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HOLY TRINITY

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BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR B) SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 30TH 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 22ND	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 Szykalski RIP	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	11.00 AM	Antoney Abraham (RIP)			
Christmas Eve MONDAY 24TH	6.00 PM	Bill & Kitty Hornby (RIP)	9.00PM	People of the Parish	Vigil for the Solemnity of the Nativity
	9.15 AM(BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners and their families			
	11.30 PM	CAROLS			
	12 Midnight	Joan Bridle (RIP) 5th Anniversary Joan Beasley (RIP)			
Christmas Day TUESDAY 25TH	9.00 AM	Frank Ward (RIP)	10.00AM	People of the Parish	Solemnity of the Nativity of The Lord
	11.00AM	People of the Parish			
WEDNESDAY 26TH	12 NOON	In Thanksgiving (20th Wedding Anniversary)	12 NOON	People of the Parish	Feast of St Stephen the First Martyr
THURSDAY 27TH	9.30AM	Private Intention		NO MASS	Feast of St John, Apostle, E
FRIDAY 28TH	12 NOON	Julito Felizardo (RIP)	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Feast of The Holy Innocents, M
SATURDAY 29TH	9.30 AM (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Feast of St Thomas Becket, B M
	10.15 AM	Ints of Kaelin & Bill Rybak			
	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	James Carey (sick)			
SUNDAY 30TH	9.00 AM	People of the Parish	10.00AM	People of the Parish	Feast of The Holy Family of Nazareth
	11.00 AM	Roger Cox (RIP)	12 NOON		(EF) LATIN MASS

LITURGY OF THE WORD - REFLECTIONS IN BRIEF:

4th Sunday of Advent

In a couple days we celebrate the birthday of Christ our Saviour. We are asked to prepare our hearts to receive him like Mary did. She will help us. Let us turn to her. Christ came most readily to those who had most need of him, that is to the unfortunate, the sinful, & the destitute.

First Reading (Micah 5:1-4). Jerusalem was under siege and David's dynasty was in jeopardy. But the prophet said that salvation would come from a comparatively insignificant place Bethlehem. From there a new leader would come to gather together the scattered exiles and unite the nation once more.

Second Reading (Hebrews 10:5-10). The sacrifices of the Mosaic Law were unable to purify people from sin. Only Christ, through his obedience and sacrifice of self, was able to bring about the reconciliation between God and his people.

Gospel (Luke 1:39-45). This deals with Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Enlightened by the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth praises Mary and hints at the uniqueness of the child she has just conceived.

God bless you

Canon John Y Batthula



Holy Trinity Hethe



CONFESSIONS
Saturday
5 pm - 5.30pm

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

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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 Last few remaining Christmas gifts and cards still available as well as religious statues and gifts, cards, children's books.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS: The draw will take place on Sunday after 11am Mass in the St John Paul II Centre. Prizes to be collected at the time of draw and there after from the sacristy at Mass times. Thank you all for your support.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Offering collections at all Christmas Masses are our 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.

CRIB COLLECTION The crib collection this year will go towards religious materials for prisoners at Bullingdon Prison.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, READERS, OFFERING COLLECTORS AND WELCOMERS. Still quite a few masses need cover. Please add your 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 commitment on Wednesday, 26th December at 12 noon Mass, the Feast of St Stephen the First Martyr. Some of the older servers will also be receiving their silver medals. I look forward seeing you all.

PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS The flower ladies and church cleaners work hard throughout the year to make our church look as beautiful as it does. If you can spare an hour or two over the Christmas period to come in to help then please do. Flower ladies will be dressing the church on Sunday afternoon from 2pm, help with tidying up and making cuppas will be greatly appreciated! If you would like to help with any cleaning please come along any time with some polish and polish some pews! Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

A PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (MEXICO): From 15th to 23rd October 2019 (9 days/ 7 nights). Only £1598 (HB) per person. Booking and itinerary forms are available from the Parish Office and can be found at the back of the church.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE We are encouraging couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019 to attend a Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage that His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, will celebrate on Sunday, 3rd February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral.



If you know of any couples celebrating a milestone anniversary please contact: lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marking the email 'Marriage

Mass'. Lianne is also trying to find the longest married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies. To date the longest married couple to get in touch is 62 years.



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 Masses at Hethe: Note that a Vigil Mass will be celebrated on **Christmas Eve at 9.00pm** (previously 'Midnight Mass') and that there will also be Mass at **10.00am on Christmas Day**. Christmas Day (including its Vigil) is a Holy Day of Obligation, which requires us to attend Mass unless prevented by grave necessity.

Parish Social: Do come to St Philip's Hall after 10.00am Mass this morning, 23rd Dec, for an informal get-together. Buffet snacks and wines will be in abundance.

Monday Films: The next showing will be on Monday, 7th January after the 9.30am Mass.

Talks in St Philip's Hall: The next meeting is on Saturday, 19th January at 11.00am in St Philip's Hall. The speaker will be Dr Joseph Shaw. The title of his talk is 'Why Priests? - Why MALE priests?' All Welcome.

Thank you to those who cleaned the church and erected the crib this week.

Attendance: 34. **Coffee Morning:** £23.50. collection: £61.05.



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

Teams for Sunday the:	23/12	30/12	6/1	13/1	20/1	27/1
Counting (7)	3	4	5	6	7	1
Cleaning (7) no 5	7	1	2	3	4	6
Children lit. (5)	4	5	1	2	3	4
Coffee 9am (14)	10	11	12	13	14	1
Coffee 11am (8)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	All	All to water		Dismantle	Jo	
Tradecraft					open	

SECOND COLLECTIONS December



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

1st G Aid: £272.50
1st Loose: £357.89
2nd G Aid: £108.21
2nd Loose: £177.60
Total **£916.20**

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

This weekend :23/12	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance last week
Saturday 6pm	Sr Rose	S Wilde	S Haydon	S Jacob	Volunteer	A Hall	K Gosling		89
Sunday 9am	A Andrade	N Andrade	A Mutton	Clergy	P Cousins	S McCarthy	N & G Andrade		138
Sunday 11am	M Lynch	J Hanna	Sr Sheryl	Clergy	I Ziegart	volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	183
Next weekend: 30/12								Total	410
Saturday 6.00pm	B Thompson	M Kelly	I Foley	M John	A Nelson	H Lawlor	S Wilde		
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	C Conlon	B Nichols	Clergy	K Gore	C St John	A Mutton	B Nichols	
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	S Lawrence	Clergy	J Hanna	E King	J Tuttle		