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ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE

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BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR C) SATURDAY 16TH MARCH TO SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2019

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7Tzjg/live

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

MARCH 2019	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	TIME	HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SATURDAY 16TH	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	People of the Parish			
SUNDAY 17TH	9.00 AM	Agnes & Richard Mellett (RIP)	10.00AM	People of the Parish	Second Sunday of Lent
	11.00 AM	Ints of Elizabeth Green			St Patrick's Feast Day
	5.00-6.00 PM	Holy Hour			Vespers & Benediction
MONDAY 18TH	9.30 AM	Private Intention	9.30 AM	Celebrant's Intentions	Lent Feria
	7.15PM-8.30PM	Youth Group - Yr 6			St John Paul II Centre
TUESDAY 19TH	9.30 AM	Private Intention		NO MASS	Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet			Church
WEDNESDAY 20TH	9.30 AM (Sch)	Ints of Pupils, Staff & Governors		NO MASS	Lent Feria
THURSDAY 21ST	8.00 AM (Sch)	Lenten Mass		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	12 NOON				
FRIDAY 22ND	12 NOON	 Bridget & Michael Ottley Golden Wedding Ann.	9.30 AM	Celebrant's Intentions	Lent Feria
	7.00 PM	Stations of the Cross			
SATURDAY 23RD	9.30 AM (BP)	Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	10.15 AM				
	1-3PM	Grand Jumble Sale			St John Paul II Centre
	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	Confirmation Mass People of the Parish			
SUNDAY 24TH	9.00 AM	Malachy McKeon (RIP)	10.00AM	People of the Parish	Third Sunday of Lent
	11.00 AM	Breda Smith (RIP)			
	5.00-6.00 PM	Holy Hour			Vespers & Benediction



REFLECTIONS IN BRIEF: First Reading (Genesis 15:5-12, 11-8). In this reading we learn of the solemn covenant God made with Abraham which was the foundation of God's relationship with the people of Israel. Through Christ we are the heirs to this covenant.

Second Reading (Phillipians 3: 17-4: 1). From this reading it is obvious that even in the early Church not all lived up to the demands of the Christian life. Paul, however, urges us to remain faithful.

Gospel (Luke 9:28-36). On Mount Tabor, Peter, James and John got a glimpse of the glory that was hidden in Jesus, and they were delighted by it. Through faith we too glimpse the glory of the risen Jesus who lives on in the Church and in each of us. The apostles had a wonderful experience on Mount Tabor when they were given a glimpse of the inner glory of Christ. Each Sunday we should get a great boost from our celebration of the Eucharist. Here our faith in Christ is renewed. Here he enlightens us with his word. Here he nourishes us with the bread of eternal life. Let us reflect for a moment on what it means to us.

Our sins disfigure us and tarnish the image of God within us. **Canon John Y Batthula**

Parish Priest & Dean

CONFESSIONS

Saturday

5 pm - 5.30pm

ROSARY

Mon - Thur: 9.30 am

Fri: 12.30 pm

Sat: 10.45 am

HOLY HOUR

BICESTER

SUNDAYS 5-6PM

First Friday of the

month 7pm

Divine Mercy

Tuesday 2.00pm

Youth Group

(Term Time)

Monday 7.15 pm

COFFEE & TEA

IC Sunday's

After 9am and 11am

Masses

HT after 10 am Mass

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CATENIANS: Contact Peter Sims
01869 249638.

TRADECRAFT: 3RD WEEKEND
100 CLUB DRAW: LAST SUNDAY

MEN'S NIGHT: Third Friday of the month
RCIA Tuesdays, in the St John Paul II from
8pm-9pm.

CAMEO LADIES GROUP: Kings Arms,
Last Saturday of the month (30/3) for coffee,
cake & chat. Do join us!

COFFEE MORNINGS: Fridays 10am-11.45am:
April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th,
August 9th, Sept 13th, Oct 11th, Nov 8th, Dec
6th.

LUNCHES: Tuesdays 12 noon. March 26th,
April 23rd, May 28th, June 25th, July 23rd,
Aug - none, Sept 24th, Oct 22nd.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

K Cashman, C Hall,
Mary Anne Last, Tim Charles.
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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.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDERS: We are grateful to all the parishioners who are in the process of transferring to the standing order option. If you have already done so or are yet to set it up please could you complete a pink form which is available from the back of church to let us know that this is your intention and return it to the parish office by this weekend, March 17th. We need this information before we organise the new boxes for distribution at the end of March. Thank you all for your cooperation with this.

Standing order forms are available at the back of church and online, however, simple BACS arrangements online are just as easy to arrange through your own online banking systems using the following details: Ref: Your surname & current gift aid number (this can be found on the envelopes you are currently using) Account Number: 02342731. Sort Code: 517015. Natwest Bank, 1-7 Manorsfield Road, Bicester OX26 6DA. Account Name: RCA Birmingham Immaculate Conception Bicester Reg Chrt'y. If you choose not to or are not able to gift aid, you can still set up a standing order for your regular offerings. Please use the same banking details as seen above using reference: your surname/church offerings. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

LENT SOUP LUNCHES in aid of the Batthula Care Trust and CAFOD. Please see poster in the church porch for venues, and phone host beforehand to let them know you intend to come along! All welcome.

GRAND JUMBLE SALE: JUMBLE NEEDED! PLEASE DELIVER TO THE JOHN PAUL II CENTRE BEFORE THE EVENT, which will be held on Saturday, 23rd March from 1.00pm to 3.00pm with refreshments and raffle. Raising funds for church repairs. Please leave jumble in the corridor leading to the sacristy. Thank you.

PIETY SHOP Well stocked with religious items, gifts, cards, books, and CTS booklets. First Holy communion ties available to order now, pick up a order form from the shop.

CHILDRENS LITURGY Please note that there will be no Children's Liturgy on 24th March due to the team attending confirmation on the Saturday.

RECONCILIATION Enrolment Mass will be held on Sunday, 31st March at 9am for all children who will be preparing for their First Reconciliation on 19th June.

LUNCH: Tuesday, 26th March at 12 noon at the John Paul II Centre. All welcome.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY We advise all parishioners to have a read of the new instructions on visits by hospital chaplains in the event of being admitted and wishing to see a RC Chaplain whilst in hospital. Due to

recent new data protection laws new instructions are available. Copies available at the back of church as well as our website.

HALF A DAY PRAYERS FOR LENT: On Saturday, 6th April 2019 from 4.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Praise & Worship, Reflections, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and Confessions.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS: Monday, 15th April 2019 from 7.00 pm.

LENTEN VIDEO: Joy of Hope: Heavenly Revelation from John on the Holy Island of Patmos. Two sessions on the following dates: Mondays 1st & 8th April 10 am (after 9.30 am Mass), in the John Paul II Centre, with coffee afterwards. All welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays at 7pm during Lent.

LENTEN WALK WITH ME Booklets now available from the back of church. £1 contribution gratefully received.

100 CLUB RENEWALS for the next 12 months are due from 1 April. The annual fee is £60 per annum payable in full by cheque or monthly standing order using reference: 100 CLUB/SURNAME. Three prizes each month - £100, £50 and £25 and a £100 Christmas bonus. Members of the Catenian Association will be present at each Mass on the first three weekends of April to accept renewed or new subscriptions. If you currently pay by Standing Order no further action is necessary. Please support this major Parish fund raiser if you possibly can and make it a real 100 Club in 2019/20. Thank you.

CAR PARK The barrier has now been repaired and is fully operational. If you are visiting the church/JPII Centre for any reason and it is lowered, please approach the barrier and press the silver button on the keypad for attention. The barrier will automatically rise as you exit the car park. Please ensure that you park in the **main area** of the car park when possible. **Due to safety reasons refrain from parking directly in front of the JPII Centre fire doors. IMPORTANT— FOR YOUR SAFETY-PEDESTRIANS MUST USE FOOTPATH ALONGSIDE THE CHURCH BUILDING AND NOT WALK ON DRIVE WAY WHEN ENTERING AND EXITING THE CAR PARK.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Fairtrade Easter eggs are available from the Tradcraft stall this weekend, priced from £4. New ranges of coffee and chocolate also available. For more information:

annipoole@yahoo.co.uk



HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

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

Attendance: 50. Cash Collection £76.00

Talks in St Philip's Hall: The next talk is on **Saturday 13th April** at 11.00am. The speaker will be Obianuju Ekeocha, a Nigerean biomedical scientist. The title of her talk is "*Overseas Aid and the imposition of Western Culture*". All Welcome!

Monday Films: Tomorrow 18th March, after the 9.30am Mass, we will show the first part of Bishop Barron's documentary on the life of St Thomas Aquinas.

Stations of the Cross The Stations of the Cross will be offered at 9.30am on Wednesday.

Teams for Sunday the:	17/3	24/3	31/3	7/4	14/4 Palm	21/4 Easter	28/4
Counting (7)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cleaning (7) no 5	7	1	2	3	4	6	7
Children lit. (5)	1	NONE	3	4	5	1	2
Coffee 9am (14)	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Coffee 11am (7)	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
Flowers	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent	Kathryn & Sisters	All	All to water
Tradecraft	open						

Hethe	10/3	17/3	24/3	31/3	7/4	14/4 Palm	21/4 Easter	28/4
Lector Counters	P Lee	R Deane	B Drewe Matthews	D McDermott	V Barnes	M Manetta J Wilde	K D'Silva	P Lee

SECOND COLLECTIONS

MARCH
17th CAFOD
Lent Last Day
24th/31st
Parish Maintenance



PARISH OFFERINGS

1st G Aid: £220.75
1st Loose: £386.24
2nd G Aid: £ 79.97
2nd Loose: £169.92
Total: **£856.88+50**
In thanksgiving to God and for the work of His Church

This weekend :17/3	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance last week
Saturday 6pm	J Marshall	S Wilde	H Johnson	J Varghese	K Kallay	P Kallay	McArdle	Family	173
Sunday 9am	N Conway	J Castillo	M Daniel		S McCarthy	J Nugent	M Nugent		159
Sunday 11am	F Thornley	Sr Rose	H King	Clergy	H King	M Lawrence	T & N Lane		192
Next weekend: 24/3								TOTAL:	524
Saturday 6.00pm	C St John	Sr Rose	P Pickering	Clergy	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	
Sunday 9am	C Hartley	Sr Sani	B Crook	Clergy	L Weaver	R Weaver	Cousins	Family	
Sunday 11am	M Lynch	J Hanna	Sr Sherly	Clergy	R Evans	I Cook	Kokore	Family	