

# CATHOLIC BICESTER

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

HENLEY HOUSE, 12 CAUSEWAY,  
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## HOLY TRINITY

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Near BICESTER OX27 8AW

## ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE

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### Dean of Banbury Deanery & Parish Priest:

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## BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR C) SATURDAY 30TH MARCH TO SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 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 30TH	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>
<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	11.00 AM	Ints of all the Ladies of the Parish	12 NOON	Latin Mass	Tridentine Rite
MONDAY 1ST APRIL	9.30 AM	Julito Felizardo (RIP)	9.30 AM	Ints of Matthew Howell followed by Monday films	Lent Feria
	10.00 AM	<b>LENTEN VIDEO</b>			St John Paul II Centre
	7.15 PM	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b>			St John Paul II Centre
TUESDAY 2ND	9.30 AM	A. U. Joseph Arrackal (RIP)		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	2.00 PM	<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>			Church
WEDNESDAY 3RD	9.30 AM (Sch)	Ints of St Mary's School Community	9.30 AM	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Lent Feria
THURSDAY 4TH	8.00 AM (Sch)	Lenten Mass		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	11.30 AM	Margaret Cook (RIP)			
FRIDAY 5TH	12 NOON	Matt McKeever (RIP)	9.30 AM		Lent Feria
	7.00 PM	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>			
SATURDAY 6TH	9.30 AM (BP)	Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Lent Feria
	10.15 AM	Ints of Rosanna Evans			
	4.00 - 5.45 PM	<b>LENTEN PRAYER DAY</b> EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT			
	5.30 PM	<b>BENEDICTION</b>			
	6.00 PM	Jack Brazil (RIP)			
SUNDAY 7TH	9.00 AM	People of the Parish	10.00AM	People of the Parish	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
	11.00 AM	Brenda Dunn (RIP)			
	5.00-6.00 PM	<b>Holy Hour</b>			<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>



**REFLECTIONS: First Reading** (Joshua 5:9-12). The Israelites, free at last from the humiliation they suffered in Egypt, enter the land of promise. Possession of the land becomes a reality when they eat of the produce of Canaan.

**Second Reading** (2 Cor. 5: 17-21). The whole aim of Christ's mission was to bring about a reconciliation between God and humanity. It is the task of the Church to bring the benefits won by Christ to all people.

**Gospel** (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32). This contains Christ's immortal parable - the prodigal son. We will hear once more Christ's famous story of the prodigal son. Prodigal means wasteful. We are all wasteful where God's grace is concerned. We misuse his gifts to us. We squander life's opportunities.

God bless you all

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

**HOURLY HOUR**

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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

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**CATENIANS:** Contact Peter Sims  
01869 249638.

**TRADECRAFT:** Open 3rd weekend of month  
**100 CLUB DRAW:** Last Sunday of the month  
**MEN'S NIGHT:** Third Friday of the month  
**RCIA** Tuesdays, in the St John Paul II from  
8pm-9pm.

**CAMEO LADIES GROUP:** Meet at Kings  
Arms, last Saturday of the month at 10.30am  
(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. 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.  
Due to the **New Data Protec-  
tion Regulations** anyone wish-  
ing 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.

**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!

**LENT SOUP LUNCHES** in aid of the Baththula Care Trust and CAFOD.

Please see poster in the church porch for venues, and phone host before-  
hand to let them know you intend to come along! All welcome.

**PIETY SHOP** Well stocked with religious items, gifts, cards, books, and  
CTS booklets. Easter cards now available.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2018 -219:** Please collect your Gift Aid envel-  
opes 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.

**MONTHLY LUNCH** this raised £300. Thank you to all who continue to  
support this event.

**JUMBLE SALE** £290.60 was raised at Saturday's Jumble sale. Thank you  
to organisers and supporters.

**100 CLUB** The annual fee, now due, 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 this weekend 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.

Teams for Sunday the:	31/3	7/4	14/4 Palm	21/4 Easter	28/4	5/5
Counting (7)	3	4	5	6	7	1
Cleaning (7) no 5	2	3	4	6	7	1
Children lit. (5)	3	4	5	1	2	3
Coffee 9am (14)	10	11	12	13	14	1
Coffee 11am (7)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	Lent	Lent	Kathryn & Sisters	All	All to water	All to water
Tradecraft				Open		



**EASTER 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** (Certificate presentation): Sunday, 7th July

**INTERNATIONAL MASS** Sunday, 22nd September

**VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING DAY** Friday, 6th September

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Non Residential Weekend at Saint Mary's on  
the Hill, Wednesday the weekend 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. This is an  
enrichment weekend for normal, ordinary marriages (NOT counsel-  
ling). M.E. weekends have proved time and time again to be of immense  
value to couples however long they have been married. All discussions  
are private to the participating couples; there is no group work. Take  
advantage of a fairly local weekend! For further information go to  
[www.wvme.org.uk](http://www.wvme.org.uk) or contact Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 2447762 or  
email [wackojacko456@hotmail.com](mailto:wackojacko456@hotmail.com)

**EASTER RAFFLE** Tickets are now on sale, £1 each or £5 a book. Enter  
to win some great prizes! The draw will take place on Divine Mercy  
Sunday, 28th April. Any raffle donations gratefully received.

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:

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



## HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

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

**Talks in St Philip's Hall:** The great Nigerian civil rights activist  
Obianuja Ekeocha visits us on **Saturday 13th April** at 11.00am to  
speak in St Philip's hall. The title of her talk is '*Overseas Aid and the  
Imposition of Western Culture*'. This is the final talk in the current  
series. **All Welcome!**

**Monday Films** follow the 9.30am Mass to-morrow with the showing  
of the next part of Bishop Robert Barron's documentary *The Pivotal  
Players*. This week's film is about St Catherine of Siena.

**Our dead:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following  
parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: George  
Bicknell, Elizabeth Tohill, Dina Howard, Suzanne Kibble, Katherine  
Morton Saner, Doris Wall, Kathleen Horset and Mary Hammond.

**Holy Week and Easter:** Following the Good Friday liturgy we will  
again show, in St Philip's Hall, the passion section from Franco  
Zeffirelli's film *Jesus of Nazareth* (50 minutes).

**Station of the Cross** during Lent are on Wednesday mornings at  
9.30am.

**Attendance:** 49. Cash collection £102.40

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

## SECOND COLLECTIONS MARCH

31st Parish Maintenance

## APRIL

7th/14th/21st/28th

Parish Maintenance

19th -Holy Places



## PARISH OFFERINGS

1st G Aid: £199.50

1st Loose: £547.91

2nd G Aid: £ 71.52

2nd Loose: £330.08

Total: **£1149.01+SO**

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

This weekend :31/3	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance last week
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	S Wilde	Sr Rose	S Joseph	K Gosling	J Vaughan	A Hall	Thompson	Family	<b>315</b>
<b>Sunday 9am</b>	C St John	P Pickering	K Riley	Clergy	St Marys	Children	St Marys	Children	<b>159</b>
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	J Kokore	J Kokore	S Lawrence	Clergy	I Cook	I Ziegart	volunteer		<b>179</b>
<b>Next weekend: 7/4</b>								<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>653</b>
<b>Saturday 6.00pm</b>	B Thompson	M Kelly	I Foley	M John	A Nelson	H Lawlor	S Wilde	K Gosling	
<b>Sunday 9am</b>	S Doherty	M Doherty	Sr Sani	Clergy	H Hilton	E Hilton	M & A Brown		
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	F Ostrowski	Sr Sherly	O Panejko	Clergy	P Rybka	A Kearsley	Volunteers		