

THE PARISHES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND THE HOLY TRINITY

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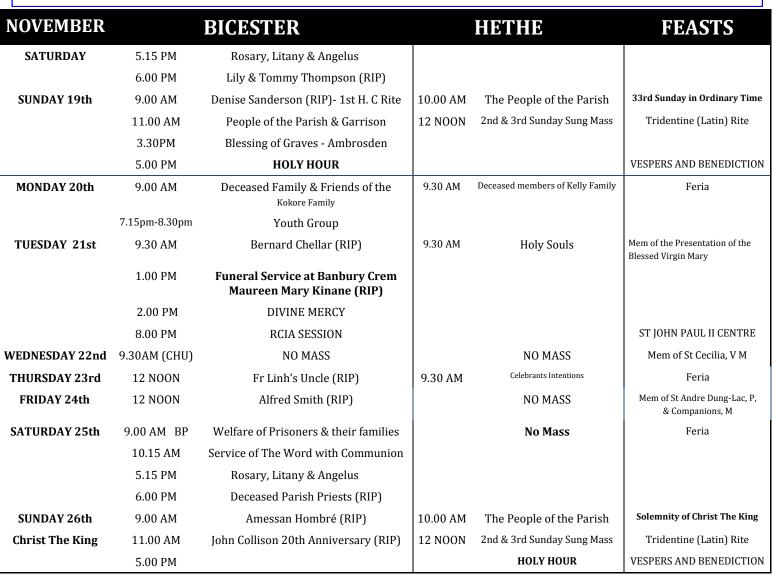
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BREVIARY: WEEK 1 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) SATURDAY 18TH TO SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday Masses can be viewed live on YouTube, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live



REFLECTIONS: 1st Reading (Proverbs 31: 10-13.19-20.30-31). By worldly standards the woman mentioned in this reading would hardly be classified as a talented person. Yet according to the writer she has something far more precious than jewels, namely, a loving heart and caring hands. 2nd Reading (1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6) Paul tells his friends that he doesn't know when the Lord will come back. Therefore, he urges them to be always ready lest they be caught unawares. Gospel (Matthew 25: 14-30). This contains the story of three men who got some money from their master, and how two of them used it well, whereas the third failed to make any use of it at all. Here we meet a man who brought back to his master everything he had been given, and yet was censured. He was blamed, not for misusing the gifts he had been given, but rather for not having used them at all. Which of us could say in all truth, that we always do our best? Do we not all bury at least some of our talents? God bless you all. Canon John Y Batthula

Confession: Bicester: No Confessions until Saturday 2nd December 2017.

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.

TRADECRAFT 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. **100 CLUB DRAW** After 9.00 am Mass last Sunday of the month.

28th November: Wreath Making Night at 7.00 pm.

2nd December: Christmas Fayre, 1.00 pm-4.00 pm. Please note time change.

6th December: Day of Prayer for Vocations. 9.30 am-8.00 pm. **Men's Social** Fridays at 7.30 pm at the JPII: 15th Dec.

Monthly Lunches: Tuesdays 12.00 noon: 28th Nov. Monthly Coffee: Friday 10am-11.45am: 1st Dec.

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.

YOUTH SUNDAY 26th November 6.00 pm and 9.00 am 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 1.00 PM-4.00 PM.

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!

WREATH MAKING NIGHT Tuesday, 28th November from 7.00 pm-9.00 pm. 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.

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: 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.

EUCHARIST AND FAMILY DAY: On Saturday 25th November at St John Paul II Centre from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. Workshops on this day will be of interest to Extraordinary of Holy Communion, Parish & Family workers, Teachers, Catechists, Children's Liturgy teams, as well as parishioners. Bring a packed lunch. Book your place by calling on 07821582096. **HOLY LAND** We will both be away from Wednesday, 22nd to Wednesday, 29th November and we assure you all of our prayers.

PIETY SHOP Advent calendars, Christmas cards and wrapping paper. Now available.

DIARY DATES - HETHE PARISH

January 20th. Talk in St Philip's Hall -What's wrong with atheism.

 $\underline{\textbf{SICK OF THE PARISH OF HETHE:}}$ Please remember the following in your prayers: Becky Moyce .

TUESDAY'S FILMS This Tuesday the catechetical series of DVDs will continue at 10.00 am and the subject is *Baptism and Confirmation*. Fresh

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

coffee from 9.30am.

PRESBYTERY REFURBISHMENT The presbytery refurbishment is proceeding to schedule and parishioners will have the opportunity of visiting the house when the works have been completed in a few weeks.

THANK YOU: My sincere thanks to Veronica and others who have organised our annual Autumn Fayre. Very grateful to supporters & those who came along to help us raise funds for the Parish. Total raised £403.50. **KEEP IT CLEAN!** We are relaunching our church cleaning rota. The more

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#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

#REDWEDNESDAY
WEAR RED ON WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2017

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 on sale at the Immaculate Conception on the weekend of 18th /19th November. All proceeds will go to Aid to the Church in Need.

FR PAUL LESTER'S INDUCTION AS PARISH PRIEST Fr Paul warmly invites all parishioners to his induction in his new parish of St Mary on the Hill, Wednesbury, that will take place on Tuesday, 21st November at 7.00 pm, followed by a buffet afterwards.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: 26th Nov-National Catholic Youth. 10th Dec - Poor Parishes Fund.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - OFSTED 2017

I am happy to share with you that our School was commended for its leadership, teaching and pupils behaviour by the Ofsted Inspector. I have copied a few paragraphs from the report for your information. I congratulate Miss P Pickering, Governors Teaching & non Teaching Staff & pupils.

"The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection. You are well aware of the school's strengths and those areas requiring further development as a result of your in-depth evaluation of the school's performance. At the same time, you have high expectations for pupils' achievement and ensure that pupils learn well and develop good social skills. Most parents would recommend the school to others. This is because the school has helped their children to learn and develop well. As one parent told me, "They (the staff) have turned my child around.""

"Governors support the school well and challenge you to drive further improvement. Members of the leadership team provide clear strategic direction. They know what needs to be done to ensure that pupils continue to achieve well. Pupils enjoy coming to school."

"One pupil said, 'I don't like history. I love it.' Many pupils spoke of the strong relationships between teachers and themselves. This contributes positively to their engagement and enthusiasm for learning. All staff support and challenge pupils to do their best. Pupils I spoke to are ambitious for their future."

"You (Miss Pickering), your staff and governors work well to ensure that there is a strong culture of vigilance across the school. Governors regularly monitor the child protection arrangements to make sure that pupils are safe. Leaders and governors continuously seek further ways to improve the school's procedures to safeguard pupils. They are very aware of their statutory duties." (Ofsted 2017)

Hethe	12/11	19/11	26/11	3/12	10/12	17/12
Lector		D Mc Dermott	V Barnes	M Manetta	K D'Silva	P Lee
Flowers			Mrs Kelly		Mrs Evans & Mrs Owens	
Attendance	70					
Offerings	£120.50 JF £51.50					

Second Collections November

19th Catholic Youth Service 26th The Spiritians <u>December</u>

10th Poor Parishes Fund



PARISH OFFERINGS

 1st GA
 £ 286.50

 1st Loose
 £ 323.94

 2nd GA
 £ 131.42

 2nd Loose
 £ 126.84

Total £ 868.70 In thanksgiving to God and for the work of His Church.

This weekend:	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance
Saturday 6pm	M Mellett	M Mellett	M John	volunteer/clergy	K Kallay	P Kallay	volunteers		156
Sunday 9am	P Pickering	C St John	S Doherty	M Doherty/clergy	St Marys	Children	St Marys	Children	179
Sunday 11am	A Jones	B Tah	C St John	S Lawrence/clergy	J Hanna	E King	M Lynch		109
Next weekend:								Total	474
Saturday 6pm	D Zanre	S Haydon	S Jacob	S Wilde/clergy	A Nelson	H Lawlor	Thompson	Family	
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	W Hartley/clergy	C Moyse	J Nugent	Youth	Youth	
Sunday 11am	R Lee-Heung	O Panejko	F Ostrowski	J Hanna/clergy	H King	M Lawrence	Youth	Youth	