



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

And **Holy Trinity** @ Hardwick Rd, HETHE OX27 8AW

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The Parishes of the Immaculate Conception & Holy Trinity are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216



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Year of Family



Third Sunday of Lent B
07th March 2021 Psalter 3

Year of St Joseph



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH
2020 - 8TH DECEMBER - 2021

MARCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 6TH	6.00 PM	People of the Parish	3rd Sunday of Sunday of Lent	P Sims/C McArdle	McArdle Family
SUN 7TH	8.00 AM @Hethe	Simon Hemonings & Family (illness)		R Deane	R Dean & S Wilde
	9.30 AM	Edward Farrell (RIP)		S Taylor	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	Martin Mellett (RIP) (EK)		E King	Kokore Family
	4.00 PM @Hethe	ROSARY			R Deane & S Wilde
MON 8TH	9.30 AM	Angel Sweeney (RIP)	Lent Feria	M Daniel	L Cleeve & P Sims
TUE 9TH	9.30 AM	Thomas-Edward Thompson (RIP)	Lent Feria		R & R Deane
	6.30 PM—7.30PM	LENTEN TALK 3	<i>"Trinitarian Doctrine"</i>		Zoom Platform
WED 10TH	9.30 AM	Canon John's 29th anniversary of Priestly Ordination & Thanksgiving - Cleeve family	Lent Feria		L & C Cleeve
THUR 11TH	9.30 AM	Intentions of Siobhan, David & Family	Lent Feria		Kokore family
FRI 12TH	12 NOON	Margaret Forsyth (RIP)	<i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>	E King	Sisters
	4.00 PM @Hethe	STATIONS OF THE CROSS			R Deane & S Wilde
	6.00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS			Sisters
SAT 13TH	10.30AM -11.30AM	CONFESSIONS	Lent Feria		
	6.00 PM	People of the Parish	4th Sunday of Sunday of Lent	Mr & Mrs McFall	McArdle Family
SUN 14TH	8.00 AM @ HETHE	Josephine Schicker (RIP)		D McDermott	R Deane & S Wilde
	9.30 AM	Charles Grant (RIP)		A Kirby-Hall	C St John/B Nichols
	11.00 AM	Alfred Smith (RIP)		G Andrade	A Poole & J Marshall
	4.00 PM@ Hethe	ROSARY			R Deane & S Wilde



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. (Masks compulsory)

HOLY HOUR: Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm (not during Lent & Advent)

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 March: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



This week we pray for...
Erika Board - SANCTUARY LIGHT
Alys Chrisp (RIP) - OUR LADY'S LIGHT



THE SEASON OF LENT

TALKS VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM BY FR ROBERT CAREY

During the Season of Lent on "The formation of Trinitarian Doctrine in the 4th Century." On Tuesday 9th March thereafter on Wednesdays 17th and 24th March. 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Topic: Lenten Talk Three, Tuesday 9th March.

To join Zoom meeting click on link:

[https://zoom.us/j/91786242747?](https://zoom.us/j/91786242747?pwd=THEwYWEvRUNrd2NpeTNjZTgzSW94UT09)

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Date & Time: Mar 9, 2021 6:30 PM

Meeting ID: 917 8624 2747

Passcode: 206162

Notes on last week's talk can be found under Parish News on our website.

During the Easter Season on "Christology—The Person of Christ."

On Wednesdays April 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th and 19th. From 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

REQUEST To speed up entry into church for Mass please bring along a slip of paper with your name and contact number and place it in the container provided in the entrance.

Alternatively if you have a smart phone, register by using the **NHS TRACK AND TRACE** QR Code which is displayed on the notice boards in the entrance. This applies to both churches.

Please speak to a steward if you cannot do either of the above. Stewards will continue to assist until further notice. As we enter a gradual relaxing of restrictions may we still remind you: **Not come** if symptomatic or self-isolating. That **masks are** compulsory. **To 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.

Please refer to the bulletin for our Mass times if you are able to attend. We are grateful to all of you who faithfully comply with the Governments regulations and we must continue to do all we can to keep everybody safe in church.

CONFIRMATIONS: Will take place on Saturday, 24th April at 11am & Saturday, 1st May at 11 am. Due to restrictions there are limits on numbers attending, therefore each family will be given 6 tickets, this number to include the candidate & Sponsor. Contact details of all family members and guests attending will be required 10 days before the actual date. School will contact you after 8th March with more information, so please do not contact the school and the same with all Non St Mary's, Mrs Clare St John will contact you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communions will take place on Saturdays 15th & 22nd May at 11am. Due to restrictions there are limits on numbers attending, therefore each family will be given 6 tickets, this number to include the candidate. Contact details of all family members and guests attending will be required 10 days before the actual date. School will contact you after 8th March with more information, so please do not contact the school and the same with all Non St Mary's, Mrs Clare St John will contact you. Please keep all children wishing to prepare for these sacraments in your daily prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please continue to request for Masses as we do not have sufficient intentions. Thank you.

HOLY TRINITY, HETHE: Please contact Breff Kelly to reserve a place at the Holy Trinity Church, Hethe, for Good Friday Liturgy & Easter Sunday morning Mass. If you require further information please telephone Breff Kelly on 01280 702500 or email: breffkelly@gmail.com

STEWARDS: I am very grateful to all our stewards who have been very generous with their time. Now I appeal for more stewards to assist at weekday or weekend Masses. If you would like to assist, please email the Parish office.

LECTORS: We need more lectors to read at the weekend Masses. If you would like to read, please email the parish office and state which Mass you wish to read at.

PASTORAL COUNCILS Bicester: Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Zoom on Monday, 22nd March at 6.30pm. An agenda will be sent out in due course. **Hethe:** A Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting will take place on Sunday, 7th March after 8am Mass.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY: There will be a meeting on Zoom on Monday, 15th March at 6pm. If you would like to be involved, please request the link by email to the Parish Office.

MARKET STALL: Jackie Flynn is organising a Stall in the Sheep Street on Friday, 23rd April to raise funds for the Parish. Hope that you will support generously.

SPONSORED WALK Sue and Janet will be doing a sponsored walk to raise funds for CAFOD and the Bathula Care Trust charitable work. If you would like to donate contact marshall-jm@uwclub.net, or speak to either Sue or Janet.

FEBRUARY 100 CLUB WINNERS £100 - S Collison, 17. £50 - E Chandler, 82. £25 - P Owens 32. There are now only 4 numbers available: 30,50,94,96 - contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to play - costs £5 per month.

PARISH FINANCES Every parish is struggling financially at the moment, and we are no different. As we approach the end of the financial year I would like to thank you all for your continued financial support to our parishes, especially during the past, incredibly difficult year. Both parishes have run at a deficit this year, particularly the Parish of The Immaculate Conception where we have carried out some building works (presbytery chimney, kitchen, bathrooms and the sacristy roof). From January 2021, the levies that every parish pays to the Archdiocese (for curial support etc) have increased substantially. I intend to speak about this, and the impact it will have on our parishes in the coming weeks. We have also come to the decision, that as of April 2021 we will cease to use the Gift Aid 'envelopes' due to the ever decreasing number of parishioners opting for them. We will be contacting the small number of parishioners who are currently registered users of them directly, regarding this, in due course.

In the meantime I would like to encourage you to consider if:

+ you might be able to Gift Aid your donations? If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you!

+ you could sign up to a Standing Order rather than using cash?

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE & CONFESSIONS: On Monday 29th March at 6.30pm. Visiting priest will be available.

EASTER TRIDUUM 2021

Maundy Thursday, 1st April 6.30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (B)

Good Friday, 2nd April: 3.00pm- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (B&H) 6.00pm- Stations of the Cross - Multilingual (B)

Holy Saturday, 3rd April: Blessing of Food at 1pm & 2pm (B) 6.30pm - Easter Vigil Mass (B)

Easter Sunday, 4th April: 8.00 am Mass at Bicester & Hethe

9.30 am, 11.00 am & 12.30pm at Bicester

There is no fair and equitable way of allocating spaces for the Easter Triduum Masses. Therefore, I have decided that if you wish to attend any of them, then please email or telephone the Parish Office for Masses in Bicester and contact **Breff Kelly on 01280 702500** for reservation requests for **Hethe**. Please do not contact me on my mobile.

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.



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	2nd C	Total	Donations	Attended
Bicester	224.79	£30.00	£70.42	£325.21	£250	180
Hethe	£40.00	DD £165		£205		12

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.

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