

# CATHOLIC BICESTER

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## BREVIARY: WEEK 3 OF PSALTER (YEAR C) SATURDAY 23RD MARCH TO SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2019

*Sunday Masses* can be viewed live on YouTube, go to: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg\\_yS\\_grbqgt7f2jg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live)  
The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

MARCH 2019	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	TIME	HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SATURDAY 23RD	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus		NO MASS	
	6.00 PM	<b>Confirmation Mass</b> People of the Parish			
SUNDAY 24TH	9.00 AM	Malachy McKeon (RIP)	10.00AM	People of the Parish	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
	11.00 AM	Breda Smith (RIP) Baptism Rite			
	5.00-6.00 PM	<b>Holy Hour</b>			<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
MONDAY 25TH		NO MASS		NO MASS	Solemnity of the Annunciation of The Lord
TUESDAY 26TH	9.30 AM	Private Intention		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	12 NOON	<b>Monthly Lunch</b>			St John Paul II Centre
	2.00 PM	<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>			Church
	7.00 PM	<b>Reconciliation Enrolment Session</b> MEETING FOR YEAR 2 PARENTS			St John Paul II Centre
WEDNESDAY 27TH	9.30 AM (Chu)	Pat Trafford (RIP)	9.30 AM	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Lent Feria
THURSDAY 28TH	8.00 AM (Sch)	In thanksgiving-Kokore Family		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	11.30 AM	Patrick Clarke (RIP)			
	7.00PM	<b>Born For This</b>			Church
FRIDAY 29TH	12 NOON	Ints of Madge Browne	9.30 AM	Gwendolene Cox (RIP)	Lent Feria
	7.00 PM	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>			
SATURDAY 30TH	9.30 AM (BP)	Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	10.15 AM	Kevin Melody (RIP)			
	5.15 PM	Rosary, Litany & Angelus			
	6.00 PM	Lily & Tommy Thompson (RIP)			
SUNDAY 31ST	9.00 AM	People of the Parish <b>Reconciliation Enrolment Mass</b>	10.00AM	People of the Parish	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
Mothering Sunday	11.00 AM	Ints of all the Ladies of the Parish	12 NOON	Latin Mass	Tridentine Rite
	5.00-6.00 PM	<b>Holy Hour</b>			<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>



**REFLECTIONS:** Today in the Gospel we will hear the words of Christ: 'Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.' To repent means to be converted, and conversion is the starting point of every spiritual journey, and is a prerequisite for entry into the kingdom of God. It implies that we recognise the presence of sin in our lives and our world. Some of us may say we have no sins, at least no serious ones, in our lives. But what about our sins of omission? What about the good we could do but which we don't do?

**First Reading** (Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15). God has seen the miserable state of his people in Egypt. He takes pity on them and decides to free them through the leadership of Moses. It shows God's concern for those who are oppressed.

**Second Reading** (1 Cor. 10: 1-6, 10-12). Though all the people of Israel were led out of Egypt and enjoyed God's protection in the desert, yet because of their infidelity most of them perished there. There is a great lesson and a warning in this for us Christians.

**Gospel** (Luke 13: 1-9). Jesus says that the misfortunes which befall people are no indication that they are sinners. Yet, to his Jewish hearers, he stresses the necessity of repentance and tells them that time is running out.

God bless you all  
Canon John Y Batthula

### 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  
**IC COFFEE & TEA**  
IC Sunday's  
After 9am and  
11am Masses

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**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,

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

K Cashman, C Hall,  
Mary Anne Last, Tim Charles.  
Due to the **New Data Protec-  
tion Regulations** anyone wish-  
ing to be listed here will need to  
contact the Parish Office **per-  
sonally** by email to:  
admin@immaculate-  
conception.org.uk or if you are  
unable to email then by phone:  
01869 253 277.

**NO MASS ON MONDAY** No Masses will be held this coming Monday due to the clergy attending Bishop Robert's installation as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** There is a meeting for parents of Children who are being prepared for their First Confession on Tuesday, 27th March at 7.00pm in the Centre. Children will be enrolled during 9.00 am Mass on Sunday, 31st March and they will be making their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, 19th June at 6.30 pm here in Church.

**LENTEN PRAYER:** On Saturday, 6th April: 4.00 pm – Explanation on how to participate, contemplative and charismatic prayer.

4.05 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4.10 pm Praise and worship led by singers/musicians

4.25 pm Reflection or recorded prayer on computer/cd

4.30 pm Time of silence and personal prayer

4.45 pm Rosary

5.05 pm Praise and worship songs, led by singers/musicians leading into intercessory prayer

5.30 pm Benediction followed by Mass at 6.00pm

## 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 at 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.

**LENT SOUP LUNCHES** in aid of the Bathula 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.

**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** There will be no Children's Liturgy this weekend, due to the team attending confirmation on the Saturday.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2018 -219:** Please collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the back of the Church. Please note your number may have changed. Parishioners who haven't signed up to GIFT AID yet, may I ask you to see one of the Sisters after Mass, to sign up and collect a set of envelopes straight away.

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

**LUNCH:** Tuesday, 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.  
**100 CLUB RENEWALS** for the next 12 months are due from 1st 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 30th/31st March and 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.

**BORN FOR THIS** Blessed George Napier School presents 'Born For This 2019.' A musical and dramatic production of the stations of the cross, telling the story of Jesus from the Last Supper through to the resurrection through readings, drama and song, here in church, on Thursday, 28th March at 7pm. Entrance free, but donations welcome in aid of the Sixth Form Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

**THE SOWER** The Sower is a new magazine published by the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The free Easter edition is now available from the back of church. Please take a copy.

**HOLY TRIDUUM:** Maundy Thursday Mass at 7.30pm; Good Friday at 3.00pm (Bicester & Hethe) Easter Vigil at 8.00pm & Easter Sunday 9.00am (Bicester) 10.00am (Hethe) 11.00am (Bicester)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

FAMILY DAY (Certificates presentation): Sunday, 7th July

INTERNATIONAL MASS Sunday, 22nd September

VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING DAY Friday, 6th September

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

[annpoole@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annpoole@yahoo.co.uk)



## HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

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

**Attendance:** 37. Cash Collection £76.00. 2nd Collection (Cafod) £64.50.

**Talks in St Philip's Hall, Hethe:** Our next talk, the last of the series, will be on **Saturday, 13th April** at 11.00am. The speaker will be the great Nigerian human rights activist and biomedical scientist Obianuju Ekeocha. The title of her talk is "Overseas Aid and the imposition of Western Culture". Coffee and books from 10.30am. **All Welcome!**

**Monday Films** continue tomorrow at 10am, with the showing of the second part of Bishop Barron's documentary on St Thomas Aquinas.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent** are offered at 9.30am on Wednesday.

Hethe	24/3	31/3	7/4	14/4 Palm	21/4 Easter	28/4	5/5
Lector Counters	B Drewe Matthews	D McDermott	V Barnes	M Manetta J Wilde	K D'Silva	P Lee	R Deane

## SECOND COLLECTIONS MARCH

24th/31st  
Parish Maintenance

## PARISH OFFERINGS

1st G Aid: £236.10

1st Loose: £379.93

Total: **£616.03±50**

**CAFOD £505.36**

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

This weekend :24/3	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance last week
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	C St John	Sr Rose	P Pickering	Clergy	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Confirmandi	Volunteer	<b>113</b>
<b>Sunday 9am</b>	C Hartley	Sr Sani	B Crook	Clergy	L Weaver	R Weaver	Cousins	Family	<b>177</b>
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	M Lynch	J Hanna	Sr Sherly	Clergy	R Evans	I Cook	Kokore	Family	<b>140</b>
<b>Next weekend: 31/3</b>									<b>TOTAL: 430</b>
<b>Saturday 6.00pm</b>	S Wilde	Sr Rose	S Joseph	K Gosling	J Vaughan	A Hall	Thompson	Family	
<b>Sunday 9am</b>	C St John	P Pickering	K Riley	Clergy	St Marys	Children	St Marys	Children	
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	J Kokore	J Kokore	S Lawrence	Clergy	I Cook	I Ziegart	volunteer		