



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time B
31st January 2021 Psalter 4



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH
2020 - 8TH DECEMBER - 2021



JANUARY	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
		Bicester—50 people max at all Masses			
SUN 31ST	9.30 AM	Public - People of the Parish	4th Sunday in OT	L Cleeve	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	Public - Martin Mellett (RIP)		Sisters	Kokore Family
FEBRUARY					
MON 1ST	9.30 AM	Public- Debbie Emerson (RIP) & Philomena Gardner (RIP)			L Cleeve & P Simms
TUE 2ND	9.30 AM	Public - Martin Mellett (RIP)	<i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>		R & R Deane
	11.30 AM	Requiem Mass—Martin Mellett (RIP)	<i>Only Family members allowed</i>		L Hattam
WED 3RD	9.30 AM	Public - Omar Costero (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Blaise BM</i>		L & C Cleeve
THUR 4TH	12 NOON	Livestream - Martin Mellett (RIP)			Livestream only
FRI 5TH	12 NOON	Livestream - Martin Mellett (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Agatha VM</i>		Livestream only
SUN 6TH	9.30 AM	Public - People of the Parish	5th Sunday in OT	L Cleeve	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	Public - Fr. Pat Joyce (RIP)		C St John	A Poole & J Marshall

An Act of Spiritual Communion

We continue to be exempt from our Sunday obligation during lockdown and are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion when we desire to be in union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. This can be done whilst you watch a live stream of Mass being offered. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pope's Prayer Intention for February: Violence against Women: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

The 6pm Saturday & Sunday evening, and Hethe Sunday 8am Masses have been suspended for the time being.

Confessions by arrangement - please email Parish Office.

Mass intentions can be emailed to the Parish Office or posted through Henley House door.



This week we pray for.....
 Bolek Lewicki RIP - SANCTUARY LIGHT
 Marysia Gerald RIP - OUR LADY'S LIGHT



Due to a significant Covid increase in our area we have reduced the number of public Masses and also reduced the number of attendees able to attend. Do not come if symptomatic or self-isolating. Sunday obligation remains suspended and live-stream Masses will continue. Please refer to the bulletin for our Mass times if you are able to attend. We have to continue to comply with the Governments very strict safety regulations and we must do all we can to keep everybody safe in church. Masks are compulsory and we ask that you register for Track and Trace as you enter. You must observe social distancing at all times, and tempting as it is, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when you attend Mass. Thank you to those who clean and steward our churches for their generosity of service to the local community, and thank you for your cooperation and understanding in these difficult times. Keep safe and well.

NHS TRACK AND TRACE APP If you have a smart phone, please register using our QR codes in both of our churches when you attend. The codes are on display as you enter. Anyone who does not have a smartphone can provide their contact details at the entrance to the stewards.

SPONSORING SANCTUARY LAMPS These lamps burn perpetually on the sanctuary (Blessed Sacrament) and in the Lady Chapel. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? (Please note: one person/couple/intention per candle) If so, we are asking for a donation of £10 per week, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy: candles, hosts, wine and other necessities for the celebration of Mass. Please hand in to Parish Clergy, post through Henley House letter box or to Parish Sisters in an envelope marked 'Sanctuary Lamp Donation' together with a note stating your particular intention. The intentions will be placed in order as they are received and published in the weekly bulletin.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS: RECONCILIATION, 1ST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2021.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS: All Commitment Masses that were due to take place this month will be rearranged to a later date when the COVID-19 situation improves. Please keep all children wishing to prepare for these sacraments in your daily prayers.

SACRISTY ROOF: The replacement of the sacristy roof has been completed and should last a good few years! The final cost was £9,900, any donations will be gratefully received! If you are unable to attend Church and therefore find it difficult to contribute, please remember that you can do so via bank transfer using Ref: Your surname/roof to NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please ensure that you let us know the date on which you wish your Mass intentions to be offered and I will arrange a date nearest to the date you have requested if that date is not possible. If you haven't asked for a particular date, then the Mass will be offered whenever there is day without any specific intention. As always, if a funeral is due to take place on a day where a Mass has already been booked, the funeral Mass will take precedence. Please continue to request for Masses as we do not have sufficient intentions. Thank you.

SYMPATHY: A Requiem Mass for Martin Mellett will be held this coming Tuesday, 2nd February at 11.30am followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. Unfortunately, the number of people (30) who can attend this funeral is severely restricted due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however, it will be available to be viewed live stream. Martin's ashes will be interred into the Foynes Memorial Garden at a later date. The family would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks for the many kind words and expressions of sympathy received during their sad loss. Any donations would be gratefully received for The Salvation Army and Batthula Trust. Donations may be made online via <https://martinmellett.muchloved.com>

FUNERALS Details of any funerals in future will continue to be announced in the bulletin as well as available on our website, along with photographs/s of the deceased.



HOLY TRINITY, HETHE: Masses are suspended until further notice. The Rosary will be said on Sundays at 4.00pm Social distancing will apply and face coverings must be worn by all attendees. If you require further information please telephone Breff Kelly on 01280 702500 or email: brefkelly@gmail.com

Racial Justice Sunday, 31 January 2021: This year's Racial Justice Sunday is more important than ever. The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti* speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme is **'A Time to Act'**. Racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally in 2020 generating awareness, emotion and outrage. For further reading go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021/>

Ready, steady, census The decennial census is almost upon us. Households across Bicester will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes. Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. **Census day is March 21.** For more information, visit census.gov.uk.



Prayer to St Joseph the Worker

O glorious Joseph! Who concealed your incomparable and regal dignity of custodian of Jesus and of the Virgin Mary under the humble appearance of a craftsman and provided for them with your work, protect with loving power your sons especially entrusted to you. You know their anxieties and sufferings, because you yourself experienced them at the side of Jesus and of His Mother. Do not allow them, oppressed by so many worries, to forget the purpose for

which they were created by God. Do not allow the seeds of distrust to take hold of their immortal souls. Remind all the workers that in the fields, in factories, in mines, and in scientific laboratories, they are not working, rejoicing, or suffering alone, but at their side is Jesus, with Mary, His Mother and ours, to sustain them, to dry the sweat of their brow, giving value to their toil. Teach them to turn work into a very high instrument of sanctification as you did. Amen.

Click here for the online edition of the diocesan publication *The Sower*
<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total		Attended
Bicester	£146.88	£7	£153.88		70
Hethe	£	DD £158	£158		6

PARISH GIVING: The best way you can support the parish financially is by setting up a Standing Order using the following bank details: NatWest Bank. Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15. Or you may contact the Parish Office for a set of Gift Aid envelopes.

Christmas Stars: £160. Crib collection for Poor Parishes: £56.91
Belated thanks to everyone who contributed to these collections and
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 Olive, Mary Gilmore.



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