



Holy Trinity Hethe



THE PARISHES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND THE HOLY TRINITY

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BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR B) SATURDAY 10TH TO SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live

JANUARY		BICESTER		HETHE		OTHER	
SATURDAY 10th	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus					
	6.00 PM						
SUNDAY 11th	9.00 AM	The People of the Parish		10.00 AM	People of the Parish	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	11.00 AM	William Swanson (RIP) followed by Baptisms		12 NOON		Tridentine (Latin) Rite	
	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR				VESPERS AND BENEDICTION	
MONDAY 12th	12 NOON	Requiem Mass of David Dee-el (RIP)		9.30 AM	Dayaratnam Batthula RIP	Feria	
				10.15 AM		FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	
TUESDAY 13th	9.00 AM			9.30 AM	Vocations to Priesthood	Feria (Deanery Meeting)	
	10.30 AM	Funeral Service at Oxford Crem -Susan Toogood (RIP)					
	2.00 PM	DIVINE MERCY					
	7.30 PM	PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING					St John Paul II Centre
		SEASON OF LENT			SEASON OF LENT		
WEDNESDAY 14th	9.30 AM	David Dee'el (RIP)		9.30 AM		Ash Wednesday	
	12 Noon	Diarmuid Downs (RIP)					
	7.30 PM	People of the Parish					
THURSDAY 15th	9.00 AM	Felipe Feng (RIP)		9.30 AM		After Ash Wednesday	
	FRIDAY 16th	12 NOON	Marie & Peter Murowski (RIP)		9.30 AM		After Ash Wednesday
7.00 PM		STATIONS OF THE CROSS		10.00 AM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS		
SATURDAY 17th	9.30 AM	Welfare of the Prisoners and their families		BP	NO MASS	After Ash Wednesday	
		NO MASS				Altar Servers at St Chad's.	
	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus					
	6.00 PM						
SUNDAY 18th	9.00 AM	The People of the Parish		10.00 AM	People of the Parish	First Sunday of Lent	
	11.00 AM	Doreen Furlong (RIP)		12 NOON		Tridentine (Latin) Rite	
				5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR	VESPERS AND BENEDICTION	

REFLECTIONS:

First Reading (Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46). This describes how lepers were considered ritually unclean and were compelled to live apart from the community. **Second Reading** (I Cor 10:31-11: 1). St Paul urges us never to do anything offensive to anyone. **Gospel** (Mark 1:40-45). This tells how Jesus cured a leper by touching him. Leprosy is a terrible disease, though it is almost unknown in the western world. But it still concerns us for it is a symbol of sin. We are all tainted with the leprosy of sin. Christ wasn't afraid to reach out and touch lepers. He still reaches out to us, to heal in us the wounds of sin. Let us not be afraid to approach him. We need his healing touch.

God bless You

Canon John Y Batthula
Parish Priest

DIARY DATES - BICESTER

CATENIANS meet every second Thursday of the month – contact 01869 249638.

TRADECRAFT Stall open every 3rd weekend of the month.

YOUTH GROUP Mondays 7.15 pm–8.30 pm Term time.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday at 9.00 am Mass.

100 CLUB DRAW After 9.00am Mass last Sunday of the month.

Men's Social : From February 2018

Monthly Lunches: Tuesdays 12 noon: 27th February; 27th March; 24th April; 22nd May; 26th June; 24th July; 28th August; 25th September; 23rd October; 27th November.

Monthly Coffee: Friday 10am-11.45am: 2nd Friday of the month.; 9th March; 13th April; 11th May; 8th June; 13th July; 10th August; 14th September; 12th October; 9th November; 14th December.

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, J & P Coughlan, 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, T Berg, M McMahon, C Hall, M Gallagher, Ysabella Mistula, Miriam Smith. Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the list.

PIETY SHOP Mass Cards, religious gifts, items from the Holy Land & more! A wide selection of CTS books on Saints are available for Confirmation candidates. Confirmation, St Patricks & Mothers Day gifts and cards will be available from mid Feb.

RCIA AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CATHOLIC ADULTS Tuesdays, from 8.00 pm to 9.15 pm in St John Paul II Centre. Please see notice board or website for further details.

CHURCH CLEANING We have 6 fantastic cleaning teams that clean the church on a rota system throughout the year. We are always on the look out for new volunteers who can join the teams to share the load. If you can spare a couple of hours every 7 weeks please contact the parish office or, if you happen to know any of the cleaners please speak to them to ask what the job entails.

WELCOMERS More welcomees are needed for all Masses to warmly welcome parishioners and visitors at the start of Mass and store hymn books and leave the porch tidy after. Please speak to Sue Wilde for more info, alternatively add your name to the list at the back of church and we will contact you. If you would like to give it a try without commitment please indicate this on the sheet. It's a great way of getting to know your fellow parishioners!

MONTHLY FAMILY MASS: I would like to introduce a new idea where once a month, two families can be involved in welcoming and bringing offerings to the altar, or even their children reading bidding prayers. Please add your family names to the list on the notice board.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, 19th February 2018 at 7.15 pm in St John Paul II Centre.

PARISH SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, 27th February at 7.30pm in St. John Paul II Centre.

SEE CHURCH NOTICE BOARD FOR DETAILS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Justice and Peace Lenten retreat Saturday 17th of February see poster in the porch. Contact Janet Marshall 07434930992.

ALTAR SERVERS MASS AT ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL: This coming Saturday some of our Altar Servers will be going to St Chad's for their annual Mass. Those of you who have given your names, do try to be on time.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING: Total raised £220.85. Sincere thanks for organisers and supporters. God bless you all. Why don't you come along for the next one. On Friday 9th March from 10.00 am.

Teams for Sunday the:	11/02	18/2	25/2	4/3	11/3
Counting (7)	1	2	3	4	5
Cleaning (7) no 5	3	4	6	7	1
Children lit. (5)	5	1	2	3	4
Coffee 9am (14)	7	8	9	10	11
Coffee 11am (8)	4	5	6	7	8
Flowers	Sandy	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent
Tradecraft		open			

2018 IMPORTANT DATES

Ash Wednesday - 14th February

Confirmations - 17th March - Archbishop Longley

Maunder Thursday - 29th March

Good Friday - 30th March

Easter Sunday - 1st April

First Holy Communion - 13th & 20th May

Corpus Christi - 3rd June (Eucharistic Procession)

First Confessions (Year 2) - Wednesday 20th June

Family Day - 1st July

Volunteers involved in different ministries - Mass followed by Cheese and Wine Evening - 7th September

FUNERALS: A Requiem Mass for **Joan Maude** will be held on Friday 2nd March at 12 noon. I express my deepest condolences to Joan's family.

A Funeral Service for **Maria Madden** to be celebrated on Monday at 10.30 am followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. *May they rest in peace.*

DIARY DATES - HETHE

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

TUESDAY FILMS : There will be no Film on Tuesday 13th Feb. The next showing will be on Tuesday 20th Feb.

FINANCE AND PASTORAL COMMITTEE: Will meet on Monday, 12th February 2018 after 9.30 am Mass.

COFFEE MORNING AT HETHE: I would like to invite you all to St Philips' Hall for our Coffee morning on Monday 12th Feb from 10.15 am to 11.45 am. All welcome.

Lent probably originated with the pre-Easter baptismal rituals of catechumens, although the number of days set aside for fasting varied according to region. Irenaeus (AD 180) testifies to the variety of durations of pre-Easter fasts in the second century. Tertullian (AD 200) suggests that Catholics fasted two days prior to Easter, but that the Montanists (a heretical sect that Tertullian later joined) fasted longer. However, the number forty, hallowed by the fasts of Moses, Elijah, and especially Jesus, probably influenced the later fixed time of 40 days.

The Canons of Nicaea (AD 325) were the first to mention 40 days of fasting. Initially the forty day Lenten fast began on a Monday, and was intended only for those who were preparing to enter the Church at Easter. Lent still begins on a Monday in many Eastern Churches. Eventually the West began Lent on Ash Wednesday, and soon the whole Church, and not just catechumens, observed the Lenten fast. The East has no equivalent to Ash Wednesday.

The earliest fasts of Lent tended to be very strict, allowing one meal a day, and even then meats, eggs, and other indulgences were forbidden. The Eastern Churches follow this today. Now, in the Western Church, only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are enjoined as strict fast days, but Fridays are set aside for abstinence from meat.

Sundays are not a part of the Lenten fast, because Sunday is always a feast of the resurrection. However, the Sundays of Lent are still a part of the Lenten liturgical season in the Western Church, and the worship services tend to be more simple and austere than normal. They lack the *Gloria*, and the joyous "alleluias" of the Easter season. The Western liturgical colour of Lent is violet, symbolizing royalty and penitence. Solemnities like St. Joseph and the Annunciation, take precedence over Lenten observances in the Church calendar. These days, when they fall on Fridays, do away with Lenten abstinence requirements. However, at least in the current Western Church, Lent nearly always trumps the observances of minor feast days. Too many festivals take away from the simple and penitential spirit of the Lenten season. Certain devotions and liturgies have developed during the Lenten season, including the Stations of the Cross.

Hethe	11/02	18/2	25/2	4/3	11/3
Lector	P Lee	R Deane	B Dewe Matthews	D McDermott	V Barnes
Flowers		Lent		Lent	

Second Collections

FEBRUARY

10th/11th, 17th/18th:

Parish Maintenance



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA £394.05

1st Loose £385.09

2nd GA £265.72

2nd Loose £211.68

Total £1256.54

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

This weekend : 11/2	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	Reb Reji	J Varghese	Clergy	K Kallay	P Kallay	K Gosling	J Marshall	88
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	M Daniel	K Coffey	L Taylor	R McDonald	Cousins	Family	212
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	C St John	M Lynch	P Rybka	A Kearsley	volunteers	Volunteers	133
Next weekend: 18/2								Total	433
Saturday 6pm	M Mellett	M Mellett	M John	H Johnson	A O'Neill	A O'Neill	S Wilde	S Drury	
Sunday 9am	A Hall	K Riley	J Flynn	Clergy	M Daniel	W Mander	M Brown	A Brown	
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	J Hanna	E King	H King	T Lane	N Ward	Kokore	family	