



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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28th Sunday in ordinary time (A)
11th October 2020

III. HOW IS THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM CELEBRATED? Christian Initiation

1229 From the time of the apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and initiation in several stages. This journey can be covered rapidly or slowly, but certain essential elements will always have to be present: proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel entailing conversion, profession of faith, Baptism itself, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and admission to Eucharistic communion.

1230 This initiation has varied greatly through the centuries according to circumstances. In the first centuries of the Church, Christian initiation saw considerable development. A long period of catechumenate included a series of preparatory rites, which were liturgical landmarks along the path of catechumenal preparation and culminated in the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation.

1231 Where infant Baptism has become the form in which this sacrament is usually celebrated, it has become a single act encapsulating the preparatory stages of Christian initiation in a very abridged way. By its very nature infant Baptism requires a post-baptismal catechumenate. Not only is there a need for instruction after Baptism, but also for the necessary flowering of baptismal grace in personal growth. The catechism has its proper place here.

1232 The second Vatican Council restored for the Latin Church "the catechumenate for adults, comprising several distinct steps."³⁴ The rites for these stages are to be found in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).³⁵ The Council also gives permission that:

Dean of Banbury Deanery & Parish Priest:

Very Rev. Canon John Y Batthula BA, MA, Dip. Cat., MA Ed

Assistant Priest: **Fr Robert Carey**

Retired Priest: **Rev. Fr. Pat Armstrong**

Parish Deacons:

Rev Mr Michael Panejko MA: 01869 246 459

Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787

Parish Sisters: **Sr Rose, Sr Sani & Sr Anu:** 01869 327 689

Parish Safeguarding: **Elizabeth Green** email: safeguardinbicester@gmail.com

St Mary's RC Primary School, Queen's Avenue, Bicester, OX26 2NX

Head Teacher: **Miss. P. Pickering** Tel: 01869 252 035

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"In mission countries, in addition to what is furnished by the Christian tradition, those elements of initiation rites may be admitted which are already in use among some peoples insofar as they can be adapted to the Christian ritual."³⁶

1233 Today in all the rites, Latin and Eastern, the Christian initiation of adults begins with their entry into the catechumenate and reaches its culmination in a single celebration of the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.³⁷ In the Eastern rites the Christian initiation of infants also begins with Baptism followed immediately by Confirmation and the Eucharist, while in the Roman rite it is followed by years of catechesis before being completed later by Confirmation and the Eucharist, the summit of their Christian initiation.³⁸ (*To be continued*)

(Catechism of the Catholic Church)

OCTOBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	
SATURDAY 10TH	10.00 AM at Hethe	Intentions of Mary & Cyril Evans	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
	6.00 PM IC	Elizabeth Ann Thompson (RIP)	
SUNDAY 11TH	9.30 PM IC	Margaret Hanna (RIP)	
	11.00 AM IC	Thanksgiving - Evelyn Lanteri (B'day)	
	6.00 PM IC	People of God	
MONDAY 12TH	9.30 AM IC	Intentions of Pauline & Bill O'Keeffe	
TUESDAY 13TH	9.30 AM IC		
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotions	At Clare Whitehead's flat
	7.00 PM	Rosary - Zoom Platform	
WEDNESDAY 14TH	9.30 AM IC		
THURSDAY 15TH	9.30 AM IC		Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus VD
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform	
FRIDAY 16TH	9.30 AM @ School	Wellbeing of the Staff and Pupils	
	12 Noon IC	Intentions of John Clarke	SS Hedwig R & Margaret Mary Alacoque, V
SATURDAY 17TH	10.00 AM at Hethe	People of God	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
	6.00 PM IC	James Carey (RIP)	
SUNDAY 18TH	9.30 AM IC		
	11.00 AM IC	Teresa Gallagher (RIP)	
	6.00 PM IC	People of God	

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation 2020/21.

All children who **do not attend St Mary's School** please contact Clare St John (Parish Catechist) and Deacon Nick at nick.f.stjohn@btinternet.com or the Parish Office.

Reconciliation Commitment Masses over weekend of the 11th October and 18th October 6pm (Saturday evening) 9:30am and 6pm Sunday.

Confirmation Commitment Masses over the weekend of 22nd and the 29th November 6pm (Saturday evening) 9:30am and 6pm Sunday.

Holy Communion Commitment Masses over the weekend of 31st January and 7th February 6pm (Saturday evening) 9:30am and 6pm Sunday.

BAPTISMS: Please contact the office.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: During this month of the Holy Rosary I would like to invited parishioners to say the rosary at home as a family. Here in Church, we will do so at 9.05 am from Monday to Thursday and on Friday at 11.35 am.

BABY LOSS MATTERS Baby Loss Awareness Week (9th-15th October 2020). Join thousands of churches across the country in lighting candles on 15th October 2020 to remember all babies' lives who've been lost. For further information go to: <https://babylossmatters.lifecharity.org.uk>



FOOD BANK FOR HARVEST APPEAL Any tinned food (rice pudding, tomatoes, fish etc) Food Bank are happy to take and distribute fresh food such as excess from allotments & toiletries. They have also requested that no pasta is donated at the moment. For details of items needed and locations to deliver donations to, please go to: <https://bicester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Blessing of Graves

Saturday 7th Nov - Hethe after 10am Mass.

Sunday 8th Nov - Foynes Memorial Garden after 11am Mass.



Sunday 15th Nov - Bicester Cemetery at 2.30 pm (Everyone to gather at the graves of their loved ones and Clergy will come and bless. Please follow the social distancing as per the government guidelines.

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES: November is traditionally the month particularly set aside for prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially for the deceased members of our families and for those who are without family to pray for them. Please take an envelope from the stewards/attached to the newsletter, write the name(s) of those for whom you wish Mass to be offered (during the month of November the Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls). Envelopes can be given to the priests/Sisters/Stewards or place in the casket.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 18TH OCTOBER The one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. If you are a box holder and currently able to attend Mass, we would be grateful you could please delivery any donations/red boxes to the Parish Clergy. Donations can also be made online <https://missio.org.uk/donate/> Thank you in advance for you donations. For more information on Missio and the work they do as a result of your donations go to: mission.org.uk

IN AID OF REFUGEE ACTION and the local Refugee Support Group. Weather permitting, Sue Wilde and Janet Marshal will walk from Church starting at 12 noon on 18th of October to Hethe. Parishioners and friends are welcome to join them, Sponsor forms will be available from Janet. Contact her on 01869 244893.

CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL: Happy to let you know that our next event is on Sunday, 22nd November. I look forward to your support and co-operation. For more information please speak to Jackie Flynn.

PIETY SHOP: Although currently closed, orders can be placed via email to the parish office and collected and paid for at Mass times or by arrangement. Grave lights now in stock.

WINNERS 100 CLUB SEPTEMBER 2020 £100 Christine Tett 84, £50 Deborah Cousins 32, £25 Jessica Hattam 61.

NHS TRACK AND TRACE APP If you have a smart phone you will now be able to register using our QR codes in both of our churches when you attend Mass. The codes are on display as you enter. Using QR codes should reduce queues at the church doors. A QR code allows members of the public who have downloaded the app onto their smartphones to keep a record within their phone of the places they have been to, and to receive public health messages quickly. This is designed to make it quicker and easier to trace contacts of those who contract Covid, with a view to slowing the spread of the virus. Anyone who does not have a smartphone can provide their contact details, as previously at the entrance.

GUIDELINES FOR PARISHIONERS Please make sure that you follow the instructions of the stewards and all signage that is in place. If you arrive for Mass and you do not have a face covering you will not be allowed entrance (unless you are asthmatic or under 5). The celebrant will be obliged to stop mass if this obligation is ignored. Please be aware that the Church will be closed after each Mass **and there are no toilet facilities available. Offerings/Donations** can be placed in the casket/collection box at the entrance or exit. We provide a separate Lectern for the reader. **All Lectors please sanitize your hands before and after.**

Do not congregate either inside or outside of church before or at the end of Mass. Please maintain silence before and after Mass. The social distance of 1m Plus must be observed at all times, including before and after Mass.

MASS AT HETHE IS ON SATURDAY'S AT 10 AM. Space is limited therefore please contact Breff on 01280 702 500 or email him: brefkelly@gmail.com. Please place your offering in the basket as you leave the Church through the Sacristy Door.

DIVINE MERCY until further notice, Divine Mercy will take place at Clare Whitehead's, Flat

PARISH GIVING Donations can be made online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work. Select either "BICESTER" or "HETHE" on the dropdown menu and follow instructions. Alternatively, Offertory Envelopes can be placed in the donation box in church. Standing order details: NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15.

GIFT AID: Due to COVID -19 the Diocese is not in a position to send out the letters to parishioners setting out the amount donated in the 2019/20 incoming tax year. If any parishioner needs this information to complete an income tax return, please contact the parish office via email with your details. Sister Anu will respond to your email with the figure you require. Thank you

SECOND COLLECTIONS As we are currently unable to collect second collections in the usual way, many of which go towards diocesan, Papal & other charities. Equal donations will be sent of behalf of the parish to support these charities and societies as in previous years. I would therefore like to appeal to you all, to be extra generous in your contributions. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

SR ROSE: We will welcome back Sr Rose. She arrived on 25th Sep and has been home quarantined for 2 weeks and now she has joined us.

Lectors	11/10	18/10	25/10
Saturday 6pm	P Sims	P Sims & C McArdle	L Cleeve
Sunday 9.30am	S & L Taylor	C Moyse	S McCarthy
Sunday 11am	H King	N Ward	T Lane
Sunday 6pm	L Cleeve	H King	H King



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total	Donations	Attended
Bicester	£ 304.96	£41.00	£ 345.96		239
Hethe	£ 81	DD £168	£249		23

Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult times!

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley, Mary Ashley, John Dunn & Marie Ollive.



Online Webcam

Go the website and follow link

<https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/e8896647923e089406131a3b96e45994de4a89c4>