



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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



Holy Trinity Hethe



Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Advent Season Week beginning of 10th to 17th December 2023 Psalter 2

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: We pray that people living with disabilities may be the centre of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.



DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTER	STEWARDS
SAT 9th	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish	2nd Sunday of Advent	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	S & W Hawryluk (RIP)		H Henwood/Sr Sani	Sr Rose	L Hattam
SUN 10th	9.00 am	Annamaria Silvy - 11th birthday Private Intentions (E.K)		P Cousins/ S McCarthy	L & R Weaver	C St John/ Volunteer
	11.00 am	Igor Piaskowski (RIP)		J Hurst/E Green	Sr Rose/J Kokore	Orleans Family
	2.00-4.00pm	FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA				
MON 11th	12 noon	Intentions of Frankie Ostrowski	Advent Feria	M Daniel	Frankie	
TUE 12th	12 noon	Phil Fenwick (sick)	Advent Feria	C St John	J Kokore	
WED 13th	7.00 pm	Pat & Alice Beggs (RIP)	Mem of St Lucy, V, M	J Kokore	Sr Rose	
THU 14th	8.00am @School	Wellbeing of all pupils & staff at St Mary's	Mem of St John of the Cross, P, Dr			
	9.30 am	Deceased members of Cawley family		H King	J Kokore	
	11.00 am	Bruern Abbey School Carol Service				
	4.00 pm	Reception of Irene Ziegart (RIP)				
	6.00 pm	St Mary's School Carol Service				
FRI 15th	12 noon	Requiem Mass of Irene Ziegart (RIP)	Advent Feria	Advent Feria		
SAT 16th	4.00 pm @Hethe	Mary Evans (RIP)	3rd Sunday of Advent			
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Don Burton (RIP) & People of the Parish		R John/C McArdle	L & D Jimirez	M Marrs
SUN 17th	9.00 am	P O Kunjuvareed (RIP) Sr Andrea (RIP)		C Moyse/C St John	A Mutton/M Brown	Brown Family
	11.00 am	Ints of Evans family Children & Grandchildren		C Tett	Sr Rose	Jimirez Family
	6.00 pm	"A Song for Christmas" Concert	By Sponne Musicians			
MON 18th	9.30 am@ Hethe	Intentions of David & Johanna Wilde				
	12 noon	Mark Mackenzie (RIP)				
	7.00 pm	Service of Reconciliation & Confessions				

This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: Felipe Teng (RIP)
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Helena Nowak

Archdiocese of Birmingham: "Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour".

Safeguarding: Both our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance & the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parishes Safeguarding Representatives are:

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Teams for	10/12	17/12	24/12	31/12	7/1	14/1
Children lit. (4)	3	4	none	none	tbc	
Coffee 9am (10)	8	9	10	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (9)5	1	2	3	4	6	7
Flowers	none	none	All	All	Dismantle	Kasia

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Helena Nowak & Jean McIntosh.

ROSARY: Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church

BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS: Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.

CONFESSIONS: Hethe: **Saturday from 3.15pm - 3.50 pm (in the Sacristy)** Bicester: 5.15 pm - 5.45pm

EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER: First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm @ Ursuline Convent

HOLY HOUR: Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm (Not during Lent)

PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: Please contact the Office if you need some form of practical help -252 277.

PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm @ Ursuline Convent.

COFFEE AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND - WILL BE HELD UPSTAIRS

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: On Monday, 18th December at 7.00pm. There will be some visiting priests to help us with our confessions as we approach the festive season. So please make use of this opportunity.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: There are parishioners who give through bank standing order, few others via the Tap & Go machine, but many others through the offertory bags. Give whatever you can and simply don't ignore the offertory collectors. In which ever way you contribute financially to the parish, please take the bag as it is passed along and pass it on to the next person. We all need to create a culture of supporting this...*your* parish. *Please give what you can—God Bless You.*

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND SALE A big thank you to everyone who supported generously by buying holy articles to support the Christian community in the Holy Land. Total sale value and some donations brought in an amazing amount of £1020. God bless you all.

COFFEE MORNING: Raised £210 at their last meet up of the year. My sincere thanks to everyone who has supported them and thank you also to everyone involved in baking, making and organising! Dates for next years are displayed on the church notice board.

BGN CAROL SERVICE Thursday, 14th December at 7pm, St John the Evangelist Church, Banbury and online. All Welcome!

A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS: Sunday, 17th Dec 6pm. This is a concert performed by Sponne School musicians in a joint fundraising event. The programme will include solo instrumental and vocal items as well as festive small ensemble music, choral items and candlelit Carols. Tickets £10 available from the piety shop/Coles from December 2nd.

HETHE JOINT CAROL SERVICE, ST EDMUND & ST GEORGE Sunday, 17th December at 6pm. Please support this event.

OPEN DOORS CAFÉ, BICESTER METHODIST CHURCH, CHRISTMAS LUNCH. 25th December 12pm-4pm. The churches in Bicester will be hosting a Christmas lunch on Christmas Day at Bicester Methodist Church. If you would like to come or know anyone who would like to come, you can book a place free of charge by emailing: bicesterchristmaslunch@gmail.com. Alternatively you can contact Deacon Nick, or complete the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the church porch. Free Transport can be provided if needed.

RAFFLE: Please deliver the counterfoils with the correct amount as they are sold to the Parish Office by Friday 22nd. The draw takes place on **Sunday, 24th Dec** after the 11 am Mass in St John Paul II Centre.

HOLY TRINITY HETHE 'For this week, no Monday Films'

HETHE—CHRISTMAS CRIB We plan to erect the crib on Wednesday 20th December at around 10.00am and it takes about one hour. Volunteers are urgently needed from amongst the fit and healthy. Please phone Breff Kelly (01280 7025000) if you can make it.

BICESTER FOOD BANK—CHRISTMAS REQUEST New toys, wrapping paper, toiletries, cakes, mince pies, selection boxes. Please consider other extra food. Place in the container at the back of the Church or deliver to the Food Bank, The Beacon, Wesley Lane.

REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP has some still outstanding needs for the Afghan families, nine families are expected before Christmas. See poster at the back of church. Thank you in advance for any contributions.

THE CHOSEN: Will resume in the new year.

Parish Environmental Recycling Tip of the Week: Christmas: Use plain brown paper or reusable gift bags for wrapping Christmas presents. Make gift tags from last year's Christmas cards. Use Washi Paper Tape (available from Bicester Green) instead of plastic sell tape.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are currently short of Mass intentions, so please continue to request. Mass envelopes are available from the back of the Church/ Piety Shop or Parish Office.



CHRISTMAS STARS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE



We will once again be decorating our trees with stars in remembrance and hope and invite you to purchase stars for loved ones. Forms can be found at the back of church.

1 star for £3 or 2 for £5.

Please deliver by Sunday 17th December.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: This is your traditional annual gift to the parish priest. Please feel free to use the special envelopes that are being given with the bulletin this weekend. Alternatively, you may give your offering via the contactless card machine which is in the front porch of the Church. Thank you.

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December

2.00 pm - Bicester

6.00 pm - Bicester

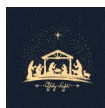
8.00 pm - Hethe

11.30 pm - Carols followed by

Midnight Mass - Bicester

Christmas Day - Monday, 25th December

9 am & 11 am - Bicester



Dates to remember

December

- 10th: Festive Afternoon Tea in St John Paul II Centre at 2pm
- 14th Carol Service - St Mary's School at 6pm in Church
- 17th Carol Concert - Sponne School at 6pm in Church
- 18th Penitential Service & Confessions at 7pm in Church
- 24th: Christmas Raffle Draw after 11 am Mass in St Paul II Centre
- 26th: Altar Servers Mass & Social after 12 noon Mass



PARISH GIVING

BICESTER <https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528>

Standing Orders/Donations/Payments:

Bicester: Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02342731

Hethe: Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02301466

MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:

Canon John Y Batthula: Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760.

CONTACTLESS You can also donate by scanning the QR code with your phone or by card at the machine in the church porch. If you pay tax, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Each time you make a subsequent donation using the same card, Gift Aid will be collected automatically.

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Financial Information

SECOND COLLECTIONS

9th/10th December: Poor Parishes Fund

17th/18th December: Parish Maintenance

23rd/24th December: Parish Maintenance

Christmas Crib Collection 2024—Friends of the Holy Land

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£407.75	£130.15	£1165	£130	453
Hethe	£15		£170		19

Gift Aid it!!- you could add 25% to the value of your donation. Contact the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator Sr Sani; or speak to me. (Canon John)



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