

THE PARISHES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND THE HOLY TRINITY

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BREVIARY: WEEK 2 OF PSALTER (YEAR A) SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2017 Sunday Masses can be viewed live on YouTube, go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel UCuZ6QPQg_yS_grbqgt7f2jg/live



REFLECTIONS: On the Day of Judgment humankind will be assembled and the good will be told "Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you. I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." The criteria for final judgement is crystal clear, we will be simply judged on very simple acts of love and compassion. We are asked to see Jesus in the beggar on the street, the starving children on our TV sets, the refugees in our city hostels and the sick or vulnerable people in our parishes and communities. It sounds easy, so why do we so often fail to respond? We fail to respond to the needy, when we find it difficult to share our resources or our time. We fail to respond when we cannot recognise need or when we jump onto some kind of moral high ground. We fail to respond when we are so wrapped in our own lives that opportunities to recognise need in others simply passes us by. Worst of all, we fail to respond when we simply can't be bothered. Today's Gospel is like a sneak preview of an exam paper, but having a sneak preview isn't enough, if we want to pass the test, we need to respond to the needy on a daily basis in order to recognise Jesus in our lives. 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.

Chaplaincy Duty at Bullingdon Prison: Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday.

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

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. 6th December: Day of Prayer for Vocations. 9.30 am-8.00 pm.

Men's Social Fridays at 7.30 pm at the John Paul II Centre: 15th December

Monthly Lunches: Tuesdays 12.00 noon: 28th November Monthly Coffee: Friday 10.00 am-11.45am: 1st December

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, CB 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, 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 or website for further details.

MONTHLY LUNCH Come along on Tuesday, 28th November at 12.00 noon. for a delicious lunch with a Christmas theme, for only £4.50. Raffle and stall. COFFEE MORNING Will be held this Friday, from 10.00 am-11.45am. Raffle, bits an bobs table and delicious homemade cakes to go with your coffee!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 1.00 PM-4.00

PM.



Many thanks for the donations we have already received. Now is the final push so the at next Saturday's event is an all-round success. Setting up will be on Saturday morning from 9.00 am. If stall

organisers would prefer Friday, please contact Lucia to make arrangements. Donations of the following are still needed: Clean teddies, chocolate, (bars or boxes), bottles (alcoholic and other drinks), cakes, unwanted gifts & raffle prizes. Please leave donations at the back of church or the John Paul II Centre. A few more volunteers are also needed. Please do come and support this festive treat, bring family and friends to try their luck on the tombola stalls, enjoy some delicious home made cakes or soup at the café, visit Santa, and have a go on the Rodeo Reindeer!

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

WREATH MAKING NIGHT Tuesday, 28th November from 7.00 pm-9.00 pm. Come along to make a 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.

APPEAL FOR DIOCESAN REFUGEE CENTRE Last of our collections will be made on the weekend of 2nd/3rd December. Please do not deliver after this date. 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 date to church only.

PIETY SHOP Advent calendars, Christmas cards and wrapping paper, 2018 diaries and calendars & more!

Teams for	25/11	3/12	10/12	17/12	24/42	24/42	7/4
Sunday the:	26/11				24/12	31/12	7/1
Counting (7)	5	6	7	1	N/A	2	3
Cleaning (7) no 5	4	6	7	1	2	3	4
Children lit. (5)	4	5	1	2	3	4	TBC
Coffee 9am (14)	10	11	12	13	14	1	2
Coffee 11am (8)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Flowers	Jo	Lucia/Sally	Advent	Advent	ALL	All/Sandy	All - dismantle
Tradecraft				Open			

WALK WITH ME Journey of Prayer through Advent Booklets and advent calendars are available this weekend. £1 donations for booklets gratefully receive into candle money boxes - thank you.

FATHER JOHN'S INSTALLATION AS CANON FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Please arrive at 9.15 am as the coach will leave promptly at 9.30 am. Thank you to all those who have paid, it would be helpful to receive all payments prior to the trip, therefore, please put payments into clearly marked envelope with names of those travelling and deliver to the parish office/piety shop or Lucia at the Bazaar.

PARISH CELEBRATION SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER To celebrate CANON JOHN'S INSTALLATION AS A CHAPTER CANON. All parishioners along with St Mary's School pupils, their families and staff are invited to Mass on Sunday, 10th December at 11.00 am. A buffet will take place afterwards at the JPII Centre. Please add your names to the list at back church if you intend to come along to the reception buffet and also if you are able to bring food to share. This will be an opportunity for the parish to congratulate Canon John on this special occasion.

CHRISTMAS CRIB AND STARS Volunteers are needed to help with crib set up and to decorate trees with stars this year. Please contact Lucia at the Parish Office if you can help.

CHRISTMAS EVE 6.00 PM MASS Canon John would like the acted gospel that is normally said at the 9.00 am Mass on Christmas Morning now be said at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve due to the number of families that attend this Mass. With this in mind, we would like to invite year 6 children to let Miss Grant know if they are intending to be at this Mass to enable her to choose the roles. A small rehearsal may be needed for the main roles but further details will follow. All other children are invited to come to Mass dressed as angels and shepherds. We will need a variety of ages so that some of the older children can guide the younger ones. If there are any questions please feel free to contact Jan Hartley. We would love to see the sanctuary full of angels and shepherds.

SYMPATHY We offer our condolences and prayers to the family of Louisa Hook who died on Thursday. Funeral details will be announced in due course. May she rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.

DIARY DATES - HETHE

SICK Please remember the following in your prayers: Becky Moyce. TUESDAY FILMS The catechetical series for adults continues on Tuesday after 9.30am Mass when the subject is 'The Eucharist'. The DVD runs for 29 minutes followed by short discussion. Coffee from 10.00 am. All welcome.

TALKS IN ST PHILIP'S HALL/LIBRARY OF CATHOLIC BOOKS: The next meeting is on Saturday, 20th January 2018 at 11.00 am. Kenneth Francis MA, author and ex-agnostic, is the speaker - 'What's wrong with Atheism'.

CLEANING UP! Please volunteer to be included on the new Church Cleaning Rota. The more volunteers the less frequent the chore! So please sign the list at the back of church.

Hethe	19/11	26/11	3/12	10/12	17/12	24/12	31/12
Lector	D Mc Dermott	V Barnes	M Manetta	K D'Silva	P Lee	R Deane	T Smart
Flowers		Mrs Kelly		Mrs Evans & Mrs Owens		Mrs Barnes	
Attend-	62						
Offerings	£90.48 Cards £25.00						

Second Collections **November 26th The Spiritians** December

10th Poor Parishes Fund



<u>PARISH</u>	<u>OFFERINGS</u>
1st GA	£234.50
1st Loose	£356.75
	£591.25
Youth Service	
2nd GA	£131.33
2nd Loose	£ 152.04

£ 283.37

Total

This weekend:26/11	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Extraordinary Min	Lector	Lector	Welcomer	Welcomer	Attendance
Saturday 6pm	D Zanre	S Haydon	S Jacob	S Wilde/clergy	A Nelson	H Lawlor	Thompson	Family	114
Sunday 9am	C Conlon	B Nichols	C Conlon	W Hartley/clergy	C Moyse	J Nugent	Youth	Youth	270
Sunday 11am	R Lee-Heung	O Panejko	F Ostrowski	J Hanna/clergy	H King	M Lawrence	Youth	Youth	150
Next weekend: 3/12								Total	534
Saturday 6pm	D Zanre	S Haydon	S Jacob	S Wilde/Clergy	K Kallay	P Kallay	K Gosling		
Sunday 9am	L Weaver	R Weaver	K Coffey	M Daniel/clergy	R McDonald	L Taylor	M Nugent		
Sunday 11am	C St John	I Kokore	I Kokore	M Lynch/Clergy	R Evans	I Cook	R Reii		