

# CATHOLIC BICESTER

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## HOLY TRINITY

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## ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE

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

*Sunday Masses* can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ0QPQg@S@rbqgt1f6jg/live>

MARCH		IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		HOLY TRINITY	OTHER
SATURDAY 17th	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	Confirmation Mass - Dr Jack Coughlan (RIP)			
SUNDAY 18th	9.00 AM	Malachy McKeon (RIP)	10.00 AM	People of the Parish	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
	11.00 AM	Breda Smith (RIP)			
			5.00 PM	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>	VESPERS AND BENEDICTION
MONDAY 19th	12 Noon	Tommy & Natalie Menz (RIP)	9.30 AM		Solemnity of St Joseph
	7.15 PM	<b>YOUTH MEETING</b>			St John Paul II Centre
TUESDAY 20th	9.30 AM	David Dillard & Paul Ways (RIP)	9.30 AM		Lent Feria
	2.00 PM	<b>DIVINE MERCY</b>			
	7.30 PM	<b>House Mass—Hartley's House</b>			
	8.00 PM	<b>RCIA SESSION</b>			
WEDNESDAY 21st	9.30 AM (Chu)			No Mass	Lent Feria
	12 noon	Funeral Mass - Joan Maude (RIP)			
THURSDAY 22nd	8.00 AM (Sch)	Ints of The Ursuline Sisters	9.00 AM		Lent Feria
	12 Noon				
FRIDAY 23rd	9.30 AM-6.30PM	<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	9.30 AM		Lent Feria
	12 NOON	Pat Trafford (RIP)			
	6.30PM - 7.30 PM	<b>HOLY HOUR WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	10.00 AM	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	
SATURDAY 24th	9.30 AM (BP)	Welfare of the Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	10.15 am	Gertrude & Cyril Hurst (RIP)			
	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	Kitty & Bill Hornby (RIP)			
SUNDAY 25th	9.00 AM	Barbara Dillard (RIP)	10.00 AM	People of the Parish	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
	11.00 AM	Miriam & Christine Van Goubergen			
	5.00 PM	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>			VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

**First Reading** (Jeremiah 31:31-34). The prophet Jeremiah tells shattered people that God will not forsake them. The day is coming when he will make a new and more intimate covenant with his people. **Second Reading** (Hebrews 5:7-9). This speaks of the pain and anguish Christ endured during his life and especially during his passion. In this way he not only gave us an example but became for us the source of eternal life.

**Gospel** (John 12:2-33). Jesus talks about his imminent death - how he fears it, yet desires it, for the hour of his shame will also be the hour of his glory. He talks also about how his followers will have to die to themselves. At this time of year new things are being born all around us in nature. This happens because the old things have died. Christ said that the old self, the false self that is in each of us, has to die if the new self, the true self made in God's image, is to be born. In other words we have to die to sin so as to be able to live the new life Christ won for us. Are we dying to sin - to selfishness pride, anger & envy? Have a blessed week.

**Canon John Y Batthula**



10.45 am - 11.30 am  
5 pm - 5.30pm

### 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

**CATENIAN: 2ND THURSDAY**  
**TRADECRAFT: 3RD WEEKEND**  
**100 CLUB DRAW: LAST SUNDAY**  
**MONTHLY LUNCH: LAST TUESDAY**  
 27th March; 24th April; 22nd May; 26th June; 24th July; 28th Aug; 25th Sept; 23rd Oct; 27th Nov.  
**MONTHLY COFFEE: 2ND FRIDAY**  
 13th Apr. 11th May; 8th Jun; 13th July; 10th Aug; 14th Sept; 12th Oct; 9th Nov; 14th Dec.  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:**  
 Sunday 13th & 20th May  
**CORPUS CHRISTI** - 3rd June  
 (Eucharistic Procession)  
**FIRST CONFESSIONS** (Year 2) - 20th June  
**FAMILY DAY** - 1st July  
**ALL VOLUNTEERS IN THE PARISH-**  
 Mass at 7.00pm followed by Cheese and Wine Evening - 7th September

**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, J Cook, C B Corpas, E Cotter, 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 Stidson, N Southery, M Smyth, E Stonell, M Smith, Sr Teresa SSM, M Wallace, B & D Weaver, J Wickens, M McMahon, C Hall, M Gallagher, Y Mistula, M Smith, P Coughlan & K Coughlan. Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the list.

**PIETY SHOP** Lenten & Easter CTS booklets. Reconciliation, Easter, birthday, and occasional cards. Communion ties, Holy Communion items from next weekend.

**GRAND JUMBLE SALE** On Saturday, 21st April at 1.30pm, in the St John Paul II Centre. Please contact Jackie Flynn for more information. Pop your name down on the list at the back of church if you can help with this event.

**HISTORICAL SLIDES SHOW OF BICESTER:** Will take place in the St John Paul Centre on Saturday, 16th June from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £7.50 per person and that includes a glass of wine.

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING:** Total raised £253.30. Sincere thanks to organisers and supporters.

**SOUP LUNCHESES** Next one will be on Thursday, 21st March at 12 noon at Christine Tett's house, contact her on 01869 248023 to let her know you will come along! All are welcome.

**HOUSE MASSES:** On 20th March at Jan & Chris Hartley's, 2 Rau court, Caversfield, Bicester OX27 8FF and 27th March at John & Sue Wilde's.

**MONTHLY LUNCH:** Our next one is on Friday, 27th March in the St Paul II Centre. All are welcome.

**PALM SUNDAY:** As in previous years the 11.00 am Mass will start at the Convent. After the introductory rite, we will process to Church. Please all gather in the Convent garden, accessed via the side gate.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE** will take place on Monday, March 26th at 7.30pm where a number of priests will be present to hear confessions. You are encouraged to attend this Service, as although confessions may be arranged at other times by appointment, there is a great deal to be done in preparing for the Holy Week & Easter liturgies, and your cooperation will be appreciated.

**EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS:** Please ensure that you return your raffle stubs with payment in good time before Easter Sunday. To the Parish office/piety shop.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** We welcome His Grace, the Most Reverend Bernard Longley who will be the Principal Celebrant at 6.00pm Mass this weekend. During the Mass some of our young parishioners will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us pray for these young people, their parents and catechists who have prepared and supported them.

Teams for Sunday the:	18/3	25/3 Palm	1/4 Easter	8/4	15/4	22/4	29/4
Counting (7)	6	7	N/A	1	2	3	4
Cleaning (7) no 5	2	3	4	6	7	1	2
Children lit. (5)	5	1	2	3	4	5	1
Coffee 9am (14)	12	13	14	1	2	3	4
Coffee 11am (8)	1	2	3	4	3	4	5
Flowers	Lent	Palm	All	All			
Tradecraft	open				Open		

This weekend : 18/3	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance last week
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	P Pickering	C St John	M Mellett	Clergy	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	<b>85</b>
<b>Sunday 9am</b>	K Riley	J Flynn	A Hall	Clergy	R Weaver	L Weaver	Cousins	Family	<b>183</b>
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	F Thornley	J Hanna	E King	H King	S Grose	I Ziegart	Kokore	Family	<b>200</b>
<b>Next weekend: 25/3</b>									<b>Total 468</b>
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	S Haydon	S Jacob	S Wilde	volunteer	K Kallay	P Kallay	M Marrs	T Behan	
<b>Sunday 9am</b>	N Conway	S Doherty	M Doherty	Clergy	R Weaver	L Weaver	M Brown	A Brown	
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	O Panejko	S Lawrence	clergy	Clergy	J Hanna	E King	R Reji		

**EASTER LILIES** Lilies for loved ones can be purchased for £2.50 each. The money raised will pay for the lilies and go towards Easter church flowers. Forms at the back of church. Please return in good time before Easter weekend.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** All new and existing Ministers will be commissioned for another year during Maundy Thursday's Mass at 7.30pm. The new Ministers will have a practice on Friday, 23rd March after Holy Hour.

**STUDENT CROSS** The Student Cross who annually visit our parish on Palm Sunday Saturday have invited parishioners who might be interested in walking with them for all or part of the way from Bicester to Stony Stratford on the Monday of Holy Week. More information on the notice board. If you are interested in joining them please add names to the list. Also visit: <http://www.studentcross.org.uk/>

**YOUTH WORKER** My appeal has reached £4000 so far with another £1000 pledged. My grateful thanks for donations to date. As I explained last weekend, I will be personally writing to parishioners to appeal to them directly in the hope that we can raise the funds needed.

## HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

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

**LATIN MASS:** The Next EF Mass is on Sunday, 15th April at 12 noon.

**GROUND WORKS** Work will shortly begin on the area under the holm oak tree to the front of the church to reclaim it for additional parking.

**STAINED GLASS WINDOWS** Mrs Barnes is currently investigating granting making trusts which might be able to assist us in meeting the maintenance and repair cost of the stained glass. The windows do need some attention although, for their age, they are in reasonable condition. Now is the time to keep them in good repair.

**TUESDAY FILMS:** The series of DVDs *Journey into Truth* on Tuesday, after Mass. The DVD runs for 30 minutes followed by a short discussion.

**LOOP & PA SYSTEM:** Last Sunday a donation of £50.00 was donated towards my appeal. Thank you and God bless you.

**TALKS IN ST PHILIP'S HALL** Re-scheduled to Saturday 24th

**March.** The re-scheduled meeting will be this Saturday at 11.00am (Coffee & Books from 10.30am). Dr Timothy Kelly will speak on *What is Good about Good Friday!*. **All Welcome.**

## EASTER TRIDUUM



**Maundy Thursday Mass at 7.30 pm** - Bicester  
**Good Friday Liturgy at 3.00 pm** - Hethe & Bicester  
**Station of the Cross 7.00 pm** - Bicester & Hethe  
**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass 7.30 pm** - Bicester  
**Easter Sunday** - 9am Bicester; 10am Hethe; 11am Bicester.

Hethe	18/3	25/3	1/4	8/4
Lector	M Manetta	K D'Silva	P Lee	R Deane
Flowers	Lent	Lent	Mrs Kelly	

Last Sunday
Attendance 32
1st Collection £69.50

## Second Collections

### MARCH

**10/11 Parish Maintenance**  
**17/18 Parish Maintenance**  
**24/25 Parish Maintenance**  
**30th Holy Places**



## PARISH OFFERINGS

1<sup>st</sup> GA £ 298.60  
 1<sup>st</sup> Loose £ 360.31  
 2<sup>nd</sup> GA £ 102.09  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Loose £ 225.96

**Total £**

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