



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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Holy Trinity Hethe

Archbishop: **The Most Rev Bernard Longley**
Area Bishop: **Rt. Rev. William Kenney**

Dean of Banbury Deanery & Parish Priest:
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B
7th February 2021 Psalter 1



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH
2020 - 8TH DECEMBER - 2021



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

FEBRUARY	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
		Bicester—50 people max at all Masses			
SUN 7TH	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	5th Sunday in OT	L Cleeve	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	Fr Pat Joyce (RIP)		C St John	Kokore Family
MON 8TH	9.30 AM	Jean Withers, for her well being	<i>Feria</i>		L Cleeve & P Sims
TUE 9TH	9.30 AM	Sheila Hayden (Intentions)	<i>Feria</i>		R & R Deane
WED 10TH	9.30 AM	In memory of those commemorated by the Bicester War Memorial	<i>Memorial of St Scholastica, V</i>		L & C Cleeve
THUR 11TH	9.30 AM	Martin Mellett (RIP)	<i>Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes</i>		Kokore family
FRI 12TH	12 NOON	Hilda McNicholl (RIP)	<i>Feria</i>		Sisters
SAT 13TH	10.30AM -11.30 AM	FIRST CONFESSIONS	<i>Feria</i>		Sisters
SUN 14TH	8.00 AM @ HETHE	People of the Parish		D McDermott	R Deane & S Wilde
	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	6th Sunday in OT	S Taylor	C St John & B Nichols
	11.00 AM	Mr Michael & Mrs Doreen Furlong (RIP)		Sisters	A Poole & J Marshall



BAPTISMS:

Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone to make necessary arrangements.



CONFESSIONS:

Every Saturday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. (Mask compulsory)



HOLY HOUR: Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

WEDDINGS: Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone to make necessary arrangements.

ROSARY: During weekdays 25 minutes before Mass starts.



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, Masses** have been suspended for the time being.
Mass intentions can be emailed to the Parish Office or posted through Henley House door.




This week we pray for.....
 John & Catherine Holmes - SANCTUARY LIGHT
 John & Catherine Holmes - OUR LADY'S LIGHT



THE SEASON OF LENT:

Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter, since Lenten liturgy prepares for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery both catechumens, various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own baptism and do penance. The forty days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 17th February 2021 The beginning of Lent, we are invited to observe as a day of penance in the whole Church, one of both abstinence and fasting. Ashes are to be distributed. 

MASS TIMES: BICESTER: 9.30 AM, 12 NOON AND 6.00PM
HETHE: 9.30 AM

We are all encouraged to participate in an ever more intense and fruitful way in the Lenten liturgy and in penitential celebrations. We are reminded that both according to the law and tradition, we should approach the sacrament of penance during this season, so that with purified heart we may participate in the paschal mysteries. Every Friday during Lent, **the Way of the Cross** will be prayed at 6.00pm. I invite you all to participate in the liturgical celebrations.

TALKS VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM

I have asked Father Robert to prepare some talks which can be presented during the Season of Lent on **"The formation of Trinitarian Doctrine in the 4th Century."** (Feb 24th; Mar 3rd, 9th (Tue), 17th and 24th)

And during the Easter Season on "Christology—The Person of Christ." April 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th and 19th) Every Wednesday from 6.30 pm to 7.15 pm via zoom platform.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL - I hope to have a meeting in the St John Paul II Centre in March if the lockdown is lifted, if not, will have on Zoom platform. Dates to be confirmed after 22nd February.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY: More information to follow.

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.

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.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS: 1ST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2021. *Soon dates for the celebrations to be announced in the next couple of weeks.* First Confessions are taking place on Saturday's from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Please email 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: Thanks to those who have given some donations towards the Sacristy Roof. 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.

SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to Jackie Corton and her family, on the recent death of her mother, Mary Gilmore. Funeral Mass is on Monday at 11 am followed by Cremation at Oxford Crematorium at 1pm. *May she rest in peace.*

MARTIN MELLETT (RIP) 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 Bathula Care Trust. Donations may be made online via <https://martinmellett.muchloved.com>

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: breffkelly@gmail.com

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.

WINNERS 100 CLUB for Sun 31st January drawn by P. Cousins, witnessed by Mrs M. Mellett. £100 Nicky Lane (56) - £50 Deborah Cousins (32) £25 - Siân McCarthy (74) There are now only 3 numbers available: 30,94,96 - contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to play - costs £5 per month.

CAFOD Visit www.cafod.org.uk for further information on Lent initiatives, especially 'Walk for Water'. Do something different to raise money to fight poverty!

HELPFUL WEBSITES

For care givers or those working in the mental health sector:

<https://www.welcomememiasia.org/resources/resources-for-carers>. Webinars are on 13 Feb & 13 Mar:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/spiritmindbody/>

Marriage support: Retrouvaille offer a virtual weekend (25-28 Feb) that may help. Call or text 07887 296983 / 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com.

Marriage Preparation: Marriage Care offer online courses. <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/ptwebcam-course-availability/>

Engaged Encounter - Booking link

<https://engaged-encounter.org.uk/book-aweekend/>



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	2nd C	Total	Donations	Attended
Bicester	£129.24	£65.65	105.97	£300.86	£160	95
Hethe	£	DD £158		£158		

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.



Online Webcam

Go the website and follow link

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