

The Mass: Structure and Meaning (Source: USCCB)

Concluding Rites: When it is necessary, announcements may be made. The celebrant then blesses the people assembled. Sometimes, the blessing is very simple. On special days, the blessing may be more extensive. In every case, the blessing always concludes "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." It is in the triune God and in the sign of the cross that we find our blessing.

After the blessing, the deacon dismisses the people. In fact, the dismissal gives the liturgy its name. The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word, "*Missa*." At one time, the people were dismissed with the words "*Ite, missa est,*" meaning "Go, you are sent. The word "*Missa*" comes from the word "*missio,*" the root of the English word "mission." The liturgy does not simply come to an end. Those assembled are sent forth to bring the fruits of the Eucharist to the world.....

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the fourteenth and especially the fifteenth centuries, particularly in

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the Rhineland and Flanders, where Confraternities of the Sorrowful Mother sprang up. It was in this context that the first liturgical formularies in her honour were composed. A provincial council of Mainz in 1423 made use of these in establishing a "Feast of the Sorrows of Mary" in reparation for Hussite profanations of her images.

In 1494 the feast appeared in Bruges, where the Precious Blood of Christ was venerated; later on it made its way into France. It did not, however, become widespread in France before Benedict XIII included it in the Roman Calendar in 1727 and assigned it to the Friday before Palm Sunday.Some Churches had previously celebrated this feast during the Easter season. Others, however, celebrated the Joys of the Blessed Virgin during the Easter season, as is still done today at Braga. In some places it was entitled "Recollection of the Feasts and Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

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SEPTEMBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	
SATURDAY 12TH	10.00 AM at HT Hethe	People of God	24th Sunday in ordinary time A
	6.00 PM IC	Bill & Kitty Hornby & Angela Nelson (RIP)	
SUNDAY 13TH	9.30 PM IC		
	11.00 AM IC		
	6.00 PM IC		
MONDAY 14TH	9.30 AM IC		Feria
TUESDAY 15TH	9.30 AM IC		
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotions	In Father Foynes Memorial Garden
	7.00 PM	Rosary - Zoom Platform	
WEDNESDAY 16TH	9.30 AM IC		Feria
THURSDAY 17TH	9.30 AM IC		
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform	
FRIDAY 18TH	9.30 AM @ School	For the welfare of the Staff & Pupils	Pupils and Staff only
	12 Noon IC	Immaculate Mary Fernando (RIP)	Feria
SATURDAY 19TH	10.00 AM at HT Hethe	People of God	25th Sunday in ordinary time A
	12 Noon at HT Hethe	Confirmations	Candidates & their family members only
	6.00 PM IC		
SUNDAY 20TH	9.30 AM IC	People of God	
	11.00 AM IC		
	6.00 PM IC		

PARISH GIVING A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who have signed up to new Standing Orders (Direct Debit). Donations can also be made online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work. Select either "BICESTER" or "HETHE" on the dropdown menu and follow instructions. Alternatively, use your Offertory Envelopes each week. These can be placed in the donation box in church, or, if you would like to sign up for Standing Order, use the following details: NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15. Standing order forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to me, Canon John Batthula, Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW.

NHS TRACK AND TRACE: Following government advice we now have to request a contact phone number from all those attending Mass, this is in case we need to trace you to inform you of a virus risk. These details will be kept for a period of 21 days, then destroyed. If you do not wish to provide your phone number, you will still be able to attend Mass, but we will still require details of your name.

GUIDELINES FOR STEWARDS

Please arrive half an hour before Mass commences to prepare and allow time afterwards to assist in vacating church of parishioners and sanitising all touched areas.

Please close the main doors after sign of peace.

Always observe the one way system, entrance is via Main doors, exit via side door via Memorial Garden.

Assist with managing procession for Holy Communion.

Direct visitors to assigned seats/seating areas. Same households and bubbles are allowed to be seated together. Remember to give our Parish newsletter and remind them that they can place their offering/ donation into the casket at the entrance or the exit. **No one should be allowed to stand at the back of the Church.**

<u>GUIDELINES FOR PARISHIONERS</u> Please make sure that you follow the instructions of the stewards and all signage that is in place. If you arrive for Mass and you do not have a face covering you will not be allowed entrance (unless you are asthmatic or under 5). The celebrant will be obliged to stop mass if this obligation is ignored. Please be aware that the Church will be closed after each Mass and there are no toilet facilities available. Offerings/Donations can be placed in the casket/collection box at the entrance or exit. We provide a separate Lectern for the reader. All Lectors please sanitize your hands before and after.

The Celebrant will not wear a face covering until it is time for the distribution of Holy Communion, but they will at that point.

Stewards will guide people forward for Holy Communion or a blessing. We would also like to remind people that their mask must cover their mouth and nose at all times, except to place the Eucharist/ Holy Communion in your mouth. (On approach remove face covering, stretch out hands, receive Holy Communion, move across, consume, re -apply face covering and return to place.)

Do not congregate either inside or outside of church before or at the end of Mass. Please maintain silence before and after Mass. The social distance of 1m Plus must be observed at all times, including before and after Mass.

MASS AT HETHE IS ON SATURDAY'S AT 10 AM.

If you would like to go for Mass at Holy Trinity, please contact Breff Kelly on 01280 702 500 or email him: **breffkelly@gmail.com**

Please place your offering in the basket as you leave the Church through the Sacristy Door.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS STEWARDS AT ALL MASSES: It's not too late to volunteer to help with stewarding at Mass, especially at the weekend masses. Please get in touch with me if you would like to help us.

CONFIRMATIONS AT HETHE: Will be taking place on Saturday, 19th September 2020 at 12 Noon. His Lordship, Bishop William will be the principle celebrant.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS:</u> I would like to congratulate children who are making their First Holy Communion over the coming week.

PIETY SHOP: First Holy Communion cards, prayer books and other souvenirs. Although currently closed, orders can be placed via email to the parish office and collected and paid for at Mass times or by arrangement.

SEASON OF CREATION: Starts from 1st September to 10th October. Please say a prayer for the Creation and be mindful of our environment. (www.catholicclimatemovement.global)

<u>CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL</u>: The sale of cakes and other produce will be taking place on Sunday, 27th September. All proceeds towards the Parish Funds. Please support generously.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation 2020/21.

All children who **do not attend St Mary's School** please contact Clare St John (Parish Catechist) and Deacon Nick at

nick.f.stjohn@btinternet.com or the Parish Office. We will be setting up some sessions for children and parents via Zoom video link. Parents of St Mary's children please contact the school in the first instance.

Reconciliation Commitment Masses over weekend of the 11th October and 18th October 6pm (Saturday evening) 9:30am and 6pm Sunday (6 Masses 4-6 children at each)

Confirmation Commitment Masses over the weekend of 22nd and the 29th November 6pm (Saturday evening) 9:30am and 6pm Sunday (6 Masses 4-6 children at each)

Holy Communion Commitment Masses over the weekend of 31st January and 7th February 6pm (Saturday evening) 9:30am and 6pm Sunday (6 Masses 4-6 children at each)

<u>AUGUST 100 CLUB WINNERS:</u> £100 Eleanor King, £50 Christine Tett, £25 Mary Kelly. There are still 5 numbers avail ble: 30,50,66,94,96 - contact <u>paulcous@yahoo.com</u>, or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to play.

<u>"ABORTION REVERSAL PILL"</u> A Second Chance to Choose'. Sat 19th Sept 3-4pm (prompt start). Come and hear Dr Eileen Reilly gynaecologist/obstetrician explain more about the abortion reversal pill and how you can help promote it. Join us in the Upper Cloister Room of the Birmingham Oratory. For further info contact Isabel on 07773 501721 <u>izzyvs@gmail.com</u>

TUITION Are you worried about your child falling behind in their humanities subjects after COVID-19? Do they need help with Religious Studies and History GCSEs/A Levels? I am happy to help them either one to one or on Zoom. I have an enhanced DBS check and 20 years teaching experience. Prices from £30 per hour. Please contact me, Anna Kirby-Hall via my website learningwithanna.wixsite.com or email me agkirbyhall@hotmail.com

Prayer for the "Year of the Word"

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another.

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GOD who Speaks

we may be your witnesses throughout the world. *Amen* V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

R. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation - Pray for us St Matthew - Pray for us St Jerome - Pray for us

Lectors	13/9	20/9	27/9	
Saturday 6pm	P Sims	P Sims	P Sims	
Sunday 9.30am	S L Taylor	C Moyse	S McCarthy	
Sunday 11am	T Lane	H King	N Ward	
Sunday 6pm	H King	L Cleeve	H king	

Grateful Givers	Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total	Donations	Attended
	Bicester	£ 331.25	£ 43.85	£ 375.10	£ 100	254
	Hethe	£13		£13		16

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 Ollive.

