



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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2nd Sunday of Lent C 13th March 2022 Psalter 2 Sunday's - Year C & Lenten Season Month of St Joseph



MARCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 12TH	4.00 pm@ Hethe	Jean Withers (RIP) 1st Anniversary	2nd Sunday of Lent C		M Doherty & L O'Flynn
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Robert Duggan (RIP)		B McFall	L & C Cleeve
SUN 13TH	9.00 pm	People of the Parish		Brown/	Kokore Family
	11.00 am	Deceased members of the Evans family		R Evans/ I Ziegart	
MON 14TH	9.30 am	Service of The Word & Holy Communion	Lenten Feria	M Daniel	P Sims & A Farrell
TUE 15TH		No Mass	Lenten Feria		
WED 16TH		No Mass	Lenten Feria		
THUR 17TH	9.30 am	Agnes & Richard Mellett (RIP)	Feast of St Patrick	H King	Kokore Family
FRI 18TH	12 Noon	Service of The Word & Holy Communion	Lenten Feria	E King	L & C Cleeve
	7.00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS			
SAT 19TH	4.00pm @Hethe	People of Ukraine	Solemnity of St Joseph		S Wilde/R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	People of Ukraine	3rd Sunday of Lent	Sr Anu/Sr Sani/ R John	McArdle Family
SUN 20TH	9.00 am	Malachy McKeon (RIP)		P Cousins/ S McCarthy	Andrade Family
	11.00 am	Helen Grant (RIP)		J Franta/ A Kearsley	Franta Family



Stations of the Cross: Bicester: Friday 7pm—Hethe: Mon 10am Tue-Fri 9.30am



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: No Confessions until 26th March.

Bicester: No Confessions until 26th March

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

PIETY SHOP: OPEN Friday 11.30am. Sat 5.30pm. Sundays before and after 9am & 11am Masses.

**Church is open
for Private Prayer
Monday to Friday
9 am to 4pm
Saturday from 9am to 6.45pm
Sunday: 8.15 am - 5.00 pm**

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For a Christian response to bioethical challenges :

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY: Special Intention - Sruthi Susan Varghese
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: S Maxwell & Family

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

UKRAINE How you can help: Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has rushed through plans to send €1 million (more than £830,000) to help the Church in Ukraine. We are therefore asking for your support with this. Donations to be given preferably via our contactless system **Ukraine ANC** to support them so they can support civilians in this terrible crisis. If you can help please give what you can. Alternatively, cash or cheque to 'Immaculate Conception' or donations can be made directly through:

<https://acnuk.org/news/ukraine-charity-rolls-out-emergency-aid/>

DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE The team of volunteers is currently operating from the old chapel at the Ursuline Convent, please look out for updates on social media on appeals for certain items. The team would like to thank all parishioners for their donations and help. They have been overwhelmed with the response and have worked tirelessly to sort, pack and send off the donations a lot of which has already reached Ukraine. Please continue to keep Ukraine in your daily prayers.

APPEAL FOR AFRICAN MISSIONS: Please welcome Father Henry Somah who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Society of Africa Missions (SMA) this weekend in both parishes and at all Masses. I pray that we will be able to assist the missionary work of the Church with our prayers and also financially.

COVID UPDATE: I encourage everyone to continue to wear a face covering when you come for Mass. I continue to also respectfully request that no gatherings/chatting etc, take place within the church and ask that you please vacate the church **promptly** to allow the stewards to sanitise the church immediately after masses. Please remember to sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Lets keep each other safe.

FAMILY MASS ON MOTHERING SUNDAY: I would like to invited all families to participate actively at 9am Mass by volunteering to be involved in any of the following: Lector, Steward/Welcomer, reading bidding prayers, offertory or collecting offerings. Please contact Nina, who is one of the coordinators for this Mass on nhendersonandrade@gmail.com

COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASSES Coffee will restart after Masses on Mothering Sunday 27th March. Thank you to all the volunteers that have come forward, its not too late to join if you can. Please remember that the centre will need vacating by 1pm and that reasonable donations are politely requested for the refreshments.

BAPTISM COURSE The next Baptism Course will take place at the St John Paul II Centre on Saturday, 30th April at 12 noon. If you are planning to have your child baptised this year please contact the Parish Office to inform them that you will attend.

PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: My sincere thanks to those who have volunteered to join the group. If you would like to join, please add your details to the list. More volunteers are needed. For further information contact the Parish Office.

COFFEE MORNING: Thank you for those who came along to support the popular Coffee Morning. Total amount raised £320. **Next one will take place on Friday 1st April.**

EASTER RAFFLE: Easter Hamper raffle tickets are available from Jackie Flynn and the Parish Office.

Winners 100 club for February Sun 27th Feb, picked by Kian Brown. £100 - 7 - Les Cleeve; £50 - 44 - Conlon Family; £25 - 5 - Brigid Hughes. There are now only 3 numbers available: contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to play - costs £5 per month, £60 for the year. Numbers available: 43, 49, 54.

PIETY Mothers Day. First Holy Communion gifts, Easter cards & items now available. Open Friday, and weekend Mass times.

CAKE SALE: On Sunday, 20th March after 9am and 11am Masses. I look forward to your support.



PROTECT OUR PLANET: Weekly tip from our Environmental group: Lobby Victoria Prentis MP about the loss of public transport in Upper Heyford and other rural areas.

PILGRIMAGE TO MADJEGORJE: From Monday, 26th September to Monday, 3rd October 2022. By Air: London Gatwick; 7 nights and half board £695. For Booking contact: Joseph on 07748638402; Kirsten on 07538147505 or Lisa on 07896946039. For other details see the flyer on the notice board. Booking forms are available from the back of the Church or from the Parish Office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Archbishop Bernard has asked for parishioners to have an opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. This will be made available on Saturday, 26th March from 11am -12noon at Bicester & from 3pm-4pm at Hethe. Please pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

CONTACTLESS GIVING: As you may have noticed we now have a parish contactless machine which is installed at the back of church in Bicester. This is simple and quick to use. We recommend that if you are a Gift Aider to please take a minute and enter your details via our website link with whichever card you intend to use. This will save time at the machine as you only need to enter your details once (per card), however, these details can also be entered when you use the machine for the first time if you prefer. You can give donations and offerings via the machine and also pay for piety, Sanctuary candles, baptism and wedding fees, and any other parish payments. We have also got our own Immaculate Conception Parish and Holy Trinity Hethe QR codes which are up and running and can be found here on the bulletin in 'Parish Giving' and also on our website. For any assistance please speak to Canon John, Lucia or the Parish Sisters.



GIFT AID As the new financial year approaches, please let us know if you have moved address in the past year so that our details are up to date for any claims. Email any changes to ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

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Financial Information

SECOND COLLECTIONS

12th/13th Mar: African Mission Appeal
19th/20th March: Lenten Charities

Church	Loose	Second Collection Justice Sunday	Standing Orders	Total	Attended
Bicester	£500.45	£185.57	£1100	£686.02	586
Hethe	£	N/A	£196	£N/A	N/A

PARISH GIVING

BICESTER <https://portal.myдона.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

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



God Bless you for your generosity during these difficult times!



MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:

Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760.

Canon John Y Bathula.

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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