

# 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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### Dean of Banbury Deanery & Parish Priest:

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## BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR C) SATURDAY 11TH MAY TO SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2019

*Sunday Masses* can be viewed live on YouTube, click on the link on our website.

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

MAY 2019	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	TIME	HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SATURDAY 11TH	5.15 PM	<b>ROSARY</b>			
	6.00 PM	Canon John's Intentions			
SUNDAY 12TH	9.00 AM	Canon John's Intentions	10.00 AM	People of the Parish	Fourth Sunday of Easter
	11.00 AM	<b>First Holy Communions</b> People of the Parish			World Day of Prayer for Vocations
	5.00 PM	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>			<b>VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION</b>
MONDAY 13TH	12 NOON	Julito Felizardo (RIP)	9.30AM	Int. of Canon John	Easter Feria
	7.15 PM	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b>			ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
	8.15 PM	<b>Baptism Catechists Meeting</b>			ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE
TUESDAY 14TH	9.00 AM	Ints of Benilda Lusabia (Birthday)		NO MASS	Feast of St Matthias, A
	2.00 PM	<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>			Church
WEDNESDAY 15TH	9.30AM (Chu)	Thanksgiving - Rosie Kennedy		NO MASS	Easter Feria
THURSDAY 16TH	9.30AM	Intentions of Jo & Leo Hurst		NO MASS	Easter Feria
FRIDAY 17TH	12 NOON	Bronwen Burgess (RIP)	9.30 AM	Int. of Canon John	Easter Feria
SATURDAY 18TH	9.30 AM (BP)	Prisoners and their families		NO MASS	Easter Feria
	10.15 AM	In Thanksgiving - Leo & Jo Hurst			
	5.15 PM	<b>ROSARY</b>			
	6.00 PM	Eileen Burton (RIP)			
SUNDAY 19TH	9.00 AM	Canon John's Intentions	10.00 AM	People of the Parish	Fifth Sunday of Easter
	11.00 AM	<b>First Holy Communions</b> People of the Parish			
	5.00 PM	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>			<b>VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION</b>

**The World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is held each year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel of John read on this Sunday, in each of the three years, Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd who has come so that people may have life to the full, the one who lays down his life for his sheep, the one who knows his sheep — they recognize his voice. "In a time when opinion has supplanted fact, there is a need for people to preach and witness to truth. As a part of the family of God we need to exemplify the values of our faith, but in humility and compassion. We are called to foster and raise up people with the capacity to be good shepherds not just now, but anticipating the needs of our Church into the future."

Hearing, recognizing, believing and responding is what 'Good Shepherd Sunday' is all about. Some situations have got 'God' written all over them and some haven't. How do we tell the difference? What are we called to do? How are we called to believe? Some things are obvious, some things aren't. But at the heart of everything, even issues that didn't exist in Jesus' day such as euthanasia, and abortion, Jesus' teachings are like 'cat's-eyes' on life's dark country roads. We have to recognize Jesus' voice in everything by asking, how much of today's decisions are based in love, and how much of our decisions are based in our own human agendas.

God bless you.  
Canon John Y Batthula

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday  
10.45 am - 11.30am  
5 pm - 5.30pm

### ROSARY

Mon - Thur. 9.30am  
Fri. 12.30 pm  
Sat. 10.45am

### HOLY HOUR

BICESTER  
SUNDAYS 5-6pm  
1st Fridays 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



# 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  
(26/5) for coffee, cake & chat. Do join us!

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

**LUNCHES:** Tuesdays 12 noon. 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,  
Joyce Thornley.

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.

**PIETY SHOP** A range of Our Lady statues to celebrate May, the month of Our Lady. Come and have a browse.

**100 CLUB** thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. At a fee of £60 per annum there are just a few numbers left to complete the 100. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to join.

**CHURCH FLOWERS** The new church flower rota for the forthcoming year will be prepared soon. New volunteers are needed to help with church flowers, no experience needed, if you can place flowers in a vase, then perhaps you can help 3 times a year with flowers for Our Lady's Chapel? Contact the parish office, or speak to Anne at 11am choir.

**THE SACRAMENTS -TRANSFORMING EVERYDAY LIFE:** Second part of the video on "Baptism" will be shown on Monday 10th June after 9.30am Mass in the St John Paul Centre. Refreshments will be served.

**WELCOMERS** More welcomers are needed for **all Masses** to warmly welcome parishioners and visitors at the start of Mass and store hymn books and leave the porch tidy after. Please speak to Sue Wilde for more info or contact the parish office. It's a great way of getting to know your fellow parishioners!

**THE SOWER** For those of you who didn't get a copy of the Sower, the free magazine remains available online at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine> The next edition of *The Sower* will be available late summer.

**FENCING** Work will commence on Monday to erect a fence at the back of the church property alongside the brook. We have had endless problems with vandalism and fly tipping of the area which hopefully the fencing will eradicate. The work will cost £6,000.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12TH TO 18TH MAY** Volunteers are needed to either do a street collection or a morning bucket collection at the Bicester railway stations. If you can spare an hour of your time during Christian Aid Week please email [neildpoole@googlemail.com](mailto:neildpoole@googlemail.com) or sign-up on the street list on the notice board. For further Christian aid information; <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/Christian-Aid-Week>

**CHILDRENS LITURGY** Please note that there will be no Children's Liturgy this weekend, 19th May.

**CHURCHES IN BICESTER** The Refugee Support group have a stall at The Big Lunch on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-5pm, come and visit us and find out more about the Syrian resettlement programme, progress and future plans, and the involvement of Bicester in this project. We are also looking for benevolent landlords if you know of someone who would like to be involved please contact Janet Marshall.

# HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

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

**Our dead.** Please pray for the repose of the souls of our deceased parishioners whose anniversaries are around this time, especially Ernest & John Wrighton, Thomas & Louise Palmer, Teresa Viles, Honour & Herbert Cleaver, Louise Burnett.

**Monday Films:** Tomorrow, Monday 13th May at 10.00am, we will show the second part (30 minutes) of Bishop Barron's excellent documentary on Blessed John Henry Newman.

**Attendance:** 44. Cash collection £115.81

Hethe	12/5	19/5	26/5	2/6	9/6	16/6
Lector Counters	D Matthews	D McDermott	V Barnes	M Manetta	K D'Silva	P Lee

**"OUR COMMON HOME"** In response to Pope Francis's call on the effects of climate change. The Archdiocesan "Our Common Home" campaign and training evening will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of May 6.30-8.30pm. See poster at the back of church for venue and details.

**THE TIME IS NOW** Mass lobby of Parliament and Climate Pilgrimage on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June in London. Please see poster at the back of church and book direct. Contact Janet Marshall for more information.

**'WORLD YOUTH DAY AT HOME'** is a weekend festival for 15 - 30s, featuring acclaimed musician Matt Maher and many more, bringing the festivities of WYD in Panama to your doorstep! It's from 7th - 9th June at Alton Castle. Tickets for the weekend start from just £65 incl. coach transport. The parish is keen to support delegates from the parish to attend this event. Please speak to Canon John or email [stephen.harris@kenelmoyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:stephen.harris@kenelmoyouthtrust.org.uk) to find out more.

**PARISH CONSULTATION DAY:** Saturday, 22nd June. The day will commence with 10.15am Mass followed by a meeting, buffet lunch and volunteer recruitment until 1.30pm. Canon David Oakley, Rector of Oscott Collage will coordinate the Consultation Meeting itself in order to prepare a Pastoral Plan, the 'vision' for our parish for the next 5 years and this will be shared with the Archdiocese. The event will be an opportunity for all church volunteer groups and parishioners to come and have their say, and also an opportunity to recruit new members to get involved in parish life. All groups are asked to decide on a lead member to coordinate information/stall about their group and to be present on the afternoon. More information will be available in due course.

**SYMPATHY** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Phoebe Lunney**, aged 75 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at 11am on Thursday, 23rd May followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. Please also pray for **Jean Vanier**, humanitarian, who died on 7th May. Jean wrote 30 books on spirituality and community and in 2015 was awarded the Templeton prize, for making "an exceptional contribution to affirming life's spiritual dimension". *May they rest in peace.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**SUMMER FETE** Friday, 14th June 5pm at St Marys School.

**FAMILY DAY** (Certificate Presentation): Sunday, 7th July.

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

**INTERNATIONAL MASS** Sunday, 22nd September.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** Sat, 30th November in the St JP II Centre.

Teams for Sunday the:	12/5	19/5	26/5	2/6	9/6	16/6
Counting (7)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cleaning (7) no 5	2	3	4	6	7	1
Children lit. (5)	none	none	1	2	3	4
Coffee 9am (14)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee 11am (7)	7	1	2	3	4	5
Flowers						
Tradecraft		Open				Open

## SECOND COLLECTIONS MAY

**12th May: Clergy Training Fund**

19th May: Parish Maintenance

26th May: Parish Maintenance



## PARISH OFFERINGS

1st Gift Aid £ 87.00

1st Loose £481.08

2nd Gift Aid £ 36.20

2nd Loose £192.26

Total: **£796.53**

Standing Orders for April Total: £2,500

*God bless for your support!*

This weekend :12/5	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	M Thompson	B Kirwan	A Hall	Thompson	Family	<b>83</b>
<b>Sunday 9am</b>	N Conway	R Weaver	L Weaver	Clergy	M Daniel	L Cleeve	M Nugent		<b>179</b>
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	P Pickering	Sr Rose	Clergy	Clergy	St Mary's Staff	St Mary's Staff	Children	Children	<b>260</b>
<b>Next weekend: 19/5</b>									<b>TOTAL: 522</b>
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	B Thompson	M Kelly	I Foley	M John	A Nelson	H Lawlor	G & P Sims		
<b>Sunday 9am</b>	C Hartley	Sr Sani	B Crook	Clergy	C Moyse	J Nugent	K Riley	Crook family	
<b>Sunday 11am</b>	C St John	Sr Rose	Clergy	Clergy	St Mary's Staff	St Mary's Staff	Children	Children	