

# CATHOLIC BICESTER

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**HOLY TRINITY**  
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## BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR B) SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2018

*Sunday Masses* can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg\\_yS\\_grbqgt7f2jg/live](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
<b>SATURDAY 8TH</b>	6.00 PM	People of the Parish followed by reception afterwards			ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
<b>SUNDAY 9TH</b>	9.00 AM	John Busby (RIP)	10.00AM	Canon Michael Griffiths (RIP)	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
	11.00 AM	Patrick McCartan (RIP)	12NOON	People of Parish	Latin Mass (E F)
			5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR	VESPERS AND BENEDICTION
<b>MONDAY 10TH</b>	9.30 AM	Robert Brawn (RIP) followed by interment of ashes into the Foynes Memorial Garden	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	
	7.15 PM	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b>			ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
<b>TUESDAY 11TH</b>	9.00 AM	Colin Tourett (RIP)		NO MASS	Advent Feria
	12 NOON	<b>MONTHLY LUNCH</b>			ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
	2.00PM	<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>			
<b>WEDNESDAY 12TH</b>	9.30 AM (CHU)	Pat & Alice Beggs (RIP)		NO MASS	
	4.30 PM	Reception of Body—Ann Marie ( Nan) Cahill (RIP)			
	7.00 PM	<b>St Mary's School Carol Service</b>			
<b>THURSDAY 13TH</b>	8.00 AM (SCH)	Advent Mass		NO MASS	Advent Feria
	10.30 AM	Funeral Mass - Ann Marie ( Nan) Cahill (RIP)			
<b>FRIDAY 14TH</b>	12 NOON	Dayaratnam & Sanjeevrao Batthula (RIP)	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	
	4 PM-8 PM	<b>CHRISTMAS FAMILY FAYRE</b>			St Mary's School
<b>SATURDAY 15TH</b>	9.30 AM (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	
	10.15 AM	Private Intentions			
	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	People of the Parish followed by Catenian Carols For All			ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
<b>SUNDAY 16TH</b>	9.00 AM	Mary Mullen (RIP)	10.00AM	People of the Parish	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
	11.00 AM	Cherry Bridle (RIP)	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR	VESPERS AND BENEDICTION



Holy Trinity Hethe



**LITURGY OF THE WORD - REFLECTION'S IN BRIEF:** Even though the sun may be shining brightly and warmly outside, unless you pull back the blinds it will not be able to fill your house. In today's liturgy we hear the lonely but insistent voice of John the Baptist urging us to 'prepare a way for the Lord'. Christ has come into our world, and he will come to us during this Eucharist.

**First Reading** (Baruch 5:1-9). Jerusalem is told that she can forget the sufferings of the past. She will know the joy of seeing her exiled children restored to her. God will level out a highway to facilitate their return.

**Second Reading** (Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11). The central message of this reading is a call for unity, perseverance and unwavering witness to Christ and the Gospel. At the same time Paul's love for his fellow Christians shines through.

**Gospel** (Luke 3: 1-6). This tells about the appearance on the scene of John the Baptist. The heart of John's message is that God is coming to save his people. The people are urged to prepare a way for him through repentance.

God bless you - Canon John Y Batthula

**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  
11am Masses  
HT after 10 am  
Mass

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**CATENIANS:** Contact Peter Sims  
01869 249638.

**TRADECRAFT:** 3RD WEEKEND

**100 CLUB DRAW:** LAST SUNDAY

**CAMEO LADIES GROUP:**

Kings Arms, Saturdays 10.30am:  
Saturday, Dec 15th.



## MONTHLY LUNCH

Tuesday 11th Dec  
at 12 noon.  
All Welcome!

## 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 FAMILY FAYRE** St Mary's School Friday, 14th December, 5pm-8pm. Parishioners are encouraged to help, please sign up on the list at the back of church, on the day. We look forward to your support at our annual fundraiser!!

**CATENIAN CAROL SINGING** Saturday, 15th December at 7pm at the St John Paul II Centre. Families and friends are invited to come and sing favourite carols and Christmas songs and share some free soft drinks and snacks with us (The Catenians!), however, the bar will be open for purchasing alcohol. We hope you can join us!

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS:** May I request that you start returning the counterfoils with payments. Please deliver the clergy, piety shop or to the Welcomers. Thank you in advance for your support in raising funds for the parish.

**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.

**ST CHADS SANCTUARY APPEAL:** Needed: **men's** gloves, hats and scarves. Please place them into the designated box at the back of church. For further information please go to: <http://stchadssanctuary.com/index.php/donations>

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** On Monday, 17th December at 7.00pm followed by individual Confessions. I have invited a few visiting priests to help us with hearing confessions. Please try to make use of this opportunity. St Mary's pupils will be having their confessions during this forthcoming week in school.

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank His Lordship Bishop Kenney for coming to celebrate the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception with us. My sincere thanks also to all who helped us with refreshments.

**DEANERY MEETING:** Our Deanery Clergy will be having their monthly meeting at the Parish of the Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton on Tuesday, 11th December. Please keep all Clergy in your prayers.

**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.

**ADVENT** Walk with Me booklets are now available for the Season of Advent. Contributions of £1 gratefully received.

**Tradecraft, piety, books and toy stalls will be in the JP II Centre after all masses this weekend. Come grab a bargain!**

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

## 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

**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 St Stephen the First Martyr. Some of the older servers will also be receiving their silver medals. I look forward seeing you all.

**BICESTER FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS 2018.** Requests this year: Children's toys new or in good condition. Selection boxes. Christmas biscuits, cakes, tin's of ham and salmon. Please see poster for more details and place any donations in collection box at the back of church.

**SYMPATHY** We extended our very deepest sympathy and prayers to family and friends of **Nan (Ann Marie) Cahill**. Nan will be received into church on Wednesday, 12th December at 4.30pm and a Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 13th December at 10.30am followed by burial in Bicester Cemetery. *May she rest in peace.*

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** Please can all willing volunteers who can help with the decoration of the church get together at a meeting after 11am Mass on Sunday 9th December 2018 in the St John Paul II Centre to plan the decoration of the church on the 23rd and 24th Dec for this Christmas. If you would like to help please come along to the meeting or email the office.

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

**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.

## HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

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

**FOR YOUR DIARY** There will be a Carol Service at Hethe Anglican church, to which all are invited, at 6.00pm on Sunday 16th December.

**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.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS 'GET-TOGETHER'** After 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 23rd December there will be a 'social' in St Philip's Hall with tasty snacks, wines, tea, coffee and a raffle. Do come.

**MONDAY FILMS** There will be NO films to-morrow as the Hethe Village. Coffee morning will be held in St Philip's Hall at 10am.

**CHURCH CLEANING** If you can give a hand please enter your name and contact details on the list at the back of church.

**THE CRIB** Strong men are required to help with the erection of the crib. Please let Breff Kelly know if you help. The proposed date is Friday 21st December.

Hethe	9/12	16/12	23/12	30/12	6/1
Lector	R Deane	B Drewe Matthews	D McDermott	V Barnes	M Manetta

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

**December**  
**9th Poor Parishes**  
**16th /23rd/ 30th Parish**  
**Maintenance**  
**24th/25th Traditional**  
**Christmas offerings to Priests**



## PARISH OFFERINGS

1st G Aid: £256.75  
1st Loose: £331.41  
2nd G Aid: £142.15  
Total: **£730.31**  
Cath Y Service £201.67

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

This weekend :9/12	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance last week
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	B Thompson	M Kelly	I Foley	M John	St Marys	Children	St Marys	Children	<b>94</b>
<b>Sunday 9am</b>	C Hartley	C St John	B Crook	Clergy	H Hilton	E Hilton	M & A Brown		<b>155</b>
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	Sr Rose	Sr Sani	O Panejko	Clergy	J Willet	E Green	M Lynch		<b>152</b>
<b>Next weekend: 16/12</b>								<b>Total</b>	<b>401</b>
<b>Saturday 6.00pm</b>	J Marshall	K Gosling	S Wilde	Sr Rose	S Haydon		M Marrs	T Behan	
<b>Sunday 9am</b>	K Riley	S Doherty	M Doherty	Clergy	M brown	E Penhallow	Conway	Family	
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	F Thornley	Sr Sani	H King	Clergy	T O'Callaghan	J Hurst	volunteer	Volunteer	