



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @ BICESTER

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2nd Sunday of Advent B 6th December 2020 Psalter 2



My Dear Parishioners

Happy to welcome you all back to Church for the public masses. I know it has been difficult and stressful but at least now we can come together to prepare to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ as Christian families. I would like to give the opportunity for as many families to come for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. I have therefore arranged 7 Masses at Bicester and 3 Masses at Hethe. Currently the 8 am Mass on Christmas Day in Bicester has the least reserved places, unless numbers increase there is a possibility it may be cancelled, as may one of the Christmas Eve Masses at Hethe. I shall make the final decision after Sunday 13th December.

Christmas Carols 11am Choir

On Tuesday, 22nd December from 7.30pm to 8.15pm (Live stream only)



Penitential Service

Monday, 21st December at 7.00pm in Church. Everyone must follow the same guidance as for attending Mass. Please maintain social distance. Visiting priests will be available to hear our confessions.

God bless you

Canon John Batthula

DECEMBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	FEASTS
SATURDAY 5TH	10 AM @ Hethe	Austin Owens (RIP)	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	6.00 PM	James Carey (RIP)	
SUNDAY 6TH	9.30 AM	People of God	
	11.00 AM	Devere & Ziegart Family (RIP)	
	6.00 PM	Holy Souls	
MONDAY 7TH	9.30 AM	Thanksgiving - Isaac & Sanjeev Batthula (B'day)	Memorial of St Ambrose BD
TUESDAY 8TH	9.30 AM @ Hethe	People of God	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
	9.30 AM	People of God	
	12 NOON	Holy Souls	
WEDNESDAY 9TH	9.30 AM @ School	For the welfare of the Pupils & Staff	Advent feria
	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	
THURSDAY 10	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Advent feria
FRIDAY 11TH	9.30 AM at School	For the welfare of the Pupils & Staff	Advent feria
	12 NOON	Holy Souls	
SATURDAY 12TH	10.00 AM at Hethe	People of the Parish	Advent feria
	6.00 PM	Intentions of Mary Lynch	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY 13TH	9.30 AM	People of God	
	11.00 AM	John Sanjeeva Rao Batthula (RIP)	
	6.00 PM	Wasył & Stefany Hawryluk (RIP)	



This week we pray for.....
 Les & Colette Cleeve Family
 SANCTUARY LIGHT
 The Wilde Family
 OUR LADY'S LIGHT

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 private prayer. 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.

BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Confirmation Commitment Dates to be arranged.

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

PARISH GIVING Donations can be made online 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.

PRODUCE AND CAKE SALE/MARKET STALL: I would like to thank all those who supported our fundraising efforts. My sincere thanks to Jackie Flynn for working hard in organising and Les Cleeve for his assistance and support. Total amount raised is £594.32 and £146 (sold privately by Jackie). **Outside the Church:** Big Christmas Sale on Sunday 13th Dec. I look forward to your generous support.

CHRISTMAS STARS: Stars that will decorate our Church Christmas tree can be bought for Lost Loved Ones. Cost £2.50 each. Where possible email names and arrange payment via BACs (preferable) use: Surname/Star as reference. Forms can be downloaded from our website these can be placed into offerings box on leaving church.

WINNERS 100 CLUB FOR NOVEMBER: £100 Tim Lane, £50 Sandy Collison, £25 John Hanna. There are now only 4 numbers available: 30,50,94,96 - contact paul-cous@yahoo.com, or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to play - costs £5 per month.

MORE STEWARDS REQUIRED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES: In order for all the planned Christmas Masses to take place we will require more volunteers to steward. If you would like to assist, please get in touch with me.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Parents of children who are due to start primary school in September 2021 are reminded that they must make an online, or paper application through Oxfordshire County Council between 1st Nov 2020 & 15th Jan 2021. Any queries, contact the school office, 252035. For more information, please see a special flyer available on our website. I would like to encourage our catholic parents to send their children to our school.

CAN YOU HELP? A new Syrian family is arriving towards the end of January. If you would like to donate items for their house, please contact Janet Marshall 244893, or Sue Wilde 247857.

SACRISTY ROOF: It is necessary for us to replace the flat roof of the sacristy due to age and wear and tear. This work will hopefully take place before Christmas. The church will remain open for Masses during the work. I am please to report that essential maintenance renovations in the Presbytery are due to be completed by 20th December.

CHRISTMAS 2020

If public Masses are able to be celebrated I plan for them to take place at the following times:

Number of places remaining in brackets.

Christmas Eve, Thursday, 24th December

Bicester: 4pm, 6pm, 9pm (30) and 12 Midnight (20)

Hethe: 5.30 pm & 8.00pm.

Christmas Day, Friday, 25th December

Bicester: 8.00am, (79), 9.30am (20) & 11.00am (22)

Number of places remaining in brackets.

Hethe: 10.00am.

However, there is no fair and equitable way of allocating spaces for the Christmas Masses. Therefore, I have decided that if you wish to attend any of them, then please email or telephone the Parish Office. **If you have not reserved a place in advance then unfortunately you will not be allowed entry into Church.** The maximum of 85 people will be allowed per Mass at Bicester & 22 people at Hethe. Please reserve in advance.

SPONSORING SANCTUARY LAMPS As you may be aware,



there are lamps which 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 published in the weekly bulletin. Intentions will be placed in order as they are received.

PIETY & TRADecraft A stall with Christmas items will be held outside the church on Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th at all Masses.



Thu 24th Dec	Reader	Reader
4pm	Hilary King	Alan Hall
6pm	S McCarthy	Caitlin McArdle
9pm	Richard Evans	Rufus Reji
Midnight	Anna Kirby Hall	
Fri 25th Dec	Reader	Reader
8am TBC	Hilary King	
9.30am	C Moyse	
11am	Tim Lane	

Lectors	6/12	13/12	20/12	27/12
Saturday 6pm	A Mutton	P Sims	L Cleeve/C McArdle	P Sims
Sunday 9.30am	M Brown	S & L Taylor	C Moyse	S McCarthy
Sunday 11am	C Tett	H King	N Ward	L Cleeve
Sunday 6pm	C St John	T Lane	C St John	H King

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.



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