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BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR B) SATURDAY 28TH TO SUNDAY 6TH MAY 2018

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live
The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

APRIL/MAY	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	TIME	HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SATURDAY 28th	5.30 PM	Rosary, Litany, Regina Caeli			
	6.00 PM	Rory O'Rourke (RIP)			
SUNDAY 29th	9.00 AM	People of the Parish	10.00 AM		Fifth Sunday of Easter
	11.00 AM	Jesse Smith (RIP)	12 Noon	People of the Parish	Tridentine (Latin) Rite
	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR			VESPERS & BENEDICTION
MONDAY 30th	8.30 AM	Alice Fitzpatrick (RIP)	9.30 AM	Valarie Riches (RIP)	Easter Feria
	7.15 PM	YOUTH MEETING - Yr 6			ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
TUESDAY 1st	8.00 AM	Dominga Agner (RIP)	9.30 AM	Chapter intention	Easter feria
	2.00 PM	DIVINE MERCY			
WEDNESDAY 2nd	11.00 AM (Sch)	Ints of Noeline Winter		No Mass	Mem of St Athanasius, B
THURSDAY 3rd	9.30 AM	Shane Eakins (RIP)	9.00 AM		Feast of Ss Philip and James
FRIDAY 4th	12.00 Noon	Ron Hawke (RIP)	9.30 AM		Feast of the English Martyrs
	2.00 PM	Funeral Service for Ingrid Szczepanik at Banbury Crematorium (RIP)			
SATURDAY 5th	9.30 AM (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners and their families		No Mass	Easter feria
	10.15 AM	Krystyna Lewandowska (RIP)			
	5.30 PM	Rosary, Litany, Regina Caeli			
	6.00 PM	Molly Edgar (RIP)			
SUNDAY 6th	9.00 AM	In thanksgiving (JF)	10.00 AM		Sixth Sunday of Easter
	11.00 AM	People of the Parish	12 Noon	People of the Parish	
			5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR	VESPERS & BENEDICTION



Today's Word:

First Reading (Acts 9:26-31). This tells how Barnabas introduced the converted Paul to the Christians living in Jerusalem. They accepted him but the Jews tried to kill him.

Second Reading (I John 3: 18-24). If we wish to live as God wants, we must keep his commandments, especially the commandment to love one another.

Gospel (John 15: 1- 8). Christ uses the image of a vine and its branches to illustrate the closeness of the ties that exist between him and his disciples.

There is no such thing as a solitary Christian. Every Christian is linked to Christ and to all other Christians by an invisible bond. This bond is very precious. It was Christ who wished it, and it was he who best described it. He said: "I am the vine, you are the branches". Alas, we often live as if this bond never existed. We live for ourselves. We ignore and sometimes even hurt each other.

God bless you all

Canon John Y Batthula

CONFESSIONS
Saturday
10.45 am - 11.30 am
5 pm - 5.30pm

EXPOSITION
Sunday
5 pm - 6 pm

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

Youth Group (Term Time)
Monday 7.15 pm

Divine Mercy
Tuesday 2.00pm

COFFEE & TEA
IC Sunday's
After 9am and 11am
Masses

HT after 10 am
Mass

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATENIAN: 2ND THURSDAY
TRADECRAFT: 3RD WEEKEND
100 CLUB DRAW: LAST SUNDAY
MONTHLY LUNCH: LAST TUESDAY
 22nd May; 26th June; 24th July; 28th Aug; 25th Sept; 23rd Oct; 27th Nov.
MONTHLY COFFEE: 2ND FRIDAY
 11th May; 8th Jun; 13th July; 10th Aug; 14th Sept; 12th Oct; 9th Nov; 14th Dec.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:
 Sunday 13th & 20th May at 11am
CORPUS CHRISTI - 10th June after 11am Mass (Eucharistic Procession)
FIRST CONFESSIONS (Year 2) - 20th June
FAMILY DAY - 1st July after 11am
ALL VOLUNTEERS IN THE PARISH-
 Mass at 7.00pm followed by Cheese and Wine Evening - 7th September

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: B. James, R Admans, Sr Alma, W Babington, C Brown, E Browne, C & J Busby, N Cahill, J Calver, K Cashman, S Caswell, S Clarke, I Cook, C B Corpus, E Cotter, Mrs Curzon, A Davies, P Dean, M Delos Santos, 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 Stonell, M Smith, Sr Teresa SSM, M Wallace, B & D Weaver, J Wickens, M McMahon, C Hall, M Gallagher, Y Mistula, M Smith, P Coughlan & K Coughlan. **Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the list.**

PIETY SHOP Religious statues, gifts, CTS booklets, children's books, and a large variety of cards. Holy Communion items now also available.

HISTORICAL SLIDES SHOW OF BICESTER: Will take place in the St John Paul Centre on Saturday, 16th June from 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £7.50 per person and that includes a glass of wine. Tickets available from Parish office and Jackie Flynn.

YOUTH WORKER My appeal has reached £5,000 so far with another £300 pledged. My grateful thanks for donations to date.

THE FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND is a national charity based in Kenilworth, helping vulnerable Christians in the Holy Land. At all Masses this weekend there will be a short presentation and the opportunity to purchase hand-made olive wood products from Bethlehem. For more information, please email office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk, telephone 01926 512980 or visit their website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

ZZAP - RETRO GAMING EVENT This event is being organised by Peter O'Flynn on Saturday, 7th July 2018 from 10.00 am-10.00 pm. Play Retro Consoles, Computers and Board Games! Tickets £5 per person. All Day entry to St John Paul II Centre. Food, Licensed Bar and Retro Prize Raffle available. Something different, but quite normal for the younger generation!

GDPR: GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION: I have invited **Clare O'Brien (Archdiocesan Solicitor) to our Deanery** to organise a workshop on data protection. This will take place on **Thursday, 24th May 2018 at 7.00 pm at the John Paul II Centre.** She anticipates that the workshop will last for between 2-2½ hours, and will be very interactive. Ideally each Parish Priest, Parish Secretaries, Head of Finance Committee and Gift Aid administrators should attend, along with CTF reps where applicable, additionally, any other persons who may handle significant amounts of parishioner data e.g. catechists, youth workers etc. The Parish Office will contact you via email as to whether you need to attend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: These will be taking place on Sundays, 13th & 20th May during 11.00 am Masses. I would like to remind parents that it is essential for you to encourage your children to attend Mass regularly. From June children who have received their First Holy Communion are able to become Altar Servers. A letter will be sent in due course regarding this.

Teams for Sunday the:	29/4	6/5	13/5	20/5	27/5
Counting (7)	4	5	6	7	1
Cleaning (7) no 5	2	3	4	6	7
Children lit. (5)	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 9am (14)	4	5	6	7	8
Coffee 11am (8)	7	8	1	2	3
Flowers	Sally	Magda	Sandy	Jo	Jo
Tradecraft			Open		

JUMBLE SALE My sincere thanks to Jackie Flynn for organising this event to raise funds for the Parish. I am very grateful to all the helpers, everyone who donated items and to all those who purchased anything! May God bless you all. Jackie additionally, would like to thank all those willing helpers who came to support her both before and on the day—especially Frankie. Without your help we couldn't have been so successful. Thank you very much. £606.25 was raised.

HOLY LAND There are only 6 places available for the Holy Land Pilgrimage that will take place on 19th –26th November 2018. Cost £979. Please contact Canon John directly if you are interested.

TEDDIES Teddies that are clean and in good condition are needed for a forthcoming event. Please deliver them to the back of church or John Paul II Centre. Thank you.

THY KINGDOM COME On Saturday, 12th May, we will be beginning 10 days of prayer with the churches in Bicester. This is part of a National prayer initiative called "Thy Kingdom Come" developed by the Catholic, Anglican, and Methodist Churches. Christians are called to pray together between Ascension and Pentecost for the world, for our locality, and that others come to know Jesus Christ. This will start with a day of prayer on 12th at Emmanuel Church in Bicester. All the church communities will take turns to lead an hour of prayer. You can drop in at any time. Please put the date in your diary, and a programme will be available for the day, and the prayer events during the week at the Masses next weekend.

MONTHLY LUNCH A well attended lunch raised £432.50. Thank you to all the Lunch ladies and to everyone who came along.

ROSARY ON THE COAST takes place to-day, Sunday. The Oxford Oratory will be joined by His Grace the Archbishop to take part in this great national prayer event. Please come along at 2.45 pm to The Oratory, 25 Woodstock Road, Oxford (close to St Giles).

SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ingrid Szczepanik of Bassett Ave and Thomas Shillinglaw. A funeral Service for Ingrid will be held at Banbury Crematorium on Friday, 4th May at 2.00 pm. Thomas will be received into church on Wednesday, 16th May at 6.00 pm, and a Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, 17th May at 9.30 am followed by burial at Marsh Gibbon. *May they rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.*

HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

SICK Please remember the following in your prayers: Becky Moyce.

LATIN MASS (EF) is celebrated on the second and last Sundays of each month at 12.00 noon..

THANKS TO ALL who made last Sunday's parish breakfast meeting so informative and enjoyable and to those who attended.

YESTERDAY'S TALK IN ST PHILIP'S HALL was the last in the present series.

JUMBLE SALE Will take place in St Phillip's Hall, Hethe, on Saturday, 9th June at 1pm. Refreshments and raffle too!

SECOND COLLECTION: This Sunday there will be a second collection for the parish.

Last week: Offerings £55.40. Retired Clergy £68.30. Donation £50.00.

Hethe	29/4	6/5	13/5	20/5	27/5	3/6	Last Sunday Attendance 32
Lector	V Barnes	M Manetta	K D'Silva	P Lee	R Deane	B Dewe Mathews	
Flowers	Mrs Owens		Mrs Barnes		Mrs Kelly		

Second Collections

APRIL

29th - Parish Maintenance



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st G Aid : £ 312.15
 1st Loose: £ 323.02
 2nd G A: £ 166.52
 2nd Loose: **£ 166.69**
£ 968.38

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

This weekend : 29/4	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance last week
Saturday 6pm	S Wilde	S Haydon	S Jacob	J Castillo	T Preston	A Hall	T & F Berg		106
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	C Conlon	B Nichols	Clergy	M Daniel	W Mander	Cousins	Family	265
Sunday 11am	F Ostrowski	C St John	O Panejko	Clergy	P Rybka	A Kearsley	J Tuttle		168
Next weekend: 6/5								Total	539
Saturday 6.00pm	I Foley	M Kelly	B Thompson	R Reji	A Nelson	H Lawlor	M Marrs	T Behan	
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	K Coffey	Clergy	E Mander	L Cleeve	K Riley	P & B Crook	
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	S Lawrence	Clergy	T Lane	N Ward	R Reji		