



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time B**  
**14th February 2021 Psalter 2**



**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**  
**2020 - 8TH DECEMBER - 2021**



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of BIRMINGHAM

FEBRUARY	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
<b>SUN 14TH</b>	8.00 AM @Hethe	<b>Melanie Mulhernan (RIP)</b>		D McDermott	R Dean & S Wilde
	9.30 AM	<b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>6th Sunday in OT</b>	L Cleeve	C St John/B Nichols
	11.00 AM	<b>Mr Michael &amp; Mrs Doreen Furlong (RIP)</b>		C St John/R Reji	A Poole & J Marshall
	<b>4.00 PM @Hethe</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>			R Deane & S Wilde
<b>MON 15TH</b>	9.30 AM	<b>Theresa St John (RIP)</b>	<i>Feria</i>		L Cleeve & P Sims
	11.00 AM	<b>Requiem Mass of Mary Gilmore (RIP)</b>		Family	L Hattam
<b>TUE 16TH</b>	9.30 AM	<b>Dr Jack Coughlan (RIP)</b>	<i>Feria</i>		R & R Deane
<b>WED 17TH</b>	9.30 AM	<b>Martin Mellett (RIP)</b>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		L & C Cleeve
	<b>9.30 AM @Hethe</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>			R Dean & S Wilde
	12 Noon	<b>Canon Giles Goward (RIP)</b>			Kokore family
	6.00 PM	<b>Helena Nowak - Good health</b>			Sisters
<b>THUR 18TH</b>	9.30 AM	<b>Martin Mellett (RIP)</b>	<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>		Kokore family
<b>FRI 19TH</b>	12 NOON	<b>Omar Costero (RIP)</b>	<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>		Sisters
	<b>4.00 PM @Hethe</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>			R Deane & S Wilde
	6.00 PM	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>			Sisters
<b>SAT 20TH</b>	10.30AM -11.30AM	<b>CONFESSIONS</b>			
	6.00 PM	<b>Canon Giles Goward (RIP)</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Sunday of Lent</b>	P Sims/C McArdle	McArdle Family
<b>SUN 21ST</b>	8.00 AM @ HETHE	<b>People of the Parish</b>		R Deane	R Deane & S Wilde
	9.30 AM	<b>People of the Parish</b>		S Taylor	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	<b>Martin Mellett (RIP)</b>		Sisters	Kokore Family
	<b>4.00 PM@ Hethe</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>			R Deane & S Wilde



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

**CONFESSIONS:** Every Saturday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. (Masks compulsory)

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

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

**ROSARY:** During weekdays 25 minutes before Mass starts.



**Pope's Prayer Intention for February: Violence against Women:**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



This week we pray for.....  
 Thanksgiving-Janet & Alan Marshall - SANCTUARY LIGHT  
 Peace & Justice - OUR LADY'S LIGHT



**THE SEASON OF LENT:**

Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of the Easter, since Lenten liturgy prepares for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery both catechumens, various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own baptism and do penance. The forty days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, 17th February 2021** The beginning of Lent, we are invited to observe as a day of penance in the whole Church, one of both abstinence and fasting. Ashes are to be distributed.



We are all encouraged to participate in an ever more intense and fruitful way in the Lenten liturgy and in penitential celebrations. We are reminded that both according to the law and tradition, we should approach the sacrament of penance during this season, so that with purified heart we may participate in the paschal mysteries.

Every Friday during Lent, **the Way of the Cross** will be prayed at 6.00pm. I invite you all to participate in the liturgical celebrations.

**TALKS VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM**

During the Season of Lent on **"The formation of Trinitarian Doctrine in the 4th Century."** Feb 24th, Mar 3rd, 9th, Tue 17th and 24th.

**And during the Easter Season on "Christology—The Person of Christ."** April 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th and 19th. Every Wednesday, (some Tuesdays) from 6.30 pm to 7.15 pm via zoom platform.

**Topic: Lenten Talk One**

Time: Feb 24, 2021 6:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting clicking below link:

[https://zoom.us/j/97123087951?](https://zoom.us/j/97123087951?pwd=VVBEEFFVQ0F5NnJldSswaOoxekpzd09)

[pwd=VVBEEFFVQ0F5NnJldSswaOoxekpzd09](https://zoom.us/j/97123087951?pwd=VVBEEFFVQ0F5NnJldSswaOoxekpzd09)

Meeting ID: 971 2308 7951

Passcode: 047541

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL** - In the month of March, I plan to have meetings with both Councils in the St John Paul II Centre if the Pandemic rules permit us. If that is not possible then the meetings will take place via Zoom & livestream. Dates to be confirmed after 22nd February.

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY:** More information to follow.

**NHS TRACK AND TRACE APP** If you have a smart phone, please register using our QR codes in both of our churches when you attend. The codes are on display as you enter. Anyone who does not have a smartphone can provide their contact details at the entrance to the stewards.

Do not come if symptomatic or self-isolating. Sunday obligation remains suspended and live-stream Masses will continue. Please refer to the bulletin for our Mass times if you are able to attend. We have to continue to comply with the Governments very strict safety regulations and we must do all we can to keep everybody safe in church. Masks are compulsory and we ask that you register for Track and Trace as you enter. You must observe social distancing at all times, and tempting as it is, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when you attend Mass. Thank you to those who clean and steward our churches for their generosity of service to the local community, and thank you for your cooperation and understanding in these difficult times. Keep safe and well.

**PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS: 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2021.** Dates for the celebrations to be announced after 22nd February 2021.

**First Confessions** are taking place on Saturday's from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Please email Parish Office.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS:** All Commitment Masses that were due to take place this month will be rearranged to a later date when the COVID-19 situation improves. Please keep all children wishing to prepare for these sacraments in your daily prayers.

**SACRISTY ROOF:** Thanks to those who have given some donations towards the Sacristy Roof. The final cost was £9,900, any donations will be gratefully received! If you are unable to attend Church and therefore find it difficult to contribute, please remember that you can do so via bank transfer using Ref: Your surname/roof to NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please ensure that you let us know the date on which you wish your Mass intentions to be offered and I will arrange a date nearest to the date you have requested if that date is not possible. If you haven't asked for a particular date, then the Mass will be offered whenever there is day without any specific intention. As always, if a funeral is due to take place on a day where a Mass has already been booked, the funeral Mass will take precedence. Please continue to request for Masses as we do not have sufficient intentions. Thank you.

**SYMPATHY** We extend our deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to Jackie Corton and her family, on the recent death of her mother, Mary Gilmore. A Funeral Mass for Mary will be celebrated on Monday, 15th February at 11 am followed by Cremation at Oxford Crematorium at 1pm. *May she rest in peace.*

**HOLY TRINITY, HETHE:** Mass will be celebrated today at 8.00 am and Ash Wednesday at 9.30am. Mass will also be celebrated on Sunday, 21st Feb at 8.00am and thereafter be kept under review. The rosary will be offered every Sunday at 4.00pm in honour of St Joseph in response to Pope Francis declaration of this year being dedicated to this great saint and also for the children and grandchildren of parishioners. During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at Hethe every Friday at 4.00pm. If you require further information please telephone Breff Kelly on 01280 702500 or email: breffkelly@gmail.com

**Ready, steady, census** The decennial census is almost upon us. Households across Bicester will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes. Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. **Census day is March 21.** For more information, visit census.gov.uk.

**CAFOD** Visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) for further information on Lent initiatives, especially 'Walk for Water'. Do something different to raise money to fight poverty!

**HELPFUL WEBSITES**

**For care givers or those working in the mental health sector:**

<https://www.welcomememiasia.org/resources/resources-for-carers>. Webinars are on 13 Feb & 13 Mar:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/spiritmindbody/>

**Marriage Preparation:** Marriage Care offer online courses. <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/ptwebcam-course-availability/>

**Engaged Encounter** - Booking link

<https://engaged-encounter.org.uk/book-aweekend/>



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	2nd C	Total	Donations	Attended
Bicester	£205.07	£113.00	£65.80	£383.87	£861	101
Hethe	£	DD £158		£158		

**PARISH GIVING:** The best way you can support the parish financially is by setting up a Standing Order using the following bank details:

NatWest Bank. Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15.

*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 Olive.



**Online Webcam**

Go the website and follow link

<https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/e8896647923e089406131a3b96e45994de4a89c4>