 5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
Children lit. (5)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2
Coffee 9am (14)	13	14	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 11am (7)	4	5	6	7	1	2	3
Flowers	All	All to water	All to water				
Tradecraft	Open				Open		

HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

SICK Let us remember those who are unwell at this time in our prayers.

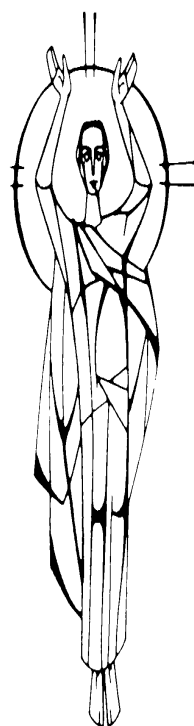
Our dead: Please pray for the repose of the souls of our parishioners
whose anniversaries occur at this time: Stephen Lyon, Phyllis Hill, Pat-
rick Savage, Bridget Hayes, Joan Robbins, Patrick O'Sullivan, Alice Ad-
ams, Raymond Dunn, Mary Mills, Francis Adams.

Monday Films will shown tomorrow, Monday 22nd April after the
9.30am Mass. We are currently showing Bishop Robert Barron's series
The Pivotal Players and tomorrow's films examines the life and work of
Michelangelo.

Divine Mercy Sunday is on 28th April when we shall have
exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions in the church
from 3.00pm and 5.00pm. We need parishioners to watch with
the Blessed Sacrament for 30 minute sessions so please sign the
list at the back of church.

Sincere thanks to John & Sue Wilde, Pat Owens, Mary Evans and other
parishioners who cleaned and prepared the church for the Easter cere-
monies.

Attendance: 47. Cash collection £79.30.



ALLELUIA!
HE HAS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!

THANK YOU to everyone for all the hard
work that went in to making the Triduum
and Easter liturgies so prayerful and special,
and to all those who cleaned, decorated or
helped in any way. Fr. Robert and I are very
grateful for the most generous Easter
offerings which are very much appreciated.
May the risen Christ bless you, your families
and friends.

Canon John Batthula

Hethe	21/4 Easter	28/4	5/5	12/5	19/5	26/5
Lector Counters	K D'Silva	P Lee	R Deane	D Matthews	D McDermott	V Barnes

SECOND COLLECTIONS

APRIL
28th Parish Maintenance
20th/21st
For Priests of the Parish



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st G Aid: £141.35
1st Loose: £416.86
2nd G Aid: £ 75.00
2nd Loose: £161.57
Total: **£794.78+SO**

*In thanksgiving to God and
for the work of His Church*

This weekend :21/4	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance last week
Saturday 8pm	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	Clergy	C St John/ A Nelson/ P Sims	H Lawlor/ R & L Weaver	M Marrs	T Behan	112
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	C Conlon	A Mutton	Clergy	P Cousins	S McCarthy	Conway	Family	250
Sunday 11am	M Lynch	J Hanna	Sr Sherly	Clergy	J Willett	E Green	Castillo	Family	275
Next weekend: 28/4									TOTAL: 637
Saturday 6.00pm	B Thompson	M Kelly	I Foley	M John	J Vaughan	P Sims	McArdle	Family	
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	Sr Sani	Clergy	K Gore	C St John	A Mutton	B Nichols	
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	S Lawrence	Clergy	T O'Callaghan	J Hurst	Kokore	Family	