



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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**Third Sunday of Lent A**  
**Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays - Season of Lent**  
**11th - 19th March 2023 Psalter 3**

**Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For victims of abuse.** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



**Month of March dedicated to St Joseph**

MARCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
<b>SAT 11TH</b>	<b>Hethe 4.00 pm</b>	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott		B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Margret Forsyth (RIP)	3rd Sunday of Lent	C McArdle/R John	M Marrs/P Behan
<b>SUN 12th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Harry Culley (RIP)		L & R Weaver	Brown Family
	<b>11.00 am</b>	People of the Parish Raphael - Thanksgiving (Birthday)		A Kearsley	J & M Franta
<b>MON 13th</b>	<b>9.30am@Hethe</b>		<i>Lenten Feria</i>	R Dean/B Kelly	
	<b>12 Noon</b>			M Daniel	
<b>TUE 14th</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>		<i>Lenten Feria</i>	J Kokore	
<b>WED 15th</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>		<i>Lenten Feria</i>	L Cleeve	
<b>THUR 16th</b>	<b>8am@ School</b>		<i>Lenten Feria</i>		
	<b>12 Noon</b>	Ursula Polack (RIP)		H King	
<b>FRI 17th</b>	<b>10 -11.55AM</b>	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT			
	<b>12 Noon</b>	Hans & Elfride Murowski (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Patrick, B Patron of Ireland</i>	E King	
	<b>12.30 -6.30PM</b>	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT			
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	BENEDICTION			
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	WAY OF THE CROSS			
<b>SAT 18th</b>	<b>Hethe 4.00 pm</b>	People of the Parish		B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Thanksgiving - Confirmandi	4th Sunday of Lent	Confirmandi	B & K McFall
<b>SUN 19th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Malachy McKeon (RIP)		A Kirby-Hall/R Evans	L & C Cleeve
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Private intentions (NW)		T Lane/ N Ward	Kokore Family



**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 (Not during Lent)  
**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. Mothers Day, St Patricks & Confirmation cards & gifts now available.  
**EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER:** First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm @ Ursuline Convent



This week we pray for...  
**SANCTUARY LIGHT:** Patricia Lynch  
**OUR LADY'S LIGHT:** Helena Nowak

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

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

**SILENCE IN CHURCH:** Please may I remind everyone to be mindful of other people who are praying in Church before and after Mass. Make sure that your mobiles and any devices are switched off and also not to speak during Mass itself. Why don't you come along to the Centre after Mass to speak to other parishioners while having a cup of tea?

**MASS INTENTIONS:** My sincere thanks to those who continue to have Masses offered for families and loved ones. We are currently very short of Mass intentions, so please continue to request. Mass envelopes are available from the back of the Church/ Piety Shop or Parish Office.

**JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:** On Thursday 23rd March, we as a Catholic Community will mark the three fold Jubilee celebrations: To mark this occasion, The Most Reverend Bernard Longley will join us at the Concelebrated Mass, at 7.00pm, followed by light supper in the Centre. I wish to invite all parishioners past, present & school community to join us in our celebrations. **We need to have an idea for the catering purposes**, there is a list at the back of the Church, so please write your name & the number of people who will be coming.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** this coming Saturday during 6pm Mass, some of our young people will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation and we look forward to welcoming Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, our area Episcopal Vicar to our Parish. Let us keep our young people in our prayers.

**The Grow Your Faith Group** had a good meeting and thank you to all who attended. We hope the discussions will evolve as we share and learn about our faith together. Everyone is invited to our next meeting on Wednesday 15th March, 7.30pm in the St John Paul II Centre.

**EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS:** Please take a number of books & support the parish in a generous way. First prize: £100; 2nd prize: Hamper; 3rd prize: £25 and many other good prizes.

**HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Children/Parent Sessions Saturday 9-10am in St John Paul II Centre: 25th March (Parents Session running alongside the children's session), 22nd April.

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING:** Thanks to all those who came along to support. Total raised £260.70 Next Coffee morning is on Friday, 14th April. All welcome.

**HETHE:** Mondays: Mass at 9.30am followed by Bible Study video in St Philip's Hall. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: Mid-week Stations of the Cross at 10.00am

**MASS FOR MARRIAGES:** Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's thanksgiving Mass for Marriage on Saturday, 12 Noon, April 29th at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, followed by light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. Please contact Paul Nathan by emailing: marriage.Mass@rcaob.org.uk or 0121 321 5148.

**HOSTS NEEDED** Saturday, 25th March between 2pm-4pm to the St John Paul II Centre, (next door to the Catholic Church) to meet with Hosts, Ukrainian guests & other organisations for hosting information.

**RAGS FOR CASH** Thank you to all of you who donated towards the Rags for Cash collection. £205 was raised, this will be divided between BUCS and parish. If you have any unwanted clothing, the BUCS Ukrainian Clothing centre is still accepting donations. Please see poster on notice board for opening times. Unit 1 McKay Trading Estate, Station Rd, OX26 6BF.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** I would like to see all our altar servers being available for our Jubilee Mass as I would like all of them serve. If any albs are with you and your children are not serving, please bring them back. We need them for other altar servers.

**EASTER LILIES** If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a relative or friend please complete the attached slip and deliver to the parish office /piety shop. Lilies cost £2.50 each.

Teams for	12/3	19/3	26/3	2/4	9/4
Children lit. (4)	3	none	4	none	None
Coffee 9am (11)	10	11	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (9)	6	7	8	9	1
Flowers	None	None	None	Sisters	All

**Banbury Cluster Vocations Evening:** As a deanery, we are coming together to pray for vocations and I would like to invite you to join me and other clergy and parishioners on Monday, 20th March at St John's Church, Banbury. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm to 6.50pm, followed by concelebrated Mass at 7pm. Please come along and pray for vocations.

**Parish Youth Meeting for Year 6-9: Saturday 25th March 2023, 7pm-9pm:** This is the first of our monthly parish youth meetings. It will be great to see all those who came to the November meeting, and anyone else who is interested in coming. It will be held in the Parish Centre. No need to book, just turn up. Parents will need to sign young people into the meeting for Safeguarding reasons. If you would like to find out more, please contact Deacon Nick. phone:01869 46787 or dcn.nick.f.stjohn@rcaob.org.uk

**HOLY TRIDUUM**

**Maundy Thursday Mass at 7.30 pm (Bicester)**  
**Good Friday Liturgy at 12 Noon (Hethe) 3pm at Bicester**  
**Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30 pm**  
**Easter Sunday Masses:**  
**9 am (Bicester) 10 am (Hethe) & 11 am (Bicester)**

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 2023:** Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the 25th to 31st May 2023. Half board £789 per person sharing a room. Single rooms are an extra £247 with limited availability. The flight will be from London Stansted to Lourdes. Booking forms can be obtained from Piety shop or Parish Office, alternatively online via All Saints. 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 NOVEMBER 2023:** Our pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from 27th Nov to 4th Dec 2023. Half board £1459 per person sharing a room. Single rooms incur a supplement of £325. Flights from London Luton. Booking forms can be obtained from the Piety Shop or Parish Office. Alternatively you can book online: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801>

Coach transfers from church to airports have yet to be decided upon and will incur extra costs.

**Dates to remember**

18th March 2023: Sacrament of Confirmations Mass at 6 pm  
 23rd March 2023: Diamond Jubilee Celebrations @ 7pm  
 13th May: First Holy Communions ( For non St Mary's ) 11 am  
 20th May : First Holy Communions (For St Mary's ) 11 am



**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.

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**Financial Information**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS - MARCH**

11th/12th, 18th/19th, 25th/26th: Lenten Charities



Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
<b>Bicester</b>	£ 332.13	£ 151.16+ £20	£1185	£110	397
<b>Hethe</b>	£	£	£176		29



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