



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 C

12th December 2021 Psalter 2

Month of the Immaculate Conception

DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 11TH	4.00 PM	Austin Owens (RIP)	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		R Dean & S Wilde
	6.00 PM	Special Intention		P Sims/ C McArdle	Thompson Family
SUN 12TH	9.00 AM	George Lloyd (RIP)		M Brown/ E Penhallow	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	Mr Rowland (RIP)		H King	Kokore Family
	6.00PM	CHRISTMAS CONCERT			
MON 13TH	9.30 AM@ Hethe	Austin Owens (RIP)	Mem St Lucy, V, M	R Deane	R Dean & S Wilde
	12NOON	Gerry Cunningham (RIP)		M Daniel	
TUE 14TH	9.30 AM	Edita Jurisic (RIP)	Mem of St John of the Cross, P,Dr	J Kokore	R & R Deane
WED 15TH	9.30 AM @School	Pat & Alice Beggs (RIP)	Advent Feria		L Cleeve
	12 NOON	John Sanjeeve & Damayanthi Batthula (RIP)			
THUR 16TH	8.00 AM @ School	Holy Souls	Advent Feria		
	12 NOON	Ursula Steel (RIP)		H King	J Kokore
FRI 17TH	12 NOON	Deceased members of the Tett Family (RIP)	Advent Feria	N Ward	Frankie
SAT 18TH	4.00 PM @ Hethe	Don Burtor (RIP)	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		R Deane & S Wilde
	6.00 PM	People of the Parish		Sr Anu/R John	McArdle Family
SUN 19TH	9.00 AM	John, Eddie, and Neil Ward (RIP)		L & R Weaver	C St John/C Conlon
	11.00 AM	People of the Parish		R Evans/N Ward	J Marshall/A Poole
MON 20TH	7.00PM	PENITENTIAL SERVICE & CONFESSIONS			

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church

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

CONFESSIONS: Hethe: *Every Saturday from 3.30pm - 3.50 pm (Face covering compulsory) in the Sacristy*

Bicester: *Every Saturday from 5.15 PM - 5.45 PM (Face covering compulsory) in the Confessional*

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

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

ROSARY: During weekdays 25 minutes before Mass starts. Saturday's at 5.35 pm (before Vigil Mass)

URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING & HOLY HOUR: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm - Ursuline Convent





LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley, Mary Ashley, John Dunn & Helena Nowak.

COVID—UPDATE Due to the recent uncertain situation regarding the new covid variant and especially as we approach Christmas, I suggest that we make **mask wearing mandatory once again**. We do not want to be in the position to have to change our plans for our Christmas celebrations and need to do what we can to keep ourselves and others safe. I also continue to respectfully request that no gatherings/ chatting etc, take place around mass times within the church and ask that you please vacate the church **promptly** to allow the stewards to sanitise the church immediately after masses. The hand sanitisers continue to be available for all, please remember to sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Lets keep each other safe. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: This is your traditional offering to your parish priest which is collected at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please use the envelope that is attached to the bulletin this weekend for your offerings. There will be only one collection at all Masses over the Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: This **Sunday, at 6pm**. A few tickets are still available from the Piety Shop & Cole Books priced £10 (£5 for under 16). Please wrap up warm and bring a cushion. Proceeds will go to Church Maintenance & Spoon School Music department.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE This will take place on Monday, 20th December 2021 at 7pm. It is an opportunity to all our parishioners to prepare to celebrate Our Lord's birthday by going to Confession. I have invited 5 priests to come and hear our confessions. Please make time to receive this sacrament.

BGN CAROL SERVICE Tuesday, 14th December at 7:30 at St John the Evangelist Church. All are welcome.

MISSIO/APF As we approach the end of the year we would be grateful if you could empty or return your red boxes and deliver to the parish office or Piety Shop. Empty boxes can be found at the back of church. Thank you.

PIETY SHOP Open around Mass times.

STARS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE Stars to adorn our Christmas trees will be available this year. Forms are available at the back of church. Please return by **Friday 19th December**.

COFFEE MORNING This month's Coffee morning raised £454.55. Thank you very much to all for their generosity. Next one: 7th Jan 2022.

TALKS IN ST PHILIP'S HALL ARE BACK! The Case for God: Is faith compatible with science? The speaker will be Fr Andrew Pinsent PhD, Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at Oxford University, Saturday 8th January 2022 at 11.00am at Holy Trinity Church, Hardwick Rd., Hethe OX27 8AW. Coffee and books from 10.30am. Masks needed & are available.

HETHE COFFEE MORNING A Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday, 14th December at 10am, at St Philips Hall, Hethe, all are welcome.

CANON JOHN: It has been 2 years since I had a break and I am therefore planning to go home to India on 28th December and return on 26th January. During my absence, weekend Masses will be celebrated by Bishop William and Father Pat. During the weekdays, Monday to Thursday, Rosary will be recited at 9.15 am followed by morning prayers. On Friday's Rosary will be recited at 11.35 am followed by Mass.

LISTENING AND WALKING Apologies to those who tried to join the Listening and Walking zoom meeting on Tuesday. Due to technical issues we were unable to hold the meeting.

LECTORS & STEWARDS The new rota for Jan-April 2022 is being prepared. If you would like to read at masses or help steward please email the parish office on tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

BAPTISMS 2022: I will be holding a Baptism Meeting on Saturday 29th January at 1pm. If you are planning to have your child baptised next year & plan to attend the meeting please contact the parish office.

CONTACTLESS GIVING: We are moving with the times and have a parish contactless machine which will be installed into church in due course. We have also got our own Immaculate Conception Parish QR code which is up and running and can be found on the lower right side in 'Parish Giving.' You will be able to give your offering/donations via our QR Code via your phone. I would like to bring to your notice that you can also give your donation via our parish website, this can be found at the top right hand side of our homepage. A QR code for Hethe will also

be set up in due course. You will be able to Gift Aid any donations via the contactless methods. Your details will only need to be entered once initially (please note you will have to enter GA details for each different payment card you use).

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Hethe

Christmas Eve: 4.00pm

Christmas Day at 9.00am

Bicester

Christmas Eve: 2.00 pm, 6.00 pm; 9.00 pm & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 9am & 11 am.

The Crib Collection this year will go towards Bicester Food Bank.

CHRISTMAS MASSES - STEWARDS TASKS INVOLVED: WELCOMING, ONE OFFERING COLLECTION AND SANITISING AFTER MASS.

Dates to remember

Monday 20th Dec: Penitential Service/Confessions at 7.00pm

Saturday 5th March 2022: Sacrament of Confirmation at 6pm

Saturday 14th May 2022: First Holy Communions (St Mary's)

Saturday 21st May: First Holy Communions (non St Mary's)

Sunday 19th June 2022: Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park

Sunday 3rd July 2022: Family Day & Presentation of Certificates



RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course for those wishing to become a Catholic or those who wish to know more about our faith, is taking place every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at Centre. Last session Dec 14th. Restart Jan 18th 2022.



Grateful Givers
Financial Information
SECOND COLLECTIONS
11th/12th Dec. Parish Maintenance
18th/19th Dec. Parish Maintenance

Church	Loose £	Second Collection Poor Parishes	Standing Orders	Total	Attended
Bicester	£259.60	£209.40	£1100	£1569.00	420
Hethe	£46	£25	£196	£242	18

PARISH GIVING

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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:

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

You can also donate by scanning the QR code with your phone

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God Bless you for your generosity during these difficult times!



PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESAN VISION:

Spirit of God, descend on me this day.

Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,

the Spirit of hope to inspire me,

the Spirit of love to surround me

and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,

so that I may grow in worship of your name

in love of you in my prayer

and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.

Strengthen and defend me,

so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.

Help me this day and always

to be a channel of grace in all I say and do

and invite others into relationship with you. Amen

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