

THE PARISHES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND THE HOLY TRINITY

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BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR B) SATURDAY 17TH TO SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on YouTube, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channelUCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live

JANUARY		BICESTER		HETHE	OTHER
SATURDAY 17th	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	Mary Mills			
SUNDAY 18th	9.00 AM	The People of the Parish	10.00 AM	Martin Champion (RIP)	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
	11.00 AM	Doreen Furlong (RIP)	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR	VESPERS AND BENEDICTION
MONDAY 19th	9.30 AM	Dr John Coughlan	9.30 AM	Melanie Mulheran (RIP)	Lent Feria
	10.30 AM	FUNERAL SERVICE OF MARIA MADDEN			
	7.15 PM	FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING			St John Paul II Centre
	7.15 PM	YOUTH MEETING			St John Paul II Centre
TUESDAY 20th	9.30 AM	Louisa Hook (RIP)	8.30 AM		Lent Feria
	2.00 PM	DIVINE MERCY			Deans meeting in B'ham
	8.00 PM	RCIA SESSION			Lent Feria
WEDNESDAY 21st	9.00 AM			No Mass	Lent Feria
THURSDAY 22nd	8.00 AM (Sch)	Lenten Mass in School Hall	9.30 AM		Feast of the Chair of St Peter
	12 Noon		11.30 AM	Interment of ashes - Robin Harris (RIP)	Lent Feria
FRIDAY 23rd	12 NOON		9.30 AM		Lent Feria
	7.00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	10.00 AM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
SATURDAY 24th	9.30 AM (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	10.15 am				
	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM				
SUNDAY 25th	9.00 AM	The People of the Parish	10.00 AM	People of the Parish	Second Sunday of Lent
	11.00 AM				
	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR			VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

REFLECTIONS: *1st Reading* (Genesis 9:8-15). This reading tells how after the flood God made a new friendship-agreement (covenant) with Noah and his descendants. *2nd Reading* (I Peter 3:18-22). St Peter says that the waters of the flood of Noah's time were a type of the waters of our Baptism by which we are saved. *Gospel* (Mark I: 12-15). After being baptized by John the Baptist, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. While there he was tempted by Satan. Serious athletes prepare diligently, professional actors rehearse painstakingly, good teachers do their homework meticulously. Before starting his mission Christ went into the desert to prepare himself for it; to purify his mind and cleanse his heart. Lent is a time when all serious followers of Christ try to renew their lives. In a sense we go into the desert with Christ. But if this renewal does not touch our hearts it is only like putting a new patch on an old garment. God bless You.

Canon John Y Batthula Parish Priest

Confession: Bicester: Saturday's from 11.0 AM—11.30 AM & 5.00 PM - 5.30PM Hethe: Sunday's from 5.15 PM - 5.45 PM Refreshments: Bicester: Served in John Paul II Centre after 9am & 11 am Masses. Hethe: After 10am Mass in Hall. Chaplaincy Duty at Bullingdon Prison: Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday.

HENLEY HOUSE, 12 CAUSEWAY, BICESTER, OX26 6AW — HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, HARDWICK RD, HETHE, NEAR BICESTER OX27 8AW Web Site: http://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk <u>The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216</u>

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 Saintos, 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, Ysabella Mistula, Miriam Smith. Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the list.

PIETY SHOP A new selection of Lenten & Easter CTS booklets are now in stock. St Patricks, Mothers Day & Confirmation gifts and cards now available. Communion ties will be available from March.

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.

TESCO COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIAN AID Volunteers are needed for a Christian Aid collection at Tesco's on Saturday, 24th February. If you are able to take a one hour slot between 9:30 & 17:00 please contact Neil Poole on 01869 353979.

Winners 100 club for January 2018: £100 No 58 - Honor Hollis, £50 No 100 - Paul Chrisp, £25 No 59 - John & Sue Wilde.

GRAND JUMBLE SALE: On Saturday, 28th April in St John Paul II Centre. Please contact Jackie Flynn for more information.

MONTHLY FAMILY MASS: There are still a few weekends available for families to be involved in Masses. Please add your names to the list on the notice board.

PARISH SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING:

Tuesday, 27th February at 7.30pm in St. John Paul II Centre.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING: Why don't you come along for the next one on Friday, 9th March from 10.00 am in St John Paul II Centre?

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: ADOREMUS - LET US ADORE:

The bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool from 7th to 9th September 2018. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908 when permission for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament was refused. Please take a flyer after Mass.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: From 21st to 26th August 2018 in Dublin. The Holy Father Pope Francis will attending these celebrations. One family from our Deanery will be sponsored to participate. If your family would like to go, please contact me. Please visit: https:// www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/ for further information.

SOUP LUNCHES Would you be interested in hosting a 'Soup Lunch' in your home to raise money for Cafod and the Batthula Care Trust? Please see poster at the back of church. The first one is on Thursday, February 22nd at 12 noon at Janet's please contact her on 07434930992. All are

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER this year Suriname. Come and join us in prayer and friendship on Friday March 2nd at St Edburg's Church 10.30 am See poster.

FUNERALS: A Requiem Mass for Joan Maude will be held on Frida, 2nd March at 12 noon. May she rest in peace.

2018 IMPORTANT DATES

Confirmations - 17th March - Archbishop Longley Maundy Thursday - 29th March Good Friday - 30th March Easter Sunday - 1st April First Holy Communions: - 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

DIARY DATES - HETHE

<u>SICK</u> Please remember the following in your prayers: Becky Moyce. LATIN MASS: Until further notice there will be no Latin Mass at Hethe. Please keep an eye on our Parish website for further details.

TALKS IN ST PHILIP'S HALL/Library of Catholic Books: The next meeting is on Saturday, 3rd March when theologian Dr Timothy Kelly will be the speaker "What is 'good' about Good Friday". Coffee and books from 10.30am. All Welcome

TUESDAY FILMS: The series of DVDs Journey into Truth resumes on Tuesday, at 10.00 am. The DVD runs for 30 minutes followed by a short discussion.

PARISH MEETING: All parishioners are invited to a tasty breakfast and presentation of the parish accounts, budget, plans and activities, in St Philip's Hall after 10am Mass on Sunday, 22nd April. Please make a note of this important date for our parish in your diary. Mass attendance 11th Feb: 35. Collection: £93.00.

OBLIGATORY DUTIES FOR CATHOLICS DURING LENT: Fasting & Abstinence: Our obligatory duty on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence: Do not eat meat on the Fridays of Lent. Treat it as a day of penance. **Confession:** Catholics are obligated to fulfill their Easter Duty by receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season (from Easter Sunday to Pentecost), therefore the Sacrament of Penance for any mortal sins is required prior to this, and is strongly recommended as a Lenten penitential practice for any venial sins prior to the Easter . The observance of Lent is the very badge of the Christian warfare. By it we prove ourselves not to be enemies of Christ. By it we avert the scourges of divine justice. By it we gain strength against the princes of darkness, for it shields us with heavenly help. Should mankind grow remiss in their observance of Lent, it would be a detriment to God's glory, a disgrace to the Catholic religion, and a danger to Christian souls. Neither can it be doubted that such negligence would become the source of misery to the world, of public calamity, and of private woe." - Pope Benedict XIV.

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