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HOLY TRINITY

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ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE

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BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR B) SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER 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

DECEMBER 2018	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	TIME	HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SATURDAY 15TH	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	People of the Parish followed by Catenian Carols For All			ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
SUNDAY 16TH	9.00 AM	Mary Mullen (RIP)	10.00AM	People of the Parish	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	11.00 AM	Cherry Bridle (RIP)			VESPERS AND BENEDICTION
	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR			
MONDAY 17TH	9.30 AM	Teresita Mendoanio Andoy (RIP)	9.30 AM	Gerald McAully (RIP)	Advent Feria
	7.00 PM	PENANCE SERVICE			
	7.15 PM	YOUTH GROUP			ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
TUESDAY 18TH	9.30 AM	Nan Cahill (RIP)		NO MASS	Advent Feria
	2.00PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet			
WEDNESDAY 19TH	9.30 AM (SCH)	Whole School Mass - Private Intention		NO MASS	Advent Feria
THURSDAY 20TH	8.00 AM (SCH)	Advent Mass - Nichola Southey (RIP) & family		NO MASS	Advent Feria
	12 NOON	Teresita Mendoanio Andoy (RIP)			
FRIDAY 21ST	12 NOON	Jude & Carolina Sonon (RIP)	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Advent Feria
SATURDAY 22ND	9.30 AM (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Advent Feria
	10.15 AM	John Busby (RIP)			
	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	Don Burton (RIP) 20th Anniversary			
SUNDAY 23RD	9.00 AM	John, Neil and Eddie Ward (RIP)	10.00AM	Fr Bogdan Szykulski RIP	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	11.00 AM	Antoney Abraham (RIP)			

LITURGY OF THE WORD - REFLECTION'S IN BRIEF:

As we gather in the house of our heavenly Father, Christ our Saviour is in our midst as he promised. St Paul says to us in today's second reading: 'The Lord is very near. So there is no need to worry. If you need anything, pray for it.'

First Reading (Zephaniah 3:14-18). Jerusalem is urged to rejoice because her salvation is at hand. God himself stands in her midst, the king and the protector of his people. We too should take heart from this message of hope.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:4-7). This urges us to rejoice in the Lord, to be free of anxiety and to live in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving.

Gospel (Luke 3:10-18). John the Baptist tells various groups of people the works of justice and charity they must do in order to prepare for the Lord's coming and to escape his searching judgement.

God bless you

Canon John Y Batthula

YEAR FOR PRIESTS - 2018 JUNE 2019

CONFESSIONS
Saturday
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
11 am Masses
HT after 10 am
Mass



Holy Trinity Hethe



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATENIANS: Contact Peter Sims
01869 249638.

TRADECRAFT: 3RD WEEKEND

100 CLUB DRAW: LAST SUNDAY

CAMEO LADIES GROUP:

Kings Arms, Saturdays 10.30am: Dates for 2019 to be confirmed.

MEN'S NIGHT: Every third Friday of the month

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: K Cashman, C Hall, Mary Anne Last.

Due to the **New Data Protection Regulations** anyone wishing 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 Seasonal stock now in. Advent wreaths & candles. Some lovely religious statues and gifts, cards, children's books.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS: May I request that all counterfoils with payments are returned by Friday 21st December, to the clergy, piety shop or to the Welcomers. The draw will take place on Sunday 23rd December in the John Paul II Centre. Thank you in advance for your support in raising funds for the parish.

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

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 Thursday 20th Dec. Thank you.

COFFEE MORNING Thank you to everybody who came along on a very wet morning to be able to raise £338.23 towards parish funds.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Offertory collections at all Christmas Masses is a traditional Christmas Gift to the Priests of the Parish. Please use the special envelopes for your offerings. Father Robert and I would like to thank you all for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: My sincere thanks to our team of volunteers who have generously contributed and given their time in order to provide a very delicious Christmas Lunch. The team have been so generous in providing our monthly lunches throughout the year. I would like to thank them for their generosity and for their willingness. May God bless them. The Christmas Lunch raised £694.10 this amount includes £172 raised by hamper raffle.

APF/MISION BOXES Now is the time to please empty your boxes and deliver your donations to the piety shop or parish office by 16th December, so that it can be banked before the year end. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Monday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Bullington Prison 9.15am; Bicester 6.00pm; Hethe 9.00pm; Bicester 11.30pm Carols and 12 Midnight.

Tuesday 25th December - Christmas Day

Bicester 9.00am; Hethe 10.00am; Bicester 11.00am

Leaflets in bulletins for all Christmas and New Year Masses.

Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, Offering collectors and

Welcomers. Please add you names onto the list at the back of church for the Christmas period.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN: All altar servers, as members of the Guild of St Stephen in serving regularly at weekend masses, will be renewing their

Teams for Sunday the:	16/12	23/12	30/12	6/1	13/1	20/1
Counting (7)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cleaning (7) no 5	6	7	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	3	4	5	1	2	3
Coffee 9am (14)	9	10	11	12	13	14
Coffee 11am (8)	8	1	2	3	4	5
Flowers	none	All	All to water			
Tradecraft	Open					

commitment on Wednesday, 26th December at 12 noon Mass, Feast St Stephen the First Martyr. Some of the older servers will also be receiving their silver medals. I look forward seeing you all.

WINNERS 100 CLUB drawn on Sunday, 2 November 2018. £100-Nancy Ward, 4. £50-Chris Hartley, 71. £25-Michael & Jane Waine, 34.

PARISH YOUTH WORKER Full-time (35 hours per week)

Fixed-term (initially 12 month, with possible extension beyond)

£23,000 - £25,000 p.a.

We are seeking to appoint a full-time Parish Youth Worker for our Parish. As our Youth Worker you will need passion, vision and drive for working with young people and the ability to instill enthusiasm in others.

You will need a background in youth work and the proven ability to develop effective relationships with young people and adults. In addition you will need to be able to build, train and nurture a team of volunteers.

Underpinning this role will be an understanding of Parish youth ministry and the ability to be an outstanding role model.

If you are interested in this new and challenging role you are welcome to contact **(Canon John Y Batthula)** for further information or an informal discussion Applications for this post will be by CV and covering letter, which should outline how your skills and abilities match those required for this role. Your application must be returned to **Canon John Y Batthula, Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW** by no later than noon Friday 25th January 2019.

HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

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

CHRISTMAS STARS In 'Memory of Lost Loved Ones' which will decorate our Christmas tree here at Holy Trinity, are available to purchase, £3 each or 2 for £5. Please complete and return forms to Sue Wilde.

Attendance: 47. Cash Collection £137.22 2nd Collection £37.50 Poor Parishes; Coffee Morning £25.85

Crib & Church Cleaning. The date for the erection of the crib is now **Saturday 22nd December at 10.00am**. Church cleaning will follow at **12.00noon** on the same date. Volunteers for both will be warmly welcomed as many hands make light work.

Carols. A Christmas Carols service will be held in Hethe's Anglican church at 6.00pm this evening, Sunday 16th Dec. All welcome.

Parish Get-together. There will be an informal 'social' after 10.00am Mass next Sunday, 23rd December in St Philip's Hall. Contributions of tasty snacks will be welcome.

Monday Films. Our film mornings resume to-morrow, Monday 17th Dec, after the 9.30am Mass. Part 8 of *The Early Christians* will be shown (30 minutes) which deals with the conversion of the Barbarians.

Talks in St Philip's Hall / Library of Catholic Books

The next meeting is on Saturday 19th January at 11.00am when the speaker will be Dr Joseph Shaw. The title of his talk is 'Why priests? - Why MALE priests?'

Hethe	16/12	23/12	30/12	6/1	13/1	20/1
Lector	B Drewe Matthews	D McDermott	V Barnes	M Manetta	K D'Silva	P Lee

SECOND COLLECTIONS December

16th /23rd/ 30th Parish
Maintenance
24th/25th Traditional
Christmas offerings to Priests



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st G Aid: £496.50

1st Loose: £376.62

Total: **£873.12**

Poor Parishes 2nd G Aid: £114.50

Loose £168.73 Total £283.23

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

This weekend :16/12	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance last week
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	K Gosling	S Wilde	Sr Rose	S Haydon		M Marrs	T Behan	197
Sunday 9am	K Riley	S Doherty	M Doherty	Clergy	M brown	E Penhallow	Conway	Family	113
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	Sr Sani	H King	Clergy	T O'Callaghan	J Hurst	volunteer	Volunteer	165
Next weekend: 23/12								Total	475
Saturday 6.00pm	Sr Rose	S Wilde	S Haydon	S Jacob	Volunteer	A Hall	K gosling		
Sunday 9am	A Andrade	N Andrade	A Mutton	Clergy	P Cousins	S McCarthy	N & G Andrade		
Sunday 11am	M Lynch	J Hanna	Sr Sheryly	Clergy	I Ziegart	volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	