

## THE PARISHES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND THE HOLY TRINITY

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BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR B) SATURDAY 6TH TO SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY 2018

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on YouTube, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel UCuZ6QPQg yS grbqgt7f2ig/live

JANUARY		BICESTER		нетне	OTHER
SATURDAY 6th	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	James Patrick Kelly (RIP)			
SUNDAY 7th	9.00 AM	The People of the Parish	10.00 AM		SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY
	11.00 AM	John & Joan Calnan (RIP)	12 NOON	People of the Parish	Tridentine (Latin) Rite
MONDAY 8th	12 NOON		9.30 AM		Baptism of The Lord
TUESDAY 9th	9.30 AM (Sch)		12 NOON		Feria
	2.00 PM	DIVINE MERCY			
WEDNESDAY 10th	12 NOON		9.30 AM	Int. Philomena Gardner	Feria
THURSDAY 11th	10.00 AM	FUNERAL MASS OF JOLANTA LAPPIN (RIP)		NO MASS	Feria
FRIDAY 12th	12 NOON	Bernie Stewart (RIP)	9.30 AM		Feast of St Wulstan, B
	10 - 11.45 AM	MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING			
SATURDAY 13th	9.30 AM BP	Welfare of the Prisoners and their families			Feria
	10.15 AM	Service of the word with Communion			
	6.00 PM	Cherry Bridle (RIP)			
SUNDAY 14th	9.00 AM	The People of the Parish	10.00 AM	People of the Parish	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11.00 AM	Michael Furlong (RIP)	12 NOON		Tridentine (Latin) Rite
	5.00 PM	HOLY HOUR			VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

**REFLECTIONS:** The Magi were almost certainly not kings, and we are not sure if they were rich. But one thing is certain – they were wise. They recognized Christ as the Saviour of the world. Whereas his own people, the Jews for the most part rejected him. What does Christ mean to me? To what extent is he the 'star' that I follow?

*First Reading* (Isaiah 60: 1.6): The exiles returned from Babylon to find their beloved Jerusalem in ruins. The prophet cheers them up with a vision of a restored city.

**Second Reading** (Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6): St Paul reveals the fact that God invites all; Jew and Gentile, to share on an equal footing the salvation won by Christ.

**Gospel** (Matt 2: 1.12): This relates how three strangers came from a far country to pay homage to the Christ-child while the Jewish leaders rejected him.

God bless You

Canon John Y Batthula **Parish Priest** 

Confession: Bicester: Saturday's from 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.

### **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: 23rd Jan 2018. Monthly Coffee: Friday 10am-11.45am: 12th January 2018

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. J. Chapman, S. Clarke, I. Cook, C. B. Corpus, E. Cotter; J. & P. Coughlan, Mrs. Curzon, A. Davies, P. Dean, D. Dee'le, 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. & W. Stonell, M. Smith, Sr. Teresa SSM, M. Wallace, B. & D. Weaver, J. Wickens, T. Berg, M. McMahon, C. Hall, M. Gallagher. Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the list.

**PIETY SHOP** Mass Cards, gifts, 2018 diaries, calendars, items from the Holy Land & more! Diocesan Directories for 2018 £5 now available.

<u>CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS</u> If you subscribe to the papers via church please ensure that all newspaper payments for 2017 are paid as soon as possible. If you would like to pay in full for 2018, please contact Parish Office. Thank you.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS 2018: Monthly Coffee morning's take place on the 2nd Friday of each month from 10.00 am to 11.45 am in St John Paul II Centre: The first one commences on Friday, 12th January; dates for the rest of the year: 9th February; 9th March; 13th April; 11th May; 8th June; 13th July; 10th August; 14th September; 12th October; 9th November &14th December.

MONTHLY LUNCHES 2018: Our monthly Lunches will commence on Tuesday (and will be held on every 4th Tuesday of the month) 23rd January from noon in St John Paul II Centre. Dates for the rest of the year as follows: 27th February; 27th March; 24th April; 22nd May; 26th June; 24th July; 28th August; 25th September; 23rd October; 27th November.

### **2018 IMPORTANT DATES**

Ash Wednesday - 14th February
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

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. Let us to bring this idea into action from the first Sunday of Lent at 9am Mass. More information to follow, so keep an eye on the notice board.

**NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**: Those who have recently attended a course, will be Commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers on Maundy Thursday, 29th March during Mass. Please make sure that you are part of the celebration. I will be sending out our parish guidelines via email before you are commissioned.

Teams for	7/1	14/1	24.44	20/4	4/00	11/02	
Sunday the:			21/1	28/1	4/02		
Counting (7)	3	4	5	6	7	1	
Cleaning (7) no 5	4	6	7	1	2	3	
Children lit. (5)	5	1	2	3	4	6	
Coffee 9am (14)	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Coffee 11am (8)	7	8	1	2	3	4	
Flowers	All - dismantle	Jo	Kathryn	Sally	Anne		
Tradecraft		Open					

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

**PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE:** Will meet on Tuesday, 13th February at 7.30pm in St John Paul II Centre.

**PARISH SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**: Will meet on Tuesday. 27th February at 7.30pm in St. John Paul II Centre.

**SYMPATHY:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael O'Brien who died suddenly at home on Wednesday. Funeral details will be given at a later date. May he rest in peace.

**MONTHLY SCHOOL MASS**: Sunday 4th Feb, the whole school will join us at 9.00 am Mass. We look forward to welcoming them.

**100 CLUB** Special Christmas £100 prize - No 61 May Bokhari, Monthly Prizes £100 -No 2 Herdman Family, £50 -No 97 Richard Evans, £25 -No 92 Mary Lynch.

#### **DIARY DATES - HETHE**

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

TALKS IN ST PHILIP'S HALL/LIBRARY OF CATHOLIC BOOKS: The next meeting is on Saturday 20th January at 11 00am (Books and cof-

next meeting is on **Saturday 20th January at 11.00am** (Books and coffee from 10.30 am). Author and former agnostic Kenneth Francis will speak - 'What's wrong with atheism'. **All welcome.** 

<u>TUESDAY FILMS:</u> Tuesday Films return on <u>9th January</u> when we will show the first part of *Catholic Enlightenment* which explores the gifts of Catholicism to civilization. Part 1 runs for 25 minutes and discusses *True enlightenment - Space, Time & Exploration*.

**PARISH FAMILY DAY:** On Saturday April 21st we will have a parish meeting and social gathering when parishioners will receive a report on the parish's activities and financial standing.

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

# BATTHULA CARE TRUST: Reg. Charity No: 1128539

Would you like to support a family suffering with leprosy financially?

Or towards a poor child's education or an elderly person who has no means to their livelihood.

<u>Your help can</u> really make a difference. Can you spare £10 a month? Please support if you can. Barclays Bank: Sort Code: 200898. Account No: 23669386.

So please join in this noble cause. Thank you.

Hethe		7/1	14/1	21/1	28/1
Lector		B D Matthews	D McDermott	V Barnes	M Manetta
Flowers		Mrs Kelly		Ms Evans & Mrs Owens	
Attendan 65	ce	Offertory: 121.60			

### Second Collections JANUARY

6th/7th: Parish Maintenance 13th/14th: Parish Maintenance 20th/21st: Parish Maintenance

27th/28th: LIFE Charity



# PARISH OFFERINGS

 1st GA
 £236.50

 1st Loose
 £326.11

 2nd GA
 £164.87

 2nd Loose
 £117.76

Total <u>£845.24</u>

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

This weekend : 07/01	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance
Saturday 6pm	B Thompson	M Kelley	R Reji	Clergy	A O'Neill	P Sims	S Wild	S Drury	102
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	W/C Hartley	M Brown	E Penhallow	P & B Crook	K Riley	131
Sunday 11am	R Lee-Heung	O Panejko	F Ostrowski	J Hanna	T O'Callaghan	J Hurst	M Lynch	M Lynch	175
Next weekend: 14/01								Total	408
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	J Varghese		Clergy	J Vaughan	S Haydon	Thompson	Family	
Sunday 9am	R Weaver	M Antoney	M Daniel	K Coffey	J Coffey	L Weaver	Conway	Family	
Sunday 11am	J Kokore	J Kokore	C St John	M Lynch	S Grose	I Ziegart		J Tuttle	