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BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR B) SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 4TH MARCH 2018

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7fZjg/live

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

MARCH		IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		HOLY TRINITY	OTHER
SATURDAY 24TH	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	Ints of Carol Hall			
SUNDAY 25TH	9.00 AM	The People of the Parish	10.00 AM	People of the Parish	Second Sunday of Lent
	11.00 AM	Fr David Condron (RIP)			
	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR			VESPERS AND BENEDICTION
MONDAY 26TH	9.30 AM	In Thanksgiving—Ann Swanson	9.30 AM		Lent Feria
	7.15 PM	YOUTH MEETING			St John Paul II Centre
TUESDAY 27TH	9.30 AM		9.30 AM		Lent Feria
	2.00 PM	DIVINE MERCY			
	12 NOON	MONTHLY LUNCH			St John Paul II Centre
	7.30 PM	SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COUNCIL			
	8.00 PM	RCIA SESSION			Lent Feria
WEDNESDAY 28TH	9.30 AM			No Mass	Lent Feria
THURSDAY 1ST	8.00 AM (Sch)	Kirsten Lee (Birthday)	9.00 AM		Feast of St David, B
	12 Noon				Lent Feria
FRIDAY 2ND	12 NOON	Requiem Mass of Joan Maude (RIP)	9.30 AM		St Chad, B
	7.00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	10.00 AM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
SATURDAY 3RD	9.30 AM (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	10.15 am		11.00 AM	Dr Timothy Kelly	TALK
	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM				
SUNDAY 4TH	9.00 AM	The People of the Parish	10.00 AM	People of the Parish	Third Sunday of Lent
	11.00 AM	John Butler (RIP)			
			5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR	VESPERS AND BENEDICTION



First Reading (Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18). This reading shows how complete Abraham's obedience was to God. He was even ready to sacrifice his son Isaac if God so wished it. **Second Reading** (Romans 8:31-34). God the Father has shown his love for us by giving up his Son to death for our sake. **Gospel** (Mark 9:2-10). Jesus is transfigured before the eyes of three of his apostles on Mount Tabor. This glimpse of his glory was meant to sustain their faith in him during his passion and death. In today's liturgy we celebrate the mystery of Christ's trans-figuration on Mount Tabor. It was a wonderful experience for the three apostles who witnessed it so much so that Peter cried out: "Lord, it is good for us to be here". It is surely good for us to be here this morning to draw close to one another and to Christ. Here our lowly and often humdrum lives are filled with meaning of light and hope.

Have a blessed week
God bless
Canon John Y Batthula

CONFESSIONS
Saturday
10.45 am - 11.30 am
5 pm - 5.30 pm
EXPOSITION
Sunday
5 pm - 6 pm
ROSARY
Mon - Thur. 9.30 am
Fri. 12.30 pm
Sat. 10.45 am
Stations of the Cross
HT Friday 10.00 am
IC - Friday 7.00 pm
Youth Group
Monday 7.15 pm
Divine Mercy
Tuesday 2.00pm
RCIA
Tuesday 8.00 PM
COFFEE & TEA
IC Sunday's
After 9am and 11am
Masses
HT after 10 am Mass

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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 Kirby, T Kirby, M Lewandowski, M Last, M May, P Mears, A Mutton, G Newton, J O'Rourke, F Ostrowski, B Shepard, S Sidston, N Southey, M Smyth, E Stonell, M Smith, Sr Teresa SSM, M Wallace, B & D Weaver, J Wickens, M McMahan, C Hall, M Gallagher, Y Mistula, M 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 now in stock.

GRAND JUMBLE SALE On Saturday, 21st April in St John Paul II Centre. Please contact Jackie Flynn for more information.

HISTORICAL SLIDES SHOW OF BICESTER: Will take place in the St John Paul Centre on Saturday, 16th June from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £7.00 per person and that includes a glass of wine.

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?

SOUP LUNCHES Would you be interested in hosting a 'Soup Lunch' at home to raise money for Cafod and the Batthula Care Trust? Just one Thursday, the 8th to fill. Please see poster at the back of church. Next one will be on Thursday, 1st March at Sue Wildes, contact her on 247857 to let her know you will come along! All are welcome.

RELIGIOUS SISTERS OF THE URSULINE CONGREGATION: The Archdiocese has invited Religious Sisters from India to establish a community to assist me in the pastoral ministry here in Bicester. They will be moving in to the (Presentation) Convent on Wednesday, 28th February. I look forward to welcoming them in to our Parish and hope that you will also extend a warm welcome to them.

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. Further details on poster at the back of church.

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. Flyers were distributed last weekend and I hope that you have had the opportunity to read and perhaps made a decision whether you would like to participate in this event. If you are interested, we have 5 tickets (individuals will need to pay for the tickets and arrange own travel) available between our 2 parishes and I will offer them to the first 5 in-

terested parishioners to contact me. Therefore, please do not delay if you are interested.

ACCOUNTS 2017: Parish accounts for the year end will be announced on the weekend of 10th & 11th March.

DAY OF PRAYER: On Friday, 23rd March from 9.30 am. Please see the notice board. All Eucharistic Ministers & Readers are invited to join the Holy Hour from 6.30pm 7.30pm.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS: Available from this weekend, please take some home and ask your family and friends to support our fundraising. All proceeds will go towards Church and Presbytery repairs. I look forward to your generous support.

CHURCH CLEANING If anyone can help do some church cleaning for weekend of March 10th/11th, then team 1 would be very grateful as they are not able to on this occasion.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT This will take place on Saturday, 3rd March from 12 noon and finish at 6pm. Please keep all the Confirmandi in your prayers at this time as they prepare for the sacrament.

2018 IMPORTANT DATES

Confirmations - 17th March - Archbishop Longley

Maundy Thursday - 29th March at 7.30 pm

Good Friday - 30th March 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 31st March 7.30pm

Easter Sunday - 1st April 9am & 11 am

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

HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

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

LATIN MASS: In the given situation, I have offered to host EF Mass one Sunday a month. Hope that those concerned will be able to attend at Holy Trinity.

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.

LOOP & PA SYSTEM: I feel that there is a need to install a Loop and PA system in order to improve the sound for those who need this facility to help them to participate fully in Mass. The total cost is going to be approximately £3755.20. I am therefore appealing for some generous donations towards it. Thank you.

Hethe	25/2	4/3	11/3	18/3	25/3	1/4	Last Sunday Attendance 40
Lector	B Dewe Matthews	D McDermott	V Barnes	M Manetta	K D'Silva	P Lee	Collection £95
Flowers	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent	Mrs Kelly	

Teams for Sunday the:	25/2	4/3	11/3	18/3	25/3 Palm	1/4 Easter	8/4
Counting (7)	3	4	5	6	7	N/A	1
Cleaning (7) no 5	6	7	1	2	3	4	6
Children lit. (5)	none	3	4	5	1	2	3
Coffee 9am (14)	9	10	11	12	13	14	1
Coffee 11am (8)	6	7	8	1	2	3	4
Flowers	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent	Palm	All	All
Tradecraft				open			

Second Collections

FEBRUARY

24th/25th Family Fast Day
Envelopes available.

MARCH

3rd/4th Cathedral Maintenance
30th Holy Places



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA £313.25

1st Loose £361.62

2nd GA £ 96.31

2nd Loose £203.08

Total £974.26

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

This weekend : 25/2	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance last week
Saturday 6pm	S Haydon	S Jacob	S Wilde	Clergy	A Nelson	H Lawlor	Thompson	Family	123
Sunday 9am	S Doherty	M Doherty	N Conway	E Conway	E Mander	L Cleeve	Conway	Family	170
Sunday 11am	S Lawrence	O Panejko	C St John	Clergy	H Hollis	J Willett	J Tuttle		194
Next weekend: 4/3									Total 487
Saturday 6pm	P Pickering	M Kelly	C St John	Clergy	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	C Hartley	C Moyse	J Nugent	C Moyse	M Daniel	
Sunday 11am	R Lee– Heung	O Panejko	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	T Tomassi	L Green	R Reji		