

THE PARISHES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND THE HOLY TRINITY

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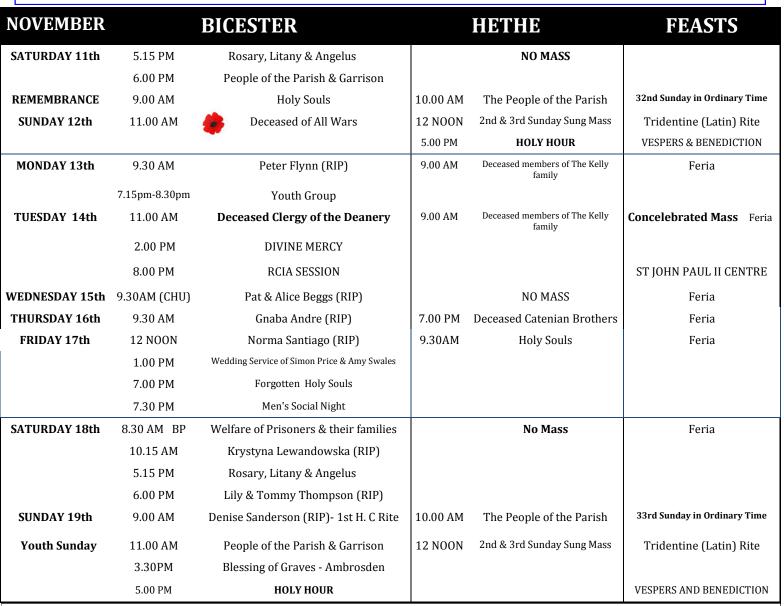
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BREVIARY: WEEK 4 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) SATURDAY 11TH TO SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2017 *Sunday Masses* can be viewed live on **YouTube**, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live



REFLECTIONS: <u>First Reading:</u> (Wisdom 6: 12-16) This sings the praise of wisdom. At the same time it says that wisdom can be found by all those who seek it. <u>Second Reading:</u> (I Thessalonians 4: 13-18) St Paul consoles his converts at Thessalonica who are worried about the fate of their loved ones who have died. He tells them that God will raise them up as surely as he raised up Christ. <u>Gospel:</u> (Matthew 25: 1-13) Today's Gospel reading urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour of the Lord's coming. We are all called to be bearers of the light of Christ, lamp-carriers, if you like. But like the five foolish maids, we too are sometimes careless and irresponsible, and allow this lamp to go out or at least grow very dim. Through a spirit of prayer and watchfulness, Christ will help us to keep his light burning brightly.

Canon John Y Batthula

Confession: Bicester: Saturday's from 10.50 am - 11.30 am & 5 pm -5.30pm & other times by appointment.

Refreshments: Bicester: Served in John Paul II Centre after 9am & 11 am. Masses. Hethe: After 10am Mass in Hall.

DIARY DATES - BICESTER

CATENIANS meet every second Thursday of the month - contact 01869 249638.

 $\label{thm:continuous} \textbf{TRADECRAFT} \ \text{Stall open every 3rd weekend of the month}.$

YOUTH GROUP Mondays 7.15 pm–8.30 pm Term time.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday at 9.00 am Mass.

 $\textbf{100 CLUB DRAW} \ \text{After 9.00am Mass last Sunday of the month}.$

28th November: Wreath Making Night at 7pm.

2nd December: Christmas Fayre, 1pm-4pm. Please note time change.

6th December: Day of Prayer for Vocations. 9.30am-8pm. **Men's Social** Fridays at 7.30pm at the JPII: 17th Nov/15th Dec.

Monthly Lunches: Tuesdays 12 noon: 28th Nov. Monthly Coffee: Friday 10am-11.45am: 1st Dec.

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: R Admans, Sr Alma, W Babington, C Brown, E Browne, C & J Busby, N Cahill, J Calver, K Cashman, S Caswell. J Chapman, S Clarke, I Cook, C B Corpus, E Cotter, J & P. Coughlan, Mrs Curzon, A Davies, P Dean, D Dee'le, M Delos Saintos, 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 Stidston, N Southey, M Smyth, E & W Stonell, M Smith, Sr Teresa SSM, M Wallace, B & D Weaver, J Wickens, T Berg & family, M McMahon. A Kearsley, Carol Hall.

Please contact the parish office if you wish your name to be added or taken off the list.

RCIA AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CATHOLIC ADULTS:

Tuesdays, from 8.00~pm to 9.15~pm in St John Paul II Centre. Please see notice board in church for further details.

Winners 100 club for October 2017: drawn on Sun 29 October 2017 £100 Eileen Penhallow -16 £50 Jim Bridle- 21 £25 D L Allen- 53. **YOUTH SUNDAY** 26th November 6pm and 9am Masses. Parish youth are invited to volunteer to be involved in church ministries on Youth Sunday. List is on the notice board to sign up.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 1PM-4PM.

Donations of the following are needed for the event: Clean teddies, chocolate, (bars or boxes), bottles (alcoholic and other drinks), cakes, unwanted gifts, raffle prizes, books, CDs. Please leave donations at the back of church or the John Paul II Centre. List of stalls is now up, please volunteer if you can. Thank you!

80'S DISCO Thank you to the social committee and especially to Dominic Cotter for a great 80's night! £192 was raised for parish funds. **OPEN MORNING ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** will be

holding an Open Morning on Wednesday, 15th November from 10.00 – 11.30am. We invite prospective parents and pupils to come along and visit our school and meet pupils, staff and governors. If your child was born on or between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, you need to apply for a primary school place now. Deadline for applications is 15th January 2018. You can apply online www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

WREATH MAKING NIGHT Tuesday, 28th November from 7pm-9pm. Come along to make wreath for Christmas! Bring foliage (ivy, holly, conifer) and enthusiasm. No fee, but donations gratefully received. Please just add you names to the list at the back of church so we can arrange enough resources.

CHURCHES IN BICESTER REFUGEE SUPPORT 'SWAP SHOP' Emmanuel Church, Bure Park, Sat, 25th Nov 10.30-12. New Syrian family coming, and items needed by the 17th Nov. Parishioners are invited to the Premier of LINES IN THE SAND which shows how the refugees are living and listening to their stories. Please see notice in the porch.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING: Thank you for all your support. Very grateful to the organisers. Total raised £ 223.85.

| Teams for | 12/11 | 19/11 | 26/11 | 3/12 | 10/12 | 17/12 | 24/12 |
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| Counting (7) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | N/A |
| Cleaning (7) no 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| Children lit. (5) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Coffee 9am (14) | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Coffee 11am (8) | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 4 | |
| Flowers | Lucia | Lucia | Jo | Lucia/ Sally | Advent | Advent Advent | |
| Tradecraft | | Open | | | | Open | |

DIARY DATES - HETHE PARISH

<u>Nov. 18th.</u> Talk in St Philip's Hall – *Living with Islam – Catholics in the Middle East.* <u>January 20th.</u> Talk in St Philip's Hall -*What's wrong with atheism.*

SICK OF THE PARISH OF HETHE: Please remember the following in your prayers: Becky Moyce.

APPEAL FOR DIOCESAN REFUGEE CENTRE Archbishop Bernard Longley has made an appeal for us to help the St Chads Sanctuary. Collections will be made on the following weekends: 18th/19th, 25th/26th November & 2nd/3rd December. Especially needed: men's clothing/warm jackets/coats/ jeans/trainers/shoes. Please ensure items are: clean and of reasonable quality, tied up in a black bin liner, contents clearly marked eg: men's coats and shoes, and delivered on the above dates to church only. For more info speak to Jo Hurst. See poster in church for more details.

HOLY TRINITY - HETHE

TUESDAY'S FILMS "This Tuesday the catechetical series of DVDs will continue at **9.30am** and the subject is *The Liturgy & the Sacraments*. Fresh coffee from 9.30am.

TALKS IN ST PHILIP'S HALL "The next meeting is this coming Saturday 18th Nov. at 11.00am when Gerard Russell MBE will speak on *Living with Islam - Christians in the Middle East.* Coffee and books from 10.00am" MASS TIMES *Tuesday's Mass will be at 9.00am.*

SECOND COLLECTION The collection for the sick and retired clergy of the diocese will be taken to-day after Mass.

#RedWednesday - stand up for Faith and Freedom on 22nd Nov! This year the campaign begins with an International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on Sunday 19th November. #RedWednesday on 22nd November when we are urged to wear something red and to make aware in our neighbourhoods the plight of millions of persecuted Christians. The campaign ends on Sunday 26th November when we are asked to "go to Mass for someone who cannot". 80% of all acts of religious discrimination in the world today are directed at Christians, a fact not mentioned in the mainstream media. Please take a leaflet/prayer card from the back of church. Red Wednesday merchandise (items will cost from £1-£5) will be

FAMILY PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation. In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show us with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our homes and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witness to your eternal design for the family, grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God forever & ever. **Amen.**

| Hethe | 5/11 | 12/11 | 19/11 | 26/11 | 3/12 | 10/12 | 17/12 |
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| Lector | | B Dewe Mathews | D Mc Dermott | V Barnes | M Manetta | K D'Silva | P Lee |
| Flowers | | Mrs Smart | | Mrs Kelly | | Mrs Evans & Mrs Owens | |
| Attendance | 64 | | | | | | |
| Offerings | £90.36 | | | | | | |

Second Collections November

19th Catholic Youth Service 26th The Spiritians <u>December</u> 10th Poor Parishes Fund NE ONE ONE OF THE PROPERTY OF

PARISH OFFERINGS

1st GA £291.70 1st Loose £305.23 **Total** £596.93 Johnson Ass. 2nd GA £187.35

2nd GA 2nd Loose **Total**

£194.59 £381.94

| This weekend: | Extraordinary Min | Extraordinary Min | Extraordinary Min | Extraordinary Min | Lector | Lector | Welcomer | Welcomer | Attendance |
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| Saturday 6pm | J Marshall | M Antoney | R Reji | J Varghese/clergy | A Nelson | S Haydon | S Wield | S Drury | 103 |
| Sunday 9am | K Riley | J Flynn | Volunteer | Volunteer/clergy | M Daniel | W Mander | Conway | Family | 160 |
| Sunday 11am | F Thornley | J Hanna | E King | H King/clergy | S Grose | I Ziegert | J Tuttle | | 200 |
| Next weekend: | | | | | | | | Total | 463 |
| Saturday 6pm | M Mellett | M Mellett | M John | H Johnson/clergy | | | volunteers | | |
| Sunday 9am | P Pickering | C St John | S Doherty | M Doherty/clergy | St Marys | Children | St Marys | Children | |
| Sunday 11am | A Jones | B Tah | C St John | S Lawrence/clergy | J Hanna | E King | M Lynch | | |