



# 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

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## Third Sunday of Advent A

10th to 18th December 2022 - Psalter 3

**Pope's Prayer Intention for December : For Volunteer non profit organisations:** We pray for that these organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 10th	4 pm @ Hethe	Mary Evans (RIP)	3rd Sunday of Advent		S Wilde/R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Intentions of Ursuline Sisters		Sr Anu/Sr Sani	A Mutton
SUN 11th	9.00 am	People of the Parish		M Daniel/L Cleeve	Brown Family
	10 am - 2.00pm	CHRISTMAS FAYRE	St John Paul II Centre		
	11.00 am	Peter King (RIP)		J Franta/A Kearsley	Orleans Family
	6.00 pm	A Song for Christmas with Sponne Musicians	You may pay at the Door		
MON 12th	9.30 am@ Hethe	Austin (Aussie) Owens (RIP)	Advent Feria		
	10 am @Hethe	COFFEE MORNING	St Philip's Hall		
	12 Noon			M Daniel	
TUE 13th	9.00 am		Mem of St Lucy, V, M	L Cleeve	
WED 14th	9.30 am@ School	End of Term Mass	Mem of St John of the Cross, P, Dr		
	11.30 am	Requiem Service of Dorothy Lucas (RIP)			
THUR 15th	8.00 am@ School	Advent Mass at School	Advent Feria		
	12 Noon@ Hethe	Requiem Mass of Mary Evans (RIP)			
	6.00 pm	Carol Service - St Mary's UKS2 in Church			
FRI 16th	12 Noon	Carmel Downs (RIP)	Advent Feria	E King	
SAT 17th	4 pm @ Hethe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott		R Deane/ B Kelly	S Wilde/R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Don Burton (RIP)	4th Sunday of Advent	Rufus/C McArdle	M Marrs/P Bevan
SUN 18th	9.00 am	People of the Parish		L & R Weaver	C St John
	11.00 am			T Lane/N Ward	Kokore Family
	6.00 pm @Hethe	Joint Carol Service	Holy Trinity Church		

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church

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

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

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

**ROSARY:** Everyday 25 minutes before Mass starts.

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

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

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

**PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:** Please contact the Parish Office if you need some form of practical help -01869 252 277.



This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Kevin Anil Thomas (For Protection & Wisdom)

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley, John Dunn, Helena Nowak, Joy Martin & Jean McIntosh .

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 2023:** Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 25th to 31st May 2023. Half board £789 per person sharing a room. If you prefer a single room, it will cost an extra £247 and single rooms are limited. Flights from London Stansted to Lourdes. Booking forms can be obtained from the back of the Church or Parish Office. If you need more information, please get in touch with me. Online booking: [www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803](http://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803)

**HOLY LAND:** Pilgrimage to Holy Land is from 27th November to 4th December 2023. Half board £1459 per person, sharing a room. Single rooms incur a supplement of £325. Flights from London Luton. Booking forms available from the Piety Shop/ Parish Office/Sacristy. Online booking: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801>

**SILENCE IN CHURCH:** Please may I remind everyone to be mindful of other people who are praying in Church before & after Mass. Make sure your mobiles are switched off & also not to speak during Mass itself.

**WINNERS 100 CLUB FOR NOVEMBER 2022:** £100 - Hattam Family (26) £50 - Marco Marchetti (81) £25 - Conlon Family (44) There are now around 10 numbers available: contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to play - costs £5 per month, £60 for the year.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Payments and stubbs to be returned to Sr Anu at the Parish Office. The draw will take place on Sunday, 18th December after 11 am Mass. Thank you for raffle prize donations.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** The Christmas Fayre will take place this Sunday after 9 am Mass in St John Paul II Centre. Donations of bottles, tombola prizes ( good gifts/tins/new items of any sorts) & cakes are needed.

**CHRISTMAS STARS** Two Christmas Trees of Remembrance and Hope will be erected on to the Sanctuary this year and you are invited to purchase stars for loved ones. Forms will be available with the bulletins from next weekend and at the back of church. Please complete and deliver to the Parish Office or to the Sisters. 1 star £3 - 2 stars for £5. Funds raised will go towards church flowers at Christmas. Thank you for your support.

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING:** Total raised £341.33. Thank you very much. Next one is on Friday, 3rd February 2023. All welcome.

**A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS WITH SPONNE MUSICIANS** This Sunday at 6pm here in church. Tickets £10 available from the Piety Shop. All proceeds towards Sponne Music Dept and Church Funds.

**PIETY SHOP** Christmas cards, candles gifts, and other religious items now available. New selection of occasional cards also in stock.

**HELP AT CHRISTMAS:** We have been approached with offers of food those in our parish community who may be in need of extra support this Christmas. If anyone is in need of support, please contact the Parish Office or me on a confidential basis.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** On Monday, 19th December at 7pm. I have invited some of our neighbouring priests to help us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by hearing our confessions. A great opportunity to prepare ourselves for the celebrations of Our Lord's Nativity at Christmas.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** All servers will be renewing their commitment as members of the guild of St Stephen on Monday, 26th December during 12 Noon Mass. Some of the new servers will be presented with their bronze medal.

**HOLY TRINITY, HETHE.** There will be no 'Monday Films' this Monday as the village coffee morning will occupy St Philip's Hall. There will no Teas after the 4.00pm Mass on 10th December. Volunteers needed to help erect the Christmas Crib on Friday 16th Dec. at 10.00am. Please phone Breff Kelly, 01280 702500, for details. A joint carol service with the Anglicans will be held on Sunday 18th December at 6.00pm with refreshments afterwards in St Philip's Hall. Please support this event if you can.

Teams for	11/12	18/12	25/12	1/1	8/1
Children lit. (4)	none	3	None	None	None
Coffee 9am (10)	9	10	None	1	2
Coffee 11am (7)	1	2	None	3	4
Flowers	None	None	All teams	All	All

**Requiem Mass** for Mary Evans followed by internment in our churchyard will take place on Thursday at noon. May she rest in peace.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** Is your traditional annual gift to the parish priest. Please us the special envelopes at all Christmas Masses. Thank you.

**BRICKLAYER:** Do we have any bricklayers in our parish who could help us? I would really be grateful if you could get in touch with me.

**St. Mary's Catholic Primary School:** Parents of children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 (inclusive) need to apply for a primary school place for September 2023 before 15th January 2023. Applications should be made through the Oxfordshire website: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications/make-application>

Parents are very welcome to visit and see what life is like at St. Mary's. Please telephone or email the school office to make an appointment. Miss Pickering will meet with you and take you on a tour of the school. Telephone: 01869 252035 Email: [office.3824@st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3824@st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk)



**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve**  
**Saturday, 24th December**  
2.00pm @ Bicester (Underwood family)  
4.00 pm @ Holy Trinity, Hethe  
6.00pm @ Bicester (9 am Choir)  
12 Midnight Bicester (11 am Choir)  
**Christmas Day**  
**Sunday, 25th December**  
9.00 am @ Bicester  
11 am @ Bicester (11 am Choir)

**Dates to remember**

- 18th Christmas Raffle Draw after 11 am Mass in the Centre
- 19th December : Advent Penitential Service & Confessions at 7pm
- 18th March 2023: Sacrament of Confirmations Mass at 6 pm
- 23rd March 2023: Diamond Jubilee Celebrations @ 7pm - Archbishop
- 13th May : First Holy Communions ( For non St Mary's ) 11 am
- 20th May : First Holy Communions (For St Mary's ) 11 am
- 11th June: Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park 11 am
- 2nd July: Family Day Mass @ 11am & Presentation of Certificates



**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 Bathula: 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.

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**Financial Information**



**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

10th/11th Dec. Parish Maintenance  
18th/19th Dec. Christmas Flowers

Church	First	Second	Standing	Tap & Go	Mass Attendance
<b>Bicester</b>	£417.89	£205.33	£1185	£110	496
<b>Hethe</b>	£62.70	£25	£186		29



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